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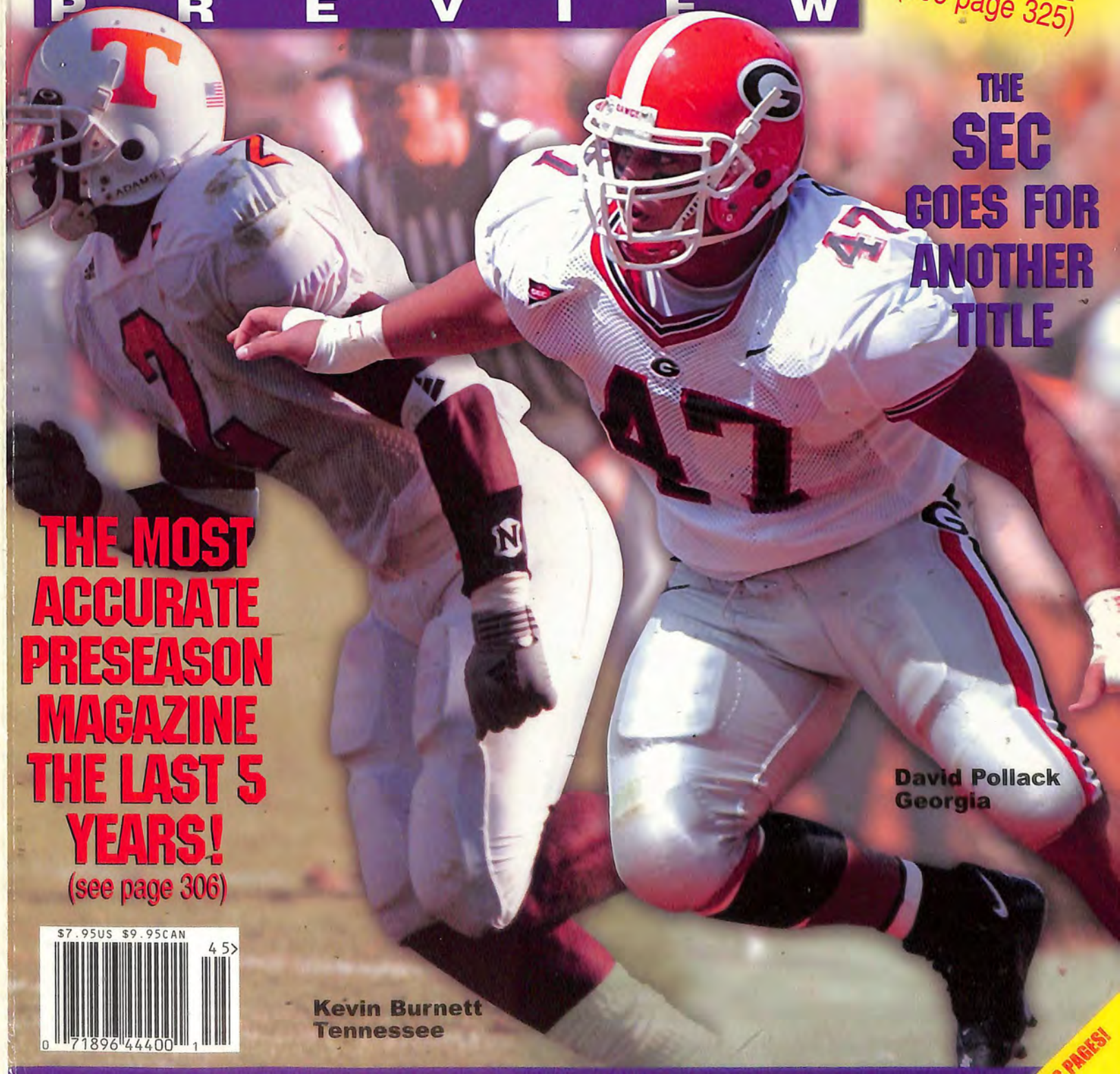

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Welcome to the 10th edition of my College Football Preview. This year's edition has 119 teams as we add two new teams, Florida Atlantic and Florida International, which begin their move up to Div IA this year. I keep adding features and expanding the information on the smaller schools thanks in part to the questionnaires that YOU have filled out. This is also the 4th year that the magazine is in full color.

I have made a couple of other major additions to this year's magazine due to your requests. First of all other magazines have been listing their Top 117 (soon to be Top 119) so I have listed my Power Poll Top 119 this year (page 315). Also many have requested a set of Power Ratings to use this year so, in response, I have included a set for you on page 322.

There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like "The Sporting News," "Athlon," "Lindy's," "Sports Illustrated," "Game Plan" and "ESPN". Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree. If you like the information in this magazine, you will love Power Sweep. It is an eight page newsletter that is also loaded with information and comes out each week during the football season.

My Preseason Top 25's have had more teams make it to bowls in the past 10 years than any other preview. This past year, 23 of my Top 25 teams were bowl eligible!! I am also pleased that we have been graded the most accurate preseason magazine over the past five years (see page 306). Also, this year at Northcoast Sports we are once again writing an NFL Preview magazine. Make sure to check out page 325 for details on how you can receive it ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We have added an index (see page 3) so you can find your favorite team more quickly. Also we try to list as many new freshmen signees on each page as space permits. Most only have the top 10 or 15 signees but some do include the teams' entire recruiting class.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away a little over a decade ago. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration. Also I want to thank my mother, Mary, who has invested many hours and prayers into the business' success.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2005 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2005 version early, directly through our office. The Preview will sell for $7.95 and if you order before March 1, 2005, we will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-800-654-3448 to order today.

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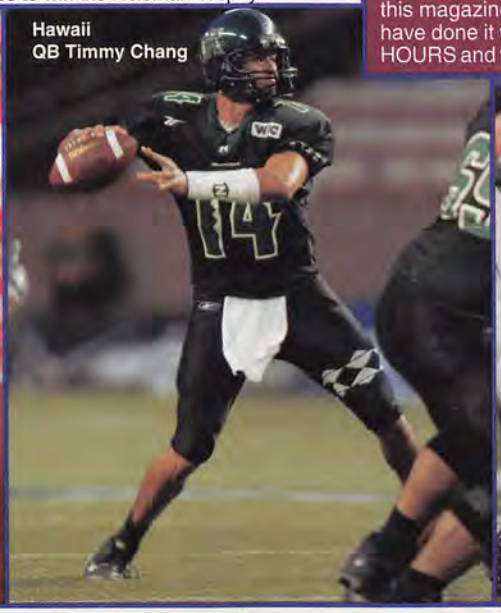
QB Jason White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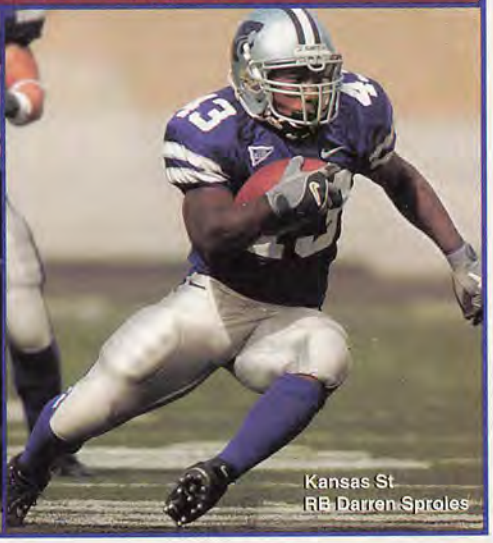
Kansas St
RB Darren Sproles

2004 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For More Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 16.

GMAC BOWL

Louisville vs Marshall

GMAC BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2003 Miami, Oh (-14) 49 Louisville 28
2002 Marshall (-2') 38 Louisville 15

MPC COMPUTERS BOWL

Boise St vs Maryland

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Georgia Tech (-7) 52 Tulsa 10
2002 Boise St (-12) 34 Iowa St 16
2001 Clemson (-6') 49 La Tech 24

EMERALD BOWL

BYU vs Washington

SAN FRANCISCO BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2003 Boston College (E) 35 Colorado St 21
2002 Virginia Tech (-11') 20 Air Force 13

FORT WORTH BOWL

TCU vs Colorado

FORT WORTH BOWL LAST YEAR

2003 Boise ST (-11) 34 TCU 31

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2004's Projected Championship Games:

Big 12 Missouri vs Oklahoma
MAC Marshall vs Northern Illinois
SEC Georgia vs LSU

Past Championship Games:

2003

Big 12 Kansas St (+14) 35 Oklahoma 7
MAC Miami, Oh (-7) 49 Bowling Green 27
SEC LSU (-3) 34 Georgia 13

2002

Big 12 Oklahoma (-7') 29 Colorado 7
MAC Marshall (-4) 49 Toledo 45
SEC Georgia (-8) 30 Arkansas 3

2001

Big 12 Colorado (+7') 39 Texas 37
MAC Toledo (+3) 41 Marshall 36
SEC LSU (+7) 31 Tennessee 20

2000

Big 12 Oklahoma (-3) 27 Kansas St 24
MAC Marshall (+6') 19 W Michigan 14
SEC Florida (-9') 28 Auburn 6

1999

Big 12 Nebraska (-8) 22 Texas 6
MAC Marshall (-20) 34 W Michigan 30
SEC Alabama (+6') 34 Florida 7

1998

Big 12 Texas A&M (+17') 36 Kansas St 33
MAC Marshall (-11') 23 Toledo 17
SEC Tennessee (-14') 24 Miss St 14
WAC Air Force (-4) 20 BYU 13

1997

Big 12 Nebraska (-18) 54 Texas A&M 15
MAC Marshall (-10) 34 Toledo 14
SEC Tennessee (-6') 30 Auburn 29
WAC Colorado St (-9') 41 N Mex 13

1996

Big 12 Texas (-20') 37 Nebraska 27
SEC Florida (-15) 45 Alabama 30
WAC BYU (-10) 28 Wyoming 25

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC

Cincinnati vs Fresno St

SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Fresno St (+3) 17 UCLA 9
2002 Fresno St (+6') 30 Georgia Tech 21
2001 Michigan St (+4') 44 Fresno St 35

HOUSTON BOWL

Oklahoma St vs Mississippi

HOUSTON BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2003 Texas Tech (-11') 38 Navy 14
2002 Oklahoma St (-10) 33 S Miss 23

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

North Texas vs UAB

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Memphis (-4) 27 N Texas 17
2002 N Texas (+7') 24 Cincinnati 19
2001 Colorado St (-11) 45 N Texas 20

CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL

Clemson vs Connecticut

CONTINENTAL TIRE BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2003 Virginia (-3) 23 Pittsburgh 16
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AA	All American
AC	All Conference
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament
AD	Away Dog
AD	Athletic Director
AF	Away Favorite
AG	Away Game
ATS	Against the Spread
B2B	Back to Back
BAN	Bandit
C	Center
CB	Cornerback
CONV	Conversion
DC	Draft Choice
DC	Def Coordinator
DD	Double Digit
DE	Defensive End
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line
DNL	Did Not Letter
DNP	Did Not Play
DNQ	Did Not Qualify
DS	Deep Snapper
DT	Defensive Tackle
EZ	End Zone
FB	Fullback
FD	First Down
FF	Forced Fumble
FG	Field Goal
FL	Flanker
FMBL	Fumble
FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec
FS	Free Safety
HB	Halfback/H-Back
HC	Homecoming/Head Coach
HD	Home Dog
HF	Home Favorite
HG	Home Game
HM	Honorable Mention
HS	High School
HT	Highly Touted Athlete
ILB	Inside Linebacker
INC	Incomplete
INCL	Including
INEL	Ineligible
INT	Interception
JC	Junior College
JR	Junior
JUCO	Junior College Transfer
JV	Junior Varsity
KD	Knockdown for an OL
K/P	Kicker/Punter
KR	Kick Returner
L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)
LB	Linebacker
LS	Long Snapper
LT	Left Tackle
LW	Last Week
LY	Last Year
MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament
Med RS	Medical Redshirt
MLB	Middle Linebacker
MIP	Most Improved Player
NB	Nickel Back
NG	Nose Guard
NL	No Line
NT	Nose Tackle
OC	Offensive Coordinator
OG	Offensive Guard
OL	Offensive Line/O-Line
OLB	Outside Linebacker
OOB	Out of Bounds
OT	OffensiveTackle/Overtime
PBU	Passes Broken Up
PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)
PEN	Penalty
POG	Player of the Game
POW	Player of the Week
POY	Player of the Year
PPG	Points Per Game
PQ	Partial Qualifier
PR	Punt Returner
PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS
PT	Playing time
QB	Quarterback
QBH	Quarterback hurries
RB	Running Back
REC	Receiver/Reception(s)
RET	Return
RFR	Redshirt Frosh
RG	Road Game(s)
ROV	Rover
RS	Return Specialist
RS	Redshirt Frosh
RT	Right Tackle
RZ	Red Zone
S	Safety
SB	Slotback
SE	Split End
SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks
SO	Sophomore
SOD	Stopped on Downs
SR	Senior
SS	Strong Safety
ST	Special Teams
SU	Straight Up
TB	Tailback/Touchback
TD	Touchdown
TE	Tight End
TFL	Tackle For Loss
TKL	Tackles
TOP	Time of Possession
TO	Turnovers/Timeout
TPG	Tackles Per Game
TRANS	Transfer
TRUE	True Frosh
TTL	Total
TY	This Year
VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
VL	Vertical Leap
WR	Wide Receiver
XP	Extra Point
XPNG	Extra Point No Good
YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
YPG	Yards per Game
YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
YPR	Yards per Return
1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
2PT	2 point conversion
2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
†	Neutral Site
'	Half

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Matt Leinart, USC	Jason White, Oklahoma	Kyle Orton, Purdue	Andrew Walter, Ariz St
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	Darren Sproles, Kansas St	Cedric Houston, Tennessee	TA McLendon, NC State
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	Justin Vincent, LSU	Eric Shelton, Louisville
WR	Braylon Edwards, Michigan	Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St	Craig Bragg, UCLA	Brandon Jones, Oklahoma
WR	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Mark Clayton, Oklahoma	Geoff McArthur, California	Jason Avant, Michigan
TE	Eric Knott, Michigan St	Heath Miller, Virginia	Matt Herian, Nebraska	Marcedes Lewis, UCLA
C	Ben Wilkerson, LSU	Vince Carter, Oklahoma	Jason Brown, N Carolina	Mike Degory, Florida
G	David Baas, Michigan	Elton Brown, Virginia	Doug Buckles, Mississippi	Evan Mathis, Alabama
G	CJ Brooks, Maryland	Chris Myers, Miami, Fl	Jason Rollins, Kentucky	Dan Buenning, Wisconsin
T	Alex Barron, Florida St	Justin Geisinger, Vanderbilt	Wesley Britt, Alabama	Khalif Barnes, Washington
T	Jammal Brown, Oklahoma	Michael Munoz, Tennessee	Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh	Calvin Armstrong, Wash St
K	Mike Nugent, Ohio St	Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi	Dave Rayner, Michigan St	Connor Hughes, Virginia
KR	Reggie Bush, USC	Broderick Clark, Louisville	Terrence Murphy, Texas A&M	Devin Hester, Miami, Fl

PHIL'S TOP 61 QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Matt Leinart	USC	Jr	6-5	220
2.	Jason White	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	221
3.	Kyle Orton	Purdue	Sr	6-4	220
4.	Andrew Walter	Arizona St	Sr	6-5	235
5.	Dan Orlovsky	Connecticut	Sr	6-5	236
6.	David Greene	Georgia	Sr	6-3	230
7.	Chris Rix	Florida St	Sr	6-4	210
8.	Charlie Frye	Akron	Sr	6-4	224
9.	Aaron Rodgers	California	Jr	6-2	200
10.	Derek Anderson	Oregon St	Sr	6-6	241
11.	Stan Hill	Marshall	Sr	6-3	210
12.	Timmy Chang	Hawaii	Sr	6-2	194
13.	Charlie Whitehurst	Clemson	Jr	6-4	220
14.	Brad Smith	Missouri	Jr	6-2	207
15.	Vincent Young	Texas	So	6-5	225
16.	Kevin Kolb	Houston	So	6-3	220
17.	Matt Jones	Arkansas	Sr	6-6	237
18.	Bryan Randall	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	222
19.	Chris Leak	Florida	So	6-0	200
20.	Stefan LeFors	Louisville	Sr	6-0	200
21.	Danny Wimprine	Memphis	Sr	6-1	222
22.	Gino Guidugli	Cincinnati	Sr	6-3	220
23.	Brodie Croyle	Alabama	Jr	6-3	200
24.	Paul Pinegar	Fresno St	Jr	6-4	220
25.	Alex Smith	Utah	Jr	6-4	205
26.	Jason Campbell	Auburn	Sr	6-5	228
27.	Reggie McNeal	Texas A&M	Jr	6-2	198
28.	Brady Quinn	Notre Dame	So	6-4	220
29.	Darian Durant	N Carolina	Sr	5-11	217
30.	Rasheed Marshall	West Virginia	Sr	6-1	190
31.	Walter Washington	Temple	Sr	6-2	240
32.	Brock Berlin	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-1	215
33.	Jon Beutjer	Illinois	Sr	6-5	211
34.	Zack Mills	Penn St	Sr	6-3	214
35.	Matt LoVecchio	Indiana	Sr	6-3	216
36.	Josh Fields	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	215
37.	James Kilian	Tulsa	Sr	6-4	215
38.	Kellen Clemens	Oregon	Jr	6-2	215
39.	Jay Culter	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-4	222
40.	Bruce Gradkowski	Toledo	Jr	6-2	210
41.	Matt Berry	BYU	Jr	6-6	225
42.	Drew Olson	UCLA	Jr	6-3	220
43.	Chance Mock	Texas	Sr	6-2	225
44.	Joshua Cribbs	Kent St	Sr	6-0	200
45.	Shane Boyd	Kentucky	Sr	6-2	233
46.	Steven Jyles	UL Monroe	Jr	6-1	200
47.	Tyler Palko	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-2	220
48.	Reggie Ball	Georgia Tech	So	5-11	195
49.	Joel Klatt	Colorado	Jr	6-1	200
50.	Buck Pierce	N Mexico St	Sr	6-1	210
51.	Ryan Hart	Rutgers	Jr	6-2	195
52.	Justin Zwick	Ohio St	So	6-4	225
53.	Matt Gutierrez	Michigan	So	6-4	230
54.	JaMarcus Russell	LSU	rFr	6-5	236
55.	Kurt Nantkes	UNLV	Sr	6-4	225
56.	Marcus Vick	Virginia Tech	So	6-0	213
57.	Brett Basanez	Northwestern	Jr	6-2	210
58.	Justin Holland	Colorado St	Jr	6-3	201
59.	Kyle Wright	Miami, Fl	rFr	6-5	208
60.	Matt Dlugolecki	San Diego St	Jr	6-4	225
61.	Darrell Hackney	UAB	Jr	6-2	235

PHIL'S TOP 62 RUNNING BACKS

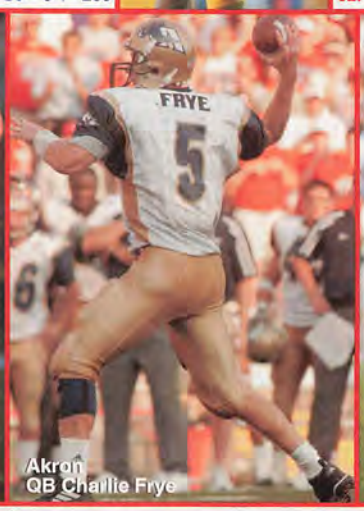
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Carnell Williams	Auburn	Sr	5-11	204
2.	Cedric Benson	Texas	Sr	6-0	215
3.	Darren Sproles	Kansas St	Sr	5-7	180
4.	Anthony Davis	Wisconsin	Sr	5-8	194
5.	Justin Vincent	LSU	So	5-10	208
6.	Cedrick Houston	Tennessee	Sr	6-0	220
7.	TA McLendon	NC State	Jr	5-11	216
8.	Eric Shelton	Louisville	Jr	6-2	247
9.	Marion Barber III	Minnesota	Jr	5-11	215
10.	DeAngelo Williams	Memphis	Jr	5-10	217
11.	Mike Bell	Arizona	Jr	6-1	218
12.	Reggie Bush	USC	So	6-0	190
13.	DonTrell Moore	New Mexico	Jr	5-11	214
14.	LenDale White	USC	So	6-2	225
15.	Courtney Lewis	Texas A&M	So	5-11	194
16.	Laurence Maroney	Minnesota	So	5-11	200
17.	Walter Reyes	Syracuse	Sr	5-10	209
18.	Kay-Jay Harris	W Virginia	Sr	6-1	230
19.	Ryan Grant	Notre Dame	Sr	6-1	211
20.	Patrick Cobbs	N Texas	Sr	5-9	205
21.	Lorenzo Booker	Florida St	So	5-11	187
22.	Wali Lundy	Virginia	Jr	5-10	214
23.	Kregg Lumpkin	Georgia	So	6-1	211
24.	Lydell Ross	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	220
25.	Lynell Hamilton	San Diego St	So	6-1	215
26.	Marcus Houston	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	206
27.	Chance Kretschmer	Nevada	Sr	6-1	220
28.	Marcus Whalen	BYU	Sr	5-11	213
29.	Tyrone Moss	Miami, Fl	So	5-10	221
30.	Josh Allen	Maryland	Jr	5-11	207
31.	Demetris Summers	S Carolina	So	6-1	200

Texas A&M
RB Courtney Lewis

LSU
RB Justin Vincent

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
32.	Howard Jackson	UTEP	Sr	5-10	165
33.	Frank Gore	Miami, Fl	Jr	5-10	220
34.	Alex Haynes	UCF	Sr	5-10	225
35.	Austin Scott	Penn St	So	6-0	214
36.	Terry Caulley	Connecticut	Jr	5-7	187
37.	Earl Charles	Marshall	Sr	6-1	215
38.	JJ Arrington	California	Sr	5-11	210
39.	Hershel Dennis	USC	Jr	5-11	190
40.	Lonta Hobbs	TCU	Jr	5-10	220
41.	Jerious Norwood	Mississippi St	Jr	6-0	192
42.	Ciatrick Fason	Florida	Jr	6-0	212
43.	Kyle Eckel	Navy	Sr	5-11	240
44.	De'Arrius Howard	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	225
45.	Michael Bush	Louisville	So	6-3	240
46.	EB Halsey	Illinois	So	5-11	185
47.	David Underwood	Michigan	Sr	6-0	227
48.	Ronnie Brown	Auburn	Sr	6-1	232
49.	Damien Rhodes	Syracuse	Jr	6-1	210
50.	Ray Hudson	Alabama	Sr	5-10	202
51.	Vernand Morency	Oklahoma St	Jr	5-10	215
52.	Clark Green	Kansas	Jr	5-11	220
53.	Jermelle Lewis	Iowa	Sr	5-11	216
54.	Taurean Henderson	Texas Tech	Jr	5-9	179
56.	PJ Daniels	Georgia Tech	Jr	5-10	210
57.	Loren Wade	Arizona St	So	6-0	212
58.	Kejuan Jones	Oklahoma	Jr	5-9	191
59.	PJ Pope	Bowling Green	Jr	5-9	217
60.	Anthony Evans	Houston	Jr	5-10	215
61.	Leon Washington	Florida St	Jr	5-9	202
62.	Bobby Purify	Colorado	Sr	6-0	220

USC
QB Matt Leinart



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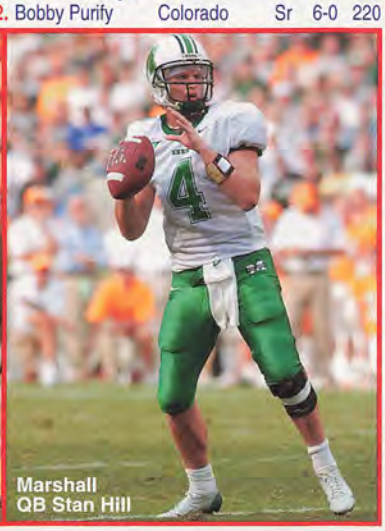
QB Charlie Frye



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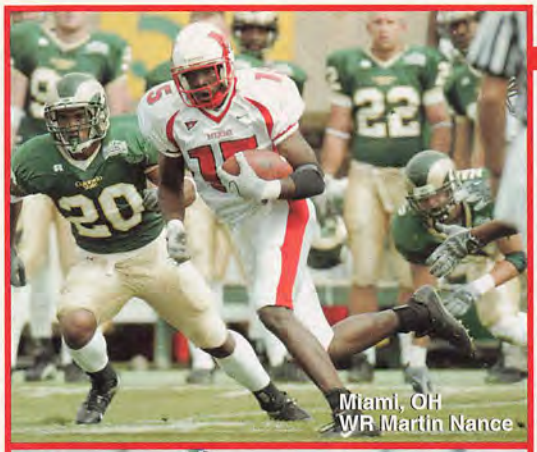
QB Stan Hill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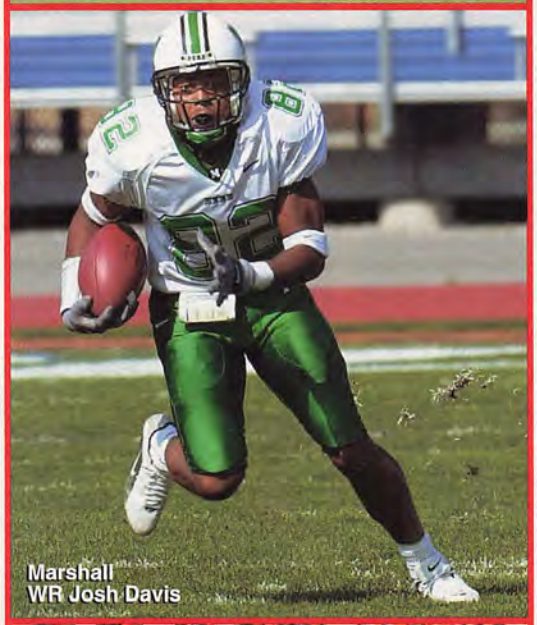
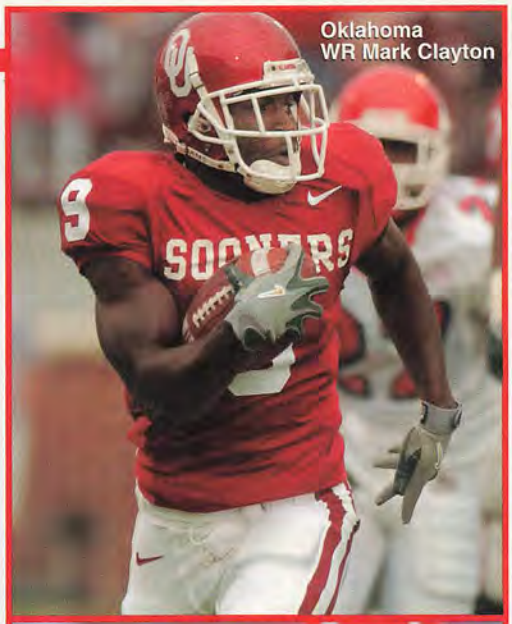
WR Martin Nance


Marshall
WR Josh Davis

Clemson
TE Ben Hall

PHIL'S TOP 62 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Braylon Edwards	Michigan	Sr	6-3	206
2.	Fred Gibson	Georgia	Sr	6-4	196
3.	Craphonso Thorpe	Florida St	Sr	6-2	177
4.	Mark Clayton	Oklahoma	Sr	5-11	187
5.	Craig Bragg	UCLA	Sr	6-2	205
6.	Geoff McArthur	California	Sr	6-1	200
7.	Brandon Jones	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	214
8.	Jason Avant	Michigan	Jr	6-1	209
9.	James Banks	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	220
10.	Martin Nance	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-5	210
11.	Ryan Moore	Miami, Fl	So	6-3	215
12.	Earvin Johnson	UNLV	Sr	6-3	200
13.	JR Russell	Louisville	Sr	6-3	204
14.	Josh Davis	Marshall	Sr	6-1	185
15.	Maurice Stovall	Notre Dame	Jr	6-5	224
16.	Steve Breaston	Michigan	So	6-1	181
17.	Roydell Williams	Tulane	Sr	6-2	190
18.	Airese Currie	Clemson	Sr	5-11	185
19.	Chris Henry	W Virginia	Jr	6-5	200
20.	Reggie Brown	Georgia	Sr	6-1	195
21.	Troy Williamson	S Carolina	Jr	6-2	200
22.	Mike Espy	Mississippi	Jr	6-0	195
23.	Reggie Harrell	TCU	Sr	6-3	215
24.	Roddy White	UAB	Sr	6-3	205
25.	Nehemiah Glover	Texas Tech	Sr	5-8	177
26.	Charles Frederick	Washington	Sr	6-0	180
27.	Terrence Murphy	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	193
28.	Phil Goodman	Temple	Sr	6-3	215
29.	Grant Adams	Boston Coll	Sr	6-1	200
30.	D'Juan Woods	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	195
31.	Andre Caldwell	Florida	So	6-1	190
32.	Whitney Lewis	USC	So	6-1	225
33.	Derek Hagan	Arizona St	Jr	6-2	192
34.	Ben Obomanu	Auburn	Jr	6-1	193
35.	Tramain Hall	NC State	Jr	5-11	187
36.	Princell Brockenbrough	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	205
37.	Mark Bradford	Stanford	So	6-2	190
38.	Kyle Brown	Michigan St	Jr	6-1	200
39.	Jason Anderson	Wake Forest	Sr	6-3	195
40.	Skyler Green	LSU	Jr	5-9	190
41.	Chauncey Stovall	Florida St	Sr	6-2	216
42.	Chris Davis	Florida St	So	6-0	176
43.	Brandon Williams	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	175
44.	Demetrius Williams	Oregon	Jr	6-2	190
45.	Taylor Stubblefield	Purdue	Sr	6-1	172
46.	Santonio Holmes	Ohio St	So	5-11	185
47.	Jared Ellerson	Minnesota	Jr	6-1	195
48.	Rhema McKnight	Notre Dame	Jr	6-1	208
49.	Justin Hamilton	VirginiaTech	Jr	6-3	219
50.	Jonathan Orr	Wisconsin	Jr	6-3	183
51.	Richard Washington	NC State	Jr	6-0	172
52.	Tavaris Capers	UCF	Sr	5-8	170
53.	Matt Trannon	Michigan St	Jr	6-6	228
54.	Jayson Swain	Tennessee	So	6-1	210
55.	Agim Shabaj	Michigan St	Jr	5-10	187
56.	Steve Smith	USC	So	6-1	190
57.	Lance Moore	Toledo	Sr	5-11	184
58.	Cole Magner	Bowling Green	Sr	6-2	183
59.	Charles Gordon	Kansas	So	5-11	170
60.	David Anderson	Colorado St	Jr	5-11	192
61.	Drouzon Quillen	UL Monroe	So	6-6	200
62.	Dominic Robinson	Florida St	Sr	6-1	205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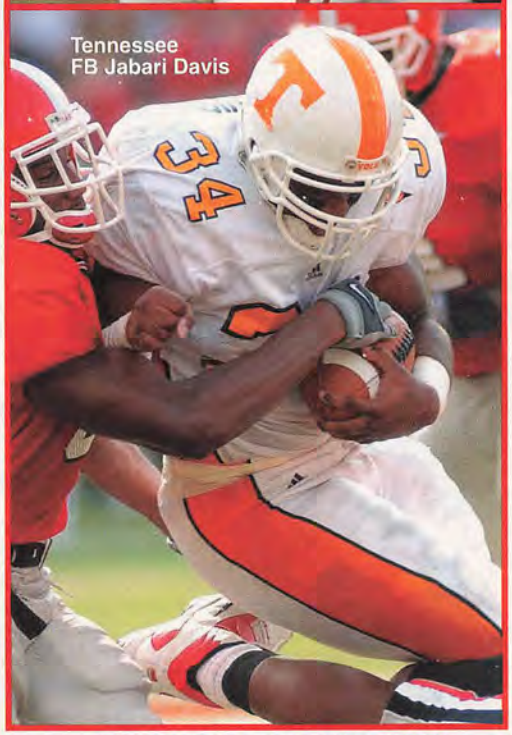
WR Mark Clayton


Tennessee
FB Jabari Davis

PHIL'S TOP 26 FULL BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brian Leonard	Rutgers	So	6-2	230
2.	Jabari Davis	Tennessee	Sr	6-0	230
3.	Madison Hedgecock	N Carolina	Sr	6-3	260
4.	Zach Tuiasosopo	Washington	Sr	6-2	240
5.	Matthew Tant	Vanderbilt	Jr	5-11	240
6.	Matt Bernstein	Wisconsin	Jr	6-2	264
7.	Chris Vincent	Oregon	So	6-1	225
8.	Ayo Saba	Kansas St	Jr	6-0	275
9.	Daccus Turman	S Carolina	Jr	5-11	229
10.	Alexis Bwenge	Kentucky	Jr	6-1	227
11.	Tim Castille	Alabama	So	5-11	231
12.	Victor Mann	Kansas St	Jr	6-2	255
13.	Chance Moyer	NC State	Sr	6-3	232
14.	Lawrence Vickers	Colorado	Jr	6-2	225
15.	Darnell Jones	Mississippi St	Sr	5-11	247
16.	Nate Schiccatano	Notre Dame	So	6-2	236
17.	Pat Norton	UCLA	Sr	6-2	240
18.	Naufahu Tahi	BYU	Jr	6-0	230
19.	Rashon Powers-Neal	Notre Dame	Jr	6-2	237
20.	Branden Joe	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	245
21.	Dyante Perkins	UNLV	Sr	6-0	235
22.	Adrian Byrd	New Mexico	Jr	6-1	225
23.	Paul Jefferson	Penn St	Sr	6-1	259
24.	Quadtrine Hill	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-2	221
25.	Ajenavi Eziemefe	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-1	225
26.	Kyle Cobia	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	235

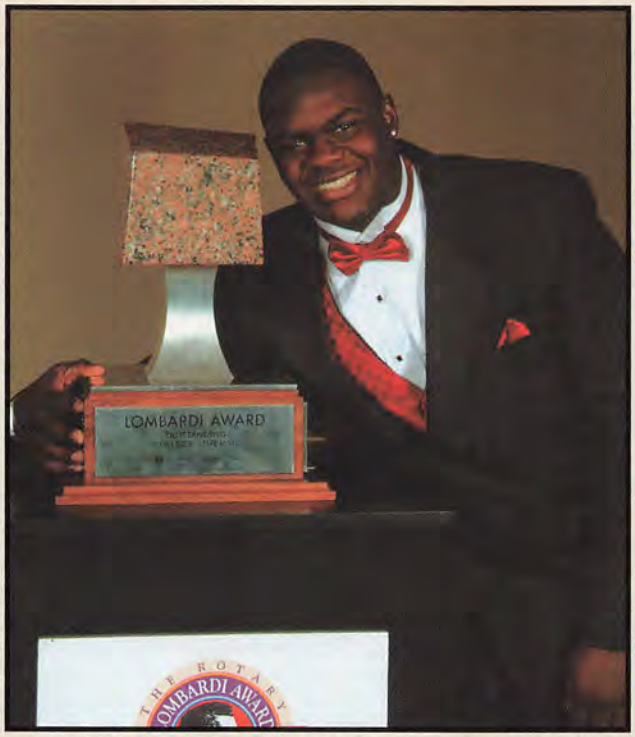
PHIL'S TOP 41 TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Eric Knott	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	254
2.	Heath Miller	Virginia	Jr	6-5	254
3.	Matt Herian	Nebraska	Jr	6-5	240
4.	Marcedes Lewis	UCLA	Jr	6-6	250
5.	Brian Casey	Kansas St	Sr	6-7	270
6.	Ben Hall	Clemson	Sr	6-5	250
7.	Aaron Halterman	Indiana	Sr	6-4	256
8.	Billy Bajema	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-5	255
9.	Andrew Clarke	Toledo	Sr	6-4	249
10.	Cody McCarty	TCU	Sr	6-4	260
11.	Daniel Coats	BYU	So	6-3	250
12.	Alex Smith	Stanford	Sr	6-5	255
13.	David Jones	LSU	Jr	6-4	259
14.	David Thomas	Texas	Jr	6-3	228
15.	Ryan Hamby	Ohio St	Jr	6-5	240
16.	Matt Spaeth	Minnesota	So	6-6	265
17.	Tim Massaquoi	Michigan	Jr	6-4	249
18.	Tim Day	Oregon	Jr	6-4	267
19.	Joel Dreessen	Colorado St	Sr	6-4	260
20.	Joe Newton	Oregon St	So	6-7	257
21.	Kevin Everett	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-6	251
22.	David Kashetta	Boston College	Sr	6-4	256
23.	Erik Gill	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-5	265
24.	Cooper Wallace	Auburn	Jr	6-4	253
25.	Ben Patrick	Duke	So	6-4	260
26.	Jonas Crafts	UTEP	Sr	6-3	250
27.	Alex Holmes	USC	Sr	6-3	270
28.	Anthony Crissinger-Hill	Fla Atlantic	Jr	6-3	205
29.	Dominique Byrd	USC	Jr	6-3	255
30.	Joe Toledo	Washington	Jr	6-6	285
31.	Victor Sesay	Missouri	Sr	6-6	263
32.	Tyson DeVree	W Michigan	So	6-6	235
33.	Bo Scaife	Texas	Sr	6-3	250
34.	Chris Holmes	Toledo	Sr	6-6	265
35.	Troy Bienemann	Washington St	Jr	6-5	252
36.	Lyonel Anderson	Kansas	Sr	6-3	250
37.	Jason Randall	Michigan St	Sr	6-5	260
38.	Matt Bartz	Colorado St	Jr	6-3	249
39.	Gregg Guenther	USC	Sr	6-8	245
40.	TJ Williams	NC State	Jr	6-4	248
41.	Patrick Estes	Virginia	Sr	6-7	280

THE ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD

Phil Steele is very proud to be a participant on the voting committee for the Rotary Lombardi Award.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Houston, the Rotary Lombardi Award is an honor granted to football linemen—offense or defense—who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the discipline of Vince Lombardi. As the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, Lombardi first made a name for himself as the smallest but toughest member of Fordham University's "Seven Blocks of Granite", renowned in their day (1934-37) for being the most unyielding line in college football. Appropriately, the trophy is a 40-pound block of granite atop a silver pedestal built over a foundation of discipline. The symbolic design was created by Houston Rotarian and professional artist, the late Mark Storm. The Award was initiated by the Rotary Club shortly after the death of Mr. Lombardi in 1970. Thanks to the graciousness of Mrs. Vince Lombardi, the Club was authorized to establish the Award in Coach Lombardi's memory.



Defensive Tackle Tommie Harris, University of Oklahoma is the winner of the 2003 Rotary Lombardi Award. Harris becomes the third Sooner to win the coveted award.

As stipulated by Mrs. Lombardi, all net proceeds from the Award dinners and associated activities are contributed to the American Cancer Society in an effort to continue fighting a disease that has claimed the lives of so many including Vince Lombardi. Since 1970, over $2.7 million dollars has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society to fund cancer research, public education and direct services to cancer patients.

America's most prominent college football coaches, football writers, sports broadcasters and previous Rotary Lombardi Award winners gather each year to make up a distinguished panel of over 400 that participate in a three-tiered balloting process. This will be Phil Steele's third year to be included on this panel. The committee selects twelve semi-finalists, four finalists and one overall winner. Arizona State DE Terrell Suggs was the winner of the 2002 award, making this a first ever win for an Arizona State player, and the first win since 1991 for the Pac 10 Conference. Suggs had 24 sacks, an NCAA record, smashed the previous record of 17.5 set in 2001 by Rotary Lombardi Award finalist Dwight Freeney of Syracuse. He also set a school career mark with 44 sacks. Suggs was selected over fellow finalists EJ Henderson of Maryland, Tommie Harris of Oklahoma and Cory Redding of Texas.

Tommie Harris, one of 2002's finalists, took home the trophy in 2003 and was a 1st round draft pick in the NFL by the Chicago Bears. Harris did not have the gaudy statistics of his predecessor but was a dominating force in the middle of a dominating line. Harris had 5 sacks and 5 tfl. The Sooner defense allowed just 259 ypg. With Harris occupying many double and triple teams, the Sooner D had 45 sacks. Recent Lombardi Award winners include: Julius Peppers (2001), Jamal Reynolds (2000), Corey Moore (1999), Dat Nguyen (1998), Grant Wistrom (1997), Orlando Pace (1996, 1995) and Warren Sapp (1994).

All the finalist spend time with the Front Line Kids at the pediatric cancer wards at M.D. Anderson Texas Children's Hospitals.

Former President George Bush served as the honorary chairman for the event in 2002 and was joined as a speaker by Bob McNair, the owner of the Houston Texans and former Green Bay Packer great Jerry Kramer. No stranger to charity events in Houston, Mr. Bush returned to the Awards stage having presented the Award to Rich Glover of Nebraska in 1973. Mr. Bush is one of three men to hold the office of President to attend the dinner and is the second to do so after leaving office. Gerald Ford served as the Honorary Chairman in 1976 and presented the trophy to Wilson Whitley of the University of Houston. Former President Ronald Reagan spoke at the 1972 dinner while governor of California, eight years prior to his election as President. Hollywood legend Bob Hope also served as a guest speaker.

LOMBARDI FINALIST: Front (L) DT Tommie Harris, Oklahoma; (R) DE David Pollack, Georgia. Back (L) DE Dave Ball, UCLA; OT Shawn Andrews, Arkansas.

The 35th Annual Rotary Lombardi Awards Dinner will be held at the Hilton Americas in downtown Houston. The scheduled date for this years ceremony is December 8, 2004. Check the website often at www.rotarylombardiaward.com for upcoming ticket sales information and online ticketing options.

American Cancer Society

2003 Other Top Awards Winners

Award	2003 Winner
Bednarik Top Defensive Player	**Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma**
Biletnikoff Receiver	**Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh**
Butkus Linebacker	**Teddy Lehman, Oklahoma**
Walter Camp Top Player	**Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh**
Groza Kicker	**Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi**
Ray Guy Punter	**B.J. Sander, Ohio State**
Hendricks Defensive End	**David Pollack, Georgia**
Heisman Top Player	**Jason White, Oklahoma**
John Mackey Tight End	**Kellen Winslow, Miami**
Maxwell Best Player	**Eli Manning, Mississippi**
Nagurski Top Defender	**Derrick Strait, Oklahoma**
O'Brien Quarterback	**Jason White, Oklahoma**
Outland Interior Lineman	**Robert Gallery, Iowa**
Thorpe Defensive Back	**Derrick Strait, Oklahoma**
Unitas Senior QB	**Eli Manning, Ole Miss**
Doak Walker Running Back	**Chris Perry, Michigan**

PHIL'S TOP 40 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Ben Wilkerson	LSU	Sr	6-4	296
2.	Vince Carter	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	289
3.	Jason Brown	N Carolina	Sr	6-3	328
4.	Mike Degory	Florida	Jr	6-5	314
5.	Chase Johnson	TCU	Sr	6-3	302
6.	Richie Incognito	Nebraska	Jr	6-3	290
7.	Greg Eslinger	Minnesota	Jr	6-3	285
8.	Ryan Cook	New Mexico	Jr	6-7	339
9.	Donovan Raiola	Wisconsin	Jr	6-3	280
10.	Kyle Schmitt	Maryland	Sr	6-5	297
11.	Matt Brock	Oregon St	Sr	6-2	306
12.	Scott Mruczkowski	Bowling Green	Sr	6-4	315
13.	Matt Tarullo	Syracuse	Sr	6-5	322
14.	Keoki Fraser	Arizona	Sr	6-3	295
15.	Jason Respert	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	305
16.	Nick Mangold	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	280
17.	Mike McCloskey	UCLA	Jr	6-5	285
18.	Drew Hodgdon	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	285
19.	Kyle Young	Fresno St	So	6-5	320
20.	David Castillo	Florida St	Jr	6-2	304
21.	Joel Rodriguez	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	284
22.	Geoff Hangartner	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	303
23.	Chris Spencer	Mississippi	Jr	6-4	320
24.	Chris Morris	Michigan St	Jr	6-4	293
25.	Jasper Harvey	San Diego St	Jr	6-3	300
26.	Pat Ross	Boston College	JR	6-4	294
27.	Joe Vaughn	Kansas	Sr	6-1	285
28.	Russ Tanner	Georgia	Jr	6-4	290
29.	Bob Morton	Notre Dame	So	6-4	298
30.	JB Closner	Alabama	Jr	6-4	290
31.	Zac Yarbrough	Virginia	Sr	6-4	275
32.	Andy Brewster	North Texas	Sr	6-2	275
33.	Duke Preston	Illinois	Sr	6-5	305
34.	David Odenthal	Toledo	Sr	6-2	299
35.	Gene Frederic	Memphis	Sr	6-4	288
36.	Alex Herron	South Florida	Sr	6-3	280
37.	Derek Warehime	Tulsa	Sr	6-1	292
38.	Eric Ghiaciuc	C Michigan	Sr	6-3	295
39.	Trenton Franz	Wyoming	Sr	6-2	282
40.	Trevor Rees	Northwestern	So	6-2	280

PHIL'S TOP 60 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	David Baas	Michigan	Sr	6-5	307
2.	CJ Brooks	Maryland	Sr	6-6	318
3.	Elton Brown	Virginia	Sr	6-6	333
4.	Chris Myers	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-5	300
5.	Doug Buckles	Mississippi	Sr	6-5	300
6.	Jason Rollins	Kentucky	Sr	6-5	285
7.	Evan Mathis	Alabama	Sr	6-5	308
8.	Dan Buenning	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	313
9.	Cody Douglas	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	325
10.	Marcus Johnson	Mississippi	Sr	6-6	330
11.	Jonathan Clinkscale	Wisconsin	Sr	6-3	304
12.	Cedric Johnson	Clemson	Sr	6-4	338
13.	Steven Gibbs	Arkansas St	Sr	6-3	346
14.	Uriah Moenoa	Hawaii	Sr	6-2	365
15.	Claude Terrell	New Mexico	Sr	6-3	330
16.	Chris Kemoeatu	Utah	Sr	6-4	325
17.	Adam Snyder	Oregon	Sr	6-6	320
18.	Davin Joseph	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	312
19.	Nick Steitz	Oregon	Sr	6-4	319
20.	Samson Satele	Hawaii	So	6-3	289
21.	Sam Mayes	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-3	350
22.	Tyler Reed	Penn St	Jr	6-4	303
23.	Tony Palmer	Missouri	Jr	6-2	305
24.	Aldo De Le Garza	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	314
25.	Brian Daniels	Colorado	So	6-5	300
26.	Kanan Sanchez	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	324
27.	Fred Matua	USC	So	6-2	300
28.	Eyoseph Efseaff	UCLA	Sr	6-3	300
29.	Will Allen	Texas	Jr	6-6	305
30.	Mike Jones	Iowa	So	6-5	304
31.	Mark Setterstrom	Minnesota	Jr	6-3	300
32.	John Glass	Rutgers	Sr	6-5	320
33.	Mo Mitchell	Florida	Sr	6-7	367
34.	Matt Lentz	Michigan	Jr	6-6	316
35.	Kyle Takavitz	Cincinnati	Sr	6-4	303
36.	John Drake	USC	Sr	6-4	350
37.	John Simonitis	Pittsburgh	JR	6-3	300
38.	Scott Young	BYU	Sr	6-5	312
39.	Chris Jahnke	Indiana	Sr	6-5	310
40.	Dan Stevenson	Notre Dame	Jr	6-5	293
41.	Donovan Davis	Mississippi St	So	6-7	315
42.	Ismail Simpson	Stanford	So	6-4	290
43.	Steve Subia	New Mexico St	Sr	6-1	368
44.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame	rFr	6-3	288
45.	Robert Turner	New Mexico	So	6-3	320
46.	Leroy Harris	NC State	So	6-3	293
47.	Jason Spitz	Louisville	Jr	6-4	308
48.	Andy Galloway	UAB	Sr	6-5	310
49.	Mike Erickson	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	300
50.	Zach Bray	TCU	Sr	6-4	312
51.	Matt Meinrod	Florida St	Jr	6-4	297
52.	Brad Honeycutt	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-4	308
53.	Leon Robinson	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-4	318
54.	Kelvin Chaisson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-5	303
55.	Matt Maddox	Illinois	So	6-4	290
56.	Rudy Niswanger	LSU	Jr	6-5	294
57.	Aaron Lips	Louisiana Tech	Jr	6-5	309
58.	Matt Ulrich	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	310
59.	Chris Harris	Temple	Sr	6-4	300
60.	Chad Bandiera	Kent St	Sr	6-3	315

Michigan St
K Dave Rayner

Clemson
OG Cedric Johnson

Tennessee
OT Michael Munoz

Vanderbilt
OT Justin Geisinger

Wisconsin
OG Dan Buenning

Alabama
OT Wesley Britt

PHIL'S TOP 23 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Mike Nugent	Ohio St	Sr	5-10	170
2.	Jonathan Nichols	Mississippi	Sr	6-0	180
3.	Dave Rayner	Michigan St	Sr	6-2	207
4.	Conner Hughes	Virginia	Jr	6-0	178
5.	Jared Siegel	Oregon	Sr	5-10	189
6.	Nick Novak	Maryland	Sr	6-0	183
7.	Ben Jones	Purdue	Jr	6-1	210
8.	Rhys Lloyd	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	220
9.	Matt Payne	BYU	Sr	6-4	234
10.	James Wilhoit	Tennessee	So	5-10	190
11.	Matt Leach	Florida	Sr	6-1	197
12.	Trey DiCarlo	Oklahoma	Jr	6-0	204
13.	Nick Hayes	UAB	Sr	6-1	180
14.	Jon Peattie	Miami, Fl	So	6-3	207
15.	Tyler Jones	Boise St	Sr	6-1	209
16.	Mark Myers	Fla Atlantic	Sr	6-2	195
17.	Brett Visintainer	Fresno St	Sr	6-0	187
18.	Xavier Beitia	Florida St	Sr	5-10	198
19.	Justin Medlock	UCLA	So	6-0	195
20.	Wes Zunker	New Mexico	Sr	5-9	176
21.	Dustin Bell	Houston	Sr	6-2	230
22.	Travis Mayle	Kent St	Jr	6-0	180
23.	Andrew Wellock	E Michigan	So	5-11	173

PHIL'S TOP 60 TACKLES

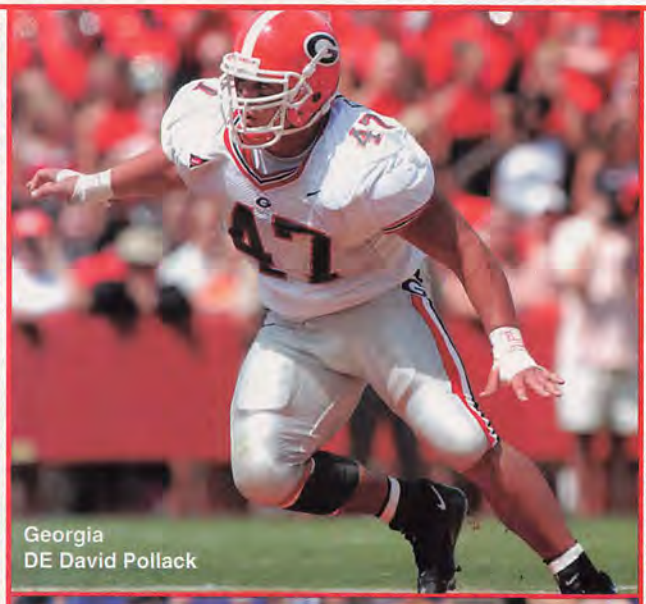
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Alex Barron	Florida St	Sr	6-6	308
2.	Jammal Brown	Oklahoma	Sr	6-6	313
3.	Michael Munoz	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	315
4.	Justin Geisinger	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-4	330
5.	Rob Petitti	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-6	330
6.	Wesley Britt	Alabama	Sr	6-8	313
7.	Calvin Armstrong	Washington St	Sr	6-7	311
8.	Khalif Barnes	Washington	Sr	6-5	290
9.	Eric Winston	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-7	310
10.	Ray Willis	Florida St	Sr	6-6	320
11.	Nick Kaczur	Toledo	Sr	6-5	305
12.	Jonathan Scott	Texas	Jr	6-7	305
13.	Andrew Whitworth	LSU	Jr	6-7	325
14.	Jami Hightower	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	355
15.	Mark LeVoir	Notre Dame	Jr	6-7	317
16.	Wes Sims	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	308
17.	Derek Morris	NC State	So	6-6	332
18.	Mike Otto	Purdue	So	6-5	309
19.	Rob Sims	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	305
20.	Bucky Babcock	Illinois	Sr	6-4	305
21.	Adam Stenavich	Michigan	Sr	6-5	313
22.	Mike Kracalik	San Diego St	Sr	6-9	325
23.	Max Jean-Gilles	Georgia	Jr	6-4	340
24.	Anthony Alabi	TCU	Sr	6-6	323
25.	Jon Dunn	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-7	341
26.	Quintin Outland	Baylor	Sr	6-5	324
27.	Justin Blalock	Texas	So	6-4	330
28.	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	Virginia	Jr	6-5	295
29.	Jeremy Trueblood	Boston College	So	6-8	315
30.	Ofa Mohetau	BYU	So	6-3	355
31.	Winston Justice	USC	Jr	6-6	300
32.	Erik Pears	Colorado St	Sr	6-8	315
33.	Logan Mankins	Fresno St	Sr	6-4	320
34.	Richard Burch	Mississippi St	Jr	6-5	315
35.	Marcus McNeil	Auburn	Jr	6-9	340
36.	Ryan Harris	Notre Dame	So	6-5	285
37.	Doug Nienhuis	Oregon St	Sr	6-6	317
38.	Andrew Carnahan	Arizona St	So	6-8	297
39.	Steven Vieira	UCLA	Sr	6-6	300
40.	Willie McNeill	N Carolina	Sr	6-5	291
41.	Chris Colmer	NC State	Sr	6-6	305
42.	Peter McMahon	Iowa	Sr	6-7	333
43.	Jake VerStraete	N Illinois	Sr	6-7	311
44.	Adam Kieft	C Michigan	Sr	6-7	320
45.	Tre' Stallings	Mississippi	Jr	6-4	317
46.	Jeremy Parquet	S Mississippi	Sr	6-7	337
47.	Daniel Loper	Texas Tech	Sr	6-7	329
48.	Jeromey Clary	Kansas St	Jr	6-7	300
49.	Rian Melander	Minnesota	Sr	6-7	295
50.	Levi Brown	Penn St	So	6-5	311
51.	Zach Strief	Northwestern	Jr	6-7	335
52.	Grayling Love	Arizona St	Jr	6-3	297
53.	Sam Lightbody	Washington St	Sr	6-9	319
54.	Ed Blanton	UCLA	Jr	6-9	340
55.	Harvey Dahl	Nevada	Sr	6-5	305
56.	Jeff Perrett	Tulsa	So	6-7	329
57.	Mike Brisiel	Colorado St	Jr	6-5	300
58.	Lequalan McDonald	Baylor	Jr	6-5	330
59.	Adam Terry	Syracuse	Sr	6-8	312
60.	Daniel Inman	Georgia	So	6-7	321

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	David Pollack, Georgia	Chris Canty, Virginia	Simon Fraser, Ohio St	Jonathan Jackson, Oklahoma
DT	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin	Haloti Ngata, Oregon	Mike Patterson, USC	CJ Mosley, Missouri
DT	Rodrique Wright, Texas	Shaun Cody, USC	Orien Harris, Miami, Fl	Jonathan Lewis, VA Tech
DE	Marcus Spears, LSU	Dan Cody, Oklahoma	Bill Swancutt, Oregon St	Mathias Kiwanuka, Boston Coll
OLB	Michael Boley, S Mississippi	AJ Hawk, Ohio St	Matt Sinclair, Illinois	Zac Woodfin, UAB
ILB	Kirk Morrison, San Diego St	Leroy Hill, Clemson	Anthony Schlegel, Ohio St	Marcus Lawrence, S Car.
ILB	Ahmad Brooks, Virginia	Barrett Ruud, Nebraska	Will Derting, Washington St	James Kinney, Missouri
OLB	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Kevin Burnett, Tennessee	Channing Crowder, Florida	Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma
CB	Antrel Rolle, Miami, Fl	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Jimmy Williams, Virginia Tech	Antwaun Rogers, Purdue
CB	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Brandon Browner, Oregon St	Corey Webster, LSU	Alan Zemaitis, Penn St
SS	Ernest Shazor, Michigan	Donte Nicholson, Oklahoma	Darnell Bing, USC	Andre Maddox, NC State
FS	James Butler, Georgia Tech	Brodney Pool, Oklahoma	Josh Bullocks, Nebraska	Mitch Meeuwsen, Oregon St
P	Tom Malone, USC	Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	Kyle Basler, Washington St
PR	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Skyler Green, LSU	Steve Suter, Maryland	Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin

PHIL'S TOP 64 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	David Pollack	Georgia	Sr	6-3	276
2.	Marcus Spears	LSU	Sr	6-4	297
3.	Chris Canty	Virginia	Sr	6-7	280
4.	Dan Cody	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	260
5.	Bill Swancutt	Oregon St	Sr	6-4	259
6.	Simon Fraser	Ohio St	Sr	6-6	265
7.	Mathias Kiwanuka	Boston College	Jr	6-8	249
8.	Jonathan Jackson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	238
9.	Justin Tuck	Notre Dame	Sr	6-5	239
10.	Loren Howard	Northwestern	Jr	6-4	280
11.	Matt Roth	Iowa	Sr	6-4	270
12.	Eric Henderson	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-3	265
13.	Mario Williams	NC State	So	6-7	265
14.	Jovan Haye	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-3	280
15.	Moe Thompson	S Carolina	Jr	6-3	280
16.	Vincent Burns	Kentucky	Sr	6-2	268
17.	Adell Duckett	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	265
18.	Baraka Atkins	Miami, Fl	So	6-4	263
19.	Clifford Dukes	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	257
20.	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan	Jr	6-2	268
21.	George Gause	S Carolina	Sr	6-5	270
22.	Jimmy Verdon	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	280
23.	Patrick Massey	Michigan	Sr	6-8	276
24.	Bret Eddins	Auburn	Sr	6-5	267
25.	Victor Abiamiri	Notre Dame	So	6-4	265
26.	Devan Long	Oregon	Jr	6-4	265
27.	Chauncey Davis	Florida St	Sr	6-2	258
28.	Mitchell Crossley	Bowling Green	Jr	6-3	250
29.	Tyler King	Connecticut	Sr	6-6	262
30.	Tim Crowder	Texas	So	6-4	235
31.	Eric Moore	Florida St	Sr	6-4	244
32.	Jeb Huckeba	Arkansas	Sr	6-5	248
33.	James Wyche	Syracuse	Jr	6-5	264
34.	Jason Berryman	Iowa St	So	6-2	225
35.	Trent Cole	Cincinnati	Sr	6-4	250
36.	Marcus Jones	Louisville	Sr	6-2	234
37.	Joe Clay	Houston	Sr	6-1	260
38.	Brian Pickryl	Texas	So	6-5	240
39.	Shawne Merriman	Maryland	Jr	6-4	253
40.	Brian Morris	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	250
41.	Jamus Martin	Marshall	Sr	6-2	224
42.	Demarcus Ware	Troy St	Sr	6-5	240
43.	Larry Birdine	Oklahoma	So	6-4	254
44.	Adrian Awasom	North Texas	Sr	6-5	275
45.	Jason Kaufusi	Utah	Sr	6-3	250
46.	Patrick Goodpaster	Colorado St	Sr	6-3	275
47.	Mike Williams	Texas	Jr	6-3	240
48.	Thomas Carroll	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-5	230
49.	Bryan Andrews	Wake Forest	So	6-6	252
50.	Jim Davis	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	276
51.	Marque Fountain	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	255
52.	Lavon Chisley	Penn St	Jr	6-5	265
53.	Travis Parker	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-5	265
54.	Anthony Bryant	Alabama	Sr	6-3	336
55.	Will Svitek	Stanford	Sr	6-7	280
56.	Alton Wright	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	240
57.	Daniel Bazuin	C Michigan	So	6-3	258
58.	Andre Frazier	Cincinnati	Sr	6-5	211
59.	Travis Leitko	Notre Dame	So	6-6	267
60.	Jarvis Moss	Florida	rFr	6-6	221
61.	Julian Jenkins	Stanford	Jr	6-4	260
62.	Jack Gitler	W Michigan	Sr	6-2	254
63.	Kwakou Robinson	Virginia	Jr	6-4	327
64.	Chase Blackburn	Akron	Sr	6-3	245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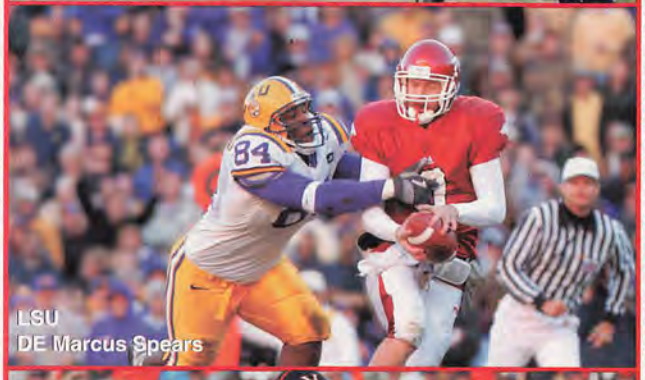
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Virginia
DE Chris Canty

PHIL'S TOP 61 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Anttaj Hawthorne	Wisconsin	Sr	6-3	312
2.	Rodrique Wright	Texas	Jr	6-5	315
3.	Haloti Ngata	Oregon	So	6-5	345
4.	Shaun Cody	USC	Sr	6-4	285
5.	Mike Patterson	USC	Sr	6-0	285
6.	Orien Harris	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	300
7.	CJ Mosley	Missouri	Jr	6-3	305
8.	Jonathan Lewis	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-1	300
9.	Dusty Dvoracek	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	287
10.	Marcus Jasmin	Texas A&M	Sr	6-5	315
11.	Albert Means	Memphis	Sr	6-4	328
12.	Lorenzo Alexander	California	Sr	6-3	300
13.	Kedric Golston	Georgia	Jr	6-4	300
14.	Jermaine Berry	Kansas St	Sr	6-0	295
15.	Vince Crochunis	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-4	290
16.	Ray McDonald	Florida	So	6-3	280
17.	Quinn Pitcock	Ohio St	So	6-4	285
18.	Manase Hopoi	Washington	Jr	6-4	265
19.	Tim Bulman	Boston Coll	Sr	6-4	285
20.	Gerald Anderson	Georgia	Jr	6-2	318
21.	John McCargo	NC State	So	6-2	289
22.	Tamba Hali	Penn St	Jr	6-3	273
23.	Anthony Montgomery	Minnesota	Jr	6-5	315
24.	Brady Poppinga	BYU	Sr	6-3	257
25.	Kyle Williams	LSU	Jr	6-2	288
26.	Arrion Dixon	Arkansas	Sr	6-4	293
27.	Babatunde Oshinowo	Stanford	Jr	6-2	320
28.	Shamar Abrams	UAB	Sr	6-1	320
29.	Brandon Johnson	TCU	Sr	6-3	298
30.	Bobby Leffew	Louisville	Sr	6-4	289
31.	Atiyyah Ellison	Missouri	Sr	6-4	301
32.	Le Kevin Smith	Nebraska	Jr	6-2	310
33.	Brent Grover	Purdue	Jr	6-4	287
34.	Gabe Watson	Michigan	Jr	6-4	333
35.	Greg Pauly	Notre Dame	Sr	6-6	295
36.	Donyell Booker	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	305
37.	Johnny Jolly	Texas A&M	Jr	6-3	292
38.	Nate Robinson	Rutgers	So	6-5	305
39.	Colby Clark	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	290
40.	Allan Adami	SMU	Sr	6-4	276
41.	Travis Johnson	Florida St	Sr	6-5	290
42.	Garrett McIntyre	Fresno St	Jr	6-3	250
43.	Luis Castillo	Northwestern	Sr	6-3	305
44.	Darrell Shropshire	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	299
45.	Larry Harrison	Michigan	So	6-3	313
46.	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	320
47.	Santonio Thomas	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	308
48.	Sione Pouha	Utah	Sr	6-3	324
49.	Manuel Wright	USC	So	6-6	285
50.	Montavious Stanley	Louisville	Jr	6-2	305
51.	Chase Page	N Carolina	Sr	6-5	288
52.	Brandon McKinney	Michigan St	Jr	6-3	330
53.	Lynn McGruder	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	300
54.	Isaiah Thomas	N Carolina	So	6-4	318
55.	Manaia Brown	BYU	Jr	6-3	315
56.	Ron Fields	Miss St	Sr	6-2	321
57.	Travis Watkins	Kansas	Sr	6-4	295
58.	Jeff Littlejohn	Middle Tenn	Jr	6-2	324
59.	Jonathan Babineaux	Iowa	Sr	6-2	287
60.	Mike Pruitt	North Texas	Sr	6-1	288
61.	Robby Valenzuela	Oregon	Sr	6-2	303

PHIL'S TOP 62 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kirk Morrison	San Diego St	Sr	6-2	240
2.	Ahmad Brooks	Virginia	So	6-4	249
3.	Leroy Hill	Clemson	Sr	6-1	220
4.	Barrett Ruud	Nebraska	Sr	6-2	240
5.	Anthony Schlegel	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	245
6.	Will Derting	Wash St	Jr	6-0	237
7.	Marcus Lawrence	S Carolina	Sr	6-3	236
8.	James Kinney	Missouri	Sr	6-1	240
9.	Adam Seward	UNLV	Sr	6-2	250
10.	D'Qwell Jackson	Maryland	Jr	6-1	224
11.	Kai Parham	Virginia	So	6-3	238
12.	Robert McCune	Louisville	Sr	6-0	244
13.	Abdul Hodge	Iowa	Jr	6-2	232
14.	Justin London	UCLA	Jr	6-1	235
15.	Spencer Havner	UCLA	Jr	6-4	240
16.	Robert Rodriguez	UTEP	Sr	6-1	230
17.	Odell Thurman	Georgia	Jr	6-1	230
18.	Lionel Turner	LSU	Sr	6-2	257
19.	Chad Anderson	Kentucky	Jr	6-2	250
20.	Freddie Roach	Alabama	Jr	6-2	245
21.	Martin Patterson	TCU	Sr	6-2	228
22.	Gabriel Toomey	Kansas	Jr	6-4	235
23.	Ronald Stanley	Michigan St	Sr	6-0	232
24.	Adam Lehnortt	W Virginia	Sr	6-4	235
25.	Brandon Hoyte	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	230
26.	Lawrence Reid	Michigan	Jr	6-1	219
27.	Lofa Tatupu	USC	Jr	6-0	225
28.	John Andrews	UNLV	Sr	6-0	210
29.	Brian Atkinson	N Illinois	Sr	6-1	223
30.	Jamar Enzor	Cincinnati	Sr	6-1	222
31.	Brock Stratton	Texas Tech	So	5-11	233
32.	Garnet Smith	Texas	So	6-3	230
33.	Trent Bray	Oregon St	Jr	6-1	228
34.	Randy Tscharner	Wyoming	Sr	6-3	238
35.	Leon Williams	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	237
36.	Joe Maningo	California	Sr	6-1	230
37.	Oliver Hoyte	NC State	Jr	6-3	232
38.	Ikaika Curnan	Hawaii	Jr	5-11	218
39.	Nick Bunting	Tulsa	So	6-1	221
40.	Earl Everett	Florida	So	6-2	223
41.	Dustin Williams	Kentucky	Jr	6-5	244
42.	Paul Tithof	W Michigan	So	6-1	215
43.	Jovon Burkes	Bowling Green	Sr	6-1	234
44.	Robert Watts	Utah St	Sr	6-4	234
45.	John Kerr	Ohio St	So	6-1	246
46.	Scott McClintock	Michigan	Jr	6-2	243
47.	Wayne Chambers	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	232
48.	Clarke Moore	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	246
49.	David Bergeron	Stanford	Sr	6-4	245
50.	Archie McDaniel	Texas A&M	Jr	6-2	230
51.	Victor DeGrate	Oklahoma St	So	6-3	235
52.	Doug Justice	N Carolina	Jr	6-2	246
53.	Mike Goolsby	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	248
54.	Mikal Baaqee	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-10	225
55.	Troy Bennett	Temple	Sr	6-2	240
56.	Nigel Eldridge	UAB	Sr	6-2	235
57.	Prescott Burgess	Michigan	So	6-3	223
58.	Ray Henderson	Boston Coll	Jr	6-3	231
59.	Ted Sims	Kansas St	Jr	6-1	235
60.	Xavier Adibi	Virginia Tech	rFr	6-3	229
61.	John Pickens	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	240
62.	Lemarcus Rowell	Auburn	So	6-3	218

PHIL'S TOP 20 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Tom Malone	USC	Jr	6-0	190
2.	Dustin Colquitt	Tennessee	Sr	6-2	196
3.	Ryan Plackemeier	Wake Forest	Jr	6-4	246
4.	Kyle Basler	Wash St	Jr	6-3	235
5.	Matt Prater	UCF	Jr	5-10	170
6.	Adam Podlesh	Maryland	So	5-11	209
7.	Ryan Dougherty	E Carolina	So	6-1	211
8.	Matt Payne	BYU	Sr	6-4	234
9.	Chris Kluwe	UCLA	Sr	6-5	215
10.	Cole Farden	Oklahoma St	Sr	5-11	200
11.	Cody Ridgeway	Mississippi	Sr	6-1	190
12.	Kody Bliss	Auburn	So	5-11	193
13.	Blake Ferguson	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	186
14.	Daniel Sepulveda	Baylor	So	6-3	235
15.	Jared Scruggs	Rice	So	6-3	190
16.	Adam Anderson	W Michigan	Sr	6-0	188
17.	Brandon Fields	Michigan St	So	6-6	233
18.	Eric Wilbur	Florida	So	6-1	195
19.	Jeff Babcock	Colorado St	Sr	5-9	188
20.	Bryce Benekos	UTEP	Sr	6-5	185

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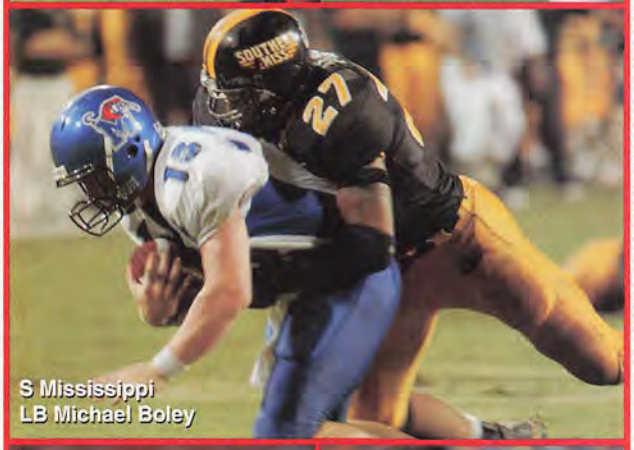
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PHIL'S TOP 60 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Derrick Johnson	Texas	Sr	6-4	230
2.	Michael Boley	S Mississippi	Sr	6-3	228
3.	Kevin Burnett	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	235
4.	AJ Hawk	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	230
5.	Matt Sinclair	Illinois	Sr	6-3	240
6.	Channing Crowder	Florida	So	6-2	241
7.	Zac Woodfin	UAB	Sr	6-2	240
8.	Lance Mitchell	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	243
9.	Darryl Blackstock	Virginia	Jr	6-4	230
10.	Kevin Simon	Tennessee	Jr	5-11	225
11.	Matt Grootegoed	USC	Sr	5-11	215
12.	Derek Wake	Penn St	Sr	6-3	241
13.	Justin Burks	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	237
14.	Rian Wallace	Temple	Jr	6-4	245
15.	Dedrick Harrington	Missouri	So	6-3	227
16.	Justin Warren	Texas A&M	So	6-3	231
17.	Pierre Woods	Michigan	Jr	6-5	248
18.	Nick Speegle	New Mexico	Sr	6-6	244
19.	DeMeco Ryans	Alabama	Jr	6-2	225
20.	Ricardo Hurley	S Carolina	Jr	6-3	233
21.	Marvin Byrdsong	Mississippi St	Jr	6-2	247
22.	Terna Nande	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-1	230
23.	Ryan Claridge	UNLV	Sr	6-4	250
24.	Pat Thomas	NC State	Sr	6-2	230
25.	Roger McIntosh	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	237
26.	Ernie Sims	Florida St	So	6-0	220
27.	AJ Nicholson	Florida St	Jr	6-2	235
28.	Wendell Hunter	California	Sr	6-1	230
29.	Chad Greenway	Iowa	Jr	6-4	239
30.	Seth Mitchell	Michigan St	Jr	6-2	248
31.	Tyson Smith	Iowa St	Sr	6-2	240
32.	Marvin Simmons	Kansas St	Jr	6-1	240
33.	Mike D'Andrea	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	240
34.	Bobby Carpenter	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	240
35.	Brian Bennett	Pittsburgh	So	6-0	235
36.	William Beckford	Rutgers	Jr	6-1	220
37.	HB Blades	Pittsburgh	So	5-11	245
38.	Lance Everson	Houston	Sr	6-2	230
39.	Cameron Vaughn	LSU	Jr	6-4	220
40.	Aaron Harris	Texas	Jr	6-0	235
41.	Travis Harris	Florida	Sr	6-2	251
42.	Nick Reid	Kansas	Jr	6-4	226
43.	Jonathan Pollard	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	242
44.	Michael Craven	Stanford	Jr	6-1	230
45.	Wesley Jefferson	Maryland	rFr	6-1	233
46.	Moses Osemwegie	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-0	220
47.	Jason Mitchell	Tennessee	Jr	6-1	225
48.	John Saldi	Texas Tech	Jr	6-5	230
49.	Larry Edwards	N Carolina	So	6-3	232
50.	Paul Walkenhorst	BYU	Sr	6-5	252
51.	Derek Curry	Notre Dame	Sr	6-3	234
52.	Dallas Sartz	USC	Jr	6-5	220
53.	Godwin Akinduro	UTEP	Sr	6-3	215
54.	Spencer Toone	Utah	Jr	6-2	233
55.	Stephen Larsen	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	235
56.	Jamar Williams	Arizona St	Jr	6-1	243
57.	Andy Avalos	Boise St	Sr	5-10	223
58.	Travis Williams	Auburn	Jr	6-1	209
59.	Anthony Waters	Clemson	So	6-3	235
60.	Banks Floodman	Kansas	Jr	6-3	230

Tennessee
P Dustin Colquitt

PHIL'S TOP 63 CORNERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Antrel Rolle	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-1	202
2.	Antonio Perkins	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	188
3.	Marlin Jackson	Michigan	Sr	6-1	199
4.	Brandon Browner	Oregon St	So	6-4	202
5.	Jimmy Williams	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	213
6.	Corey Webster	LSU	Sr	6-0	201
7.	Antwaun Rogers	Purdue	Sr	6-2	172
8.	Alan Zemaitis	Penn St	Jr	6-2	194
9.	Will Blackmon	Boston Coll	Jr	6-0	198
10.	Carlos Rogers	Auburn	Sr	6-1	194
11.	Antonio Cromartie	Florida St	So	6-3	197
12.	Fabian Washington	Nebraska	Jr	5-11	180
13.	Chijioke Onyenegecha	Oklahoma	Jr	6-2	205
14.	Domonique Foxworth	Maryland	Sr	5-11	177
15.	Bryant McFadden	Florida St	Sr	6-0	186
16.	Justin Miller	Clemson	Jr	5-11	200
17.	Scott Starks	Wisconsin	Sr	5-10	176
18.	Byron Jones	Texas A&M	Sr	5-10	185
19.	Quinton Culberson	Mississippi St	So	6-0	216
20.	Leigh Torrence	Stanford	Sr	6-0	183
21.	Derrick Johnson	Washington	Sr	6-0	185
22.	Darrent Williams	Oklahoma St	Sr	5-9	175
23.	Darrell Hunter	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-1	206
24.	Sammy Joseph	Colorado	So	6-1	180
25.	Travis Daniels	LSU	Sr	6-1	187
26.	Charlie Peprah	Alabama	Jr	5-10	189
27.	Lamont Reid	NC State	Sr	6-0	188
28.	Dustin Fox	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	190
29.	Travis Johnson	Mississippi	Jr	6-1	191
30.	RJ Oliver	Arizona St	Sr	5-9	174
31.	Cedric Griffin	Texas	Jr	6-2	190
32.	Eric Weddle	Utah	So	6-0	192
33.	Adam Jones	W Virginia	Jr	5-10	190
34.	Jason Allen	Tennessee	Jr	6-2	200
35.	Reuben Houston	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-0	195
36.	Sean Lucas	Tulane	Jr	5-11	200
37.	Mark Walker	TCU	Sr	5-10	200
38.	Gabe Franklin	Boise St	Sr	5-10	183
39.	Markus Curry	Michigan	Sr	5-11	183
40.	Kelly Jennings	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	177
41.	Cedrick Williams	Kansas St	Sr	5-10	170
42.	Stanford Routt	Houston	Sr	6-1	190
43.	Nate Allen	Air Force	Sr	5-10	180
44.	Stanley Wilson	Stanford	Sr	6-0	189
45.	Daymeion Hughes	California	So	6-2	180
46.	Eric Bassey	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	197
47.	Chris McKenzie	Arizona St	Sr	5-9	176
48.	Justin Phinisee	Oregon	Jr	5-11	199
49.	Justin Perkins	Connecticut	Sr	5-11	187
50.	Harrison Smith	California	Jr	6-2	200
51.	Rovel Hamilton	UCF	Sr	5-11	185
52.	Keon Newson	Bowling Green	Sr	6-0	184
53.	Roderick Maples	Michigan St	Sr	5-10	189
54.	Trumaine Banks	Minnesota	So	5-10	185
55.	Robert Jones	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-0	190
56.	Eric King	Wake Forest	Sr	5-10	185
57.	EJ Underwood	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	175
58.	Aric Williams	Oregon St	Sr	6-0	174
59.	Eric Green	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	197
60.	Rob Lee	N Illinois	Sr	6-1	195
61.	Jovon Johnson	Iowa	Jr	5-9	177
62.	Ukee Dozier	Minnesota	Sr	6-1	185
63.	Kelvin Hayden	Illinois	Sr	6-0	198

PHIL'S TOP 10 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Antonio Perkins	Oklahoma	Sr	6-0	188
2.	Skyler Green	LSU	Jr	5-9	190
3.	Steve Suter	Maryland	Sr	5-10	192
4.	Jim Leonhard	Wisconsin	Sr	5-8	183
5.	Steve Breaston	Michigan	So	6-1	181
6.	Charles Frederick	Washington	Sr	6-0	180
7.	Demetris Summers	S Carolina	So	6-1	200
8.	Craig Bragg	UCLA	Sr	6-2	205
9.	Marion Barber III	Minnesota	Jr	5-11	215
10.	Darrent Williams	Oklahoma St	Sr	5-9	175

PHIL'S TOP 10 KICK RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Reggie Bush	USC	So	6-0	190
2.	Broderick Clark	Louisville	Jr	6-0	194
3.	Terrence Murphy	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	193
4.	Devin Hester	Miami, Fl	So	5-11	185
5.	DeAndra Cobb	Michigan St	Sr	5-10	191
6.	Adam Jones	W Virginia	Jr	5-10	190
7.	John Eubanks	S Mississippi	Jr	5-11	177
8.	Will Blackmon	Boston Coll	Jr	6-0	198
9.	Corey Larkins	Tennessee	Sr	5-8	205
10.	Senterrio Landrum	Duke	Sr	5-9	185

Oklahoma
CB Antonio Perkins

Georgia Tech
FS James Butler

Oklahoma St
CB Darrent Williams

Wisconsin
FS Jim Leonhard

NC State
SS Andre Maddox

Michigan St
KR DeAndra Cobb

Texas A&M
SS Jaxson Appel

PHIL'S TOP 40 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	James Butler	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-3	210
2.	Brodney Pool	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	198
3.	Josh Bullocks	Nebraska	Jr	6-0	205
4.	Mitch Meeuwsen	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	211
5.	Thomas Davis	Georgia	Jr	6-1	220
6.	LaRon Landry	LSU	So	6-2	180
7.	OJ Atogwe	Stanford	Sr	6-0	205
8.	Ben Emanuel II	UCLA	Sr	6-3	220
9.	Eric Oliver	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	215
10.	Darren Williams	Mississippi St	Jr	6-2	199
11.	Jim Leonhard	Wisconsin	Sr	5-8	183
12.	Nate Salley	Ohio St	Jr	6-3	205
13.	Aaron Francisco	BYU	Sr	6-2	206
14.	Jimmy Newell	Washington	Sr	6-1	190
15.	Vincent Fuller	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-1	184
16.	BJ Ward	Florida St	Sr	6-3	208
17.	Pat Watkins	Florida St	Jr	6-4	204
18.	Jason Harmon	Michigan St	Sr	5-11	199
19.	Will Myers	Indiana	So	5-11	200
20.	Marvin Ward	Northwestern	Sr	5-11	205
21.	Wesley Smith	Memphis	Jr	6-3	194
23.	Peter Sands	UCF	Sr	6-3	230
24.	Jason Leach	USC	Sr	5-11	210
22.	Patrick Body	Toledo	Sr	6-2	201
23.	Marcus Hudson	NC State	Jr	6-2	186
24.	Josh Dean	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	210
25.	Gerald Sensabaugh	N Carolina	Sr	6-2	210
26.	Chris Harrell	Penn St	Sr	6-2	201
27.	Jahmile Addae	W Virginia	Jr	5-11	210
28.	Josh Smith	Navy	Sr	6-2	201
29.	Will Gulley	Houston	Jr	6-4	205
30.	Travis Pugh	Clemson	Sr	6-1	195
31.	Keone Kauo	Nevada	Sr	5-11	190
32.	Phillip Geiggar	Texas	Sr	5-11	200
33.	Darrell Brooks	Arizona	Jr	6-1	210
34.	Ryan Mundy	Michigan	So	6-1	209
35.	Nino Williams II	Missouri	Sr	6-1	202
36.	Vincent Meeks	Texas Tech	Jr	6-0	187
37.	Dominique Brooks	Colorado	So	6-2	205
38.	Corey Campbell	Tennessee	So	6-3	190
39.	Kerry Rhodes	Louisville	Sr	6-3	205
40.	Anthony Smith	Syracuse	Jr	6-0	186

PHIL'S TOP 45 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Ernest Shazor	Michigan	Sr	6-4	226
2.	Donte Nicholson	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	210
3.	Darnell Bing	USC	So	6-2	220
4.	Andre Maddox	NC State	Sr	6-1	200
5.	Jerome Carter	Florida St	Sr	6-0	219
6.	Michael Huff	Texas	Jr	6-1	200
7.	Jamaal Brimmer	UNLV	Sr	6-1	215
8.	Marvin Godbolt	TCU	Sr	6-0	208
9.	Dawan Landry	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-2	215
10.	Atari Bigby	UCF	Sr	5-11	210
11.	Junior Rosegreen	Auburn	Sr	6-0	196
12.	Jaxson Appel	Texas A&M	Jr	5-10	196
13.	Bernard Pollard	Purdue	So	6-2	219
14.	Donnie McCleskey	California	Jr	5-10	195
15.	Jarrad Page	UCLA	Jr	6-2	215
16.	James Sanders	Fresno St	Jr	5-11	205
17.	Matt Pusateri	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-0	210
18.	Diamond Ferri	Syracuse	Sr	5-10	218
19.	Donte Whitner	Ohio St	So	5-11	185
20.	Daniel Bullocks	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	205
21.	Doug Monaghan	Cincinnati	Sr	6-3	210
22.	Marviel Underwood	San Diego St	Sr	5-11	200
23.	Kelvin Robinson	Mississippi	Jr	6-1	215
24.	Jarvis Johnson	Rutgers	Sr	5-11	195
25.	James King	C Michigan	Sr	6-1	215
26.	Kedrick Alexander	Tulsa	Jr	6-1	197
27.	Riccardo Stewart	Arizona St	Sr	5-10	215
28.	Cory Bailey	Florida	Sr	5-11	190
29.	Jessie Daniels	LSU	So	5-11	195
30.	Jamacia Jackson	S Carolina	Sr	6-1	210
31.	Greg Threat	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-2	193
32.	Jamaal Fudge	Clemson	Jr	5-10	190
33.	Trawick Boger	Tulane	Sr	6-1	210
34.	Herana-Daze Jones	Indiana	Sr	5-11	205
35.	Justin Fraley	Minnesota	Sr	6-0	210
36.	Lamon Means	Arizona	Jr	6-3	210
37.	Mahlon Carey	N Carolina	Jr	6-1	216
38.	Mike Williams	Kentucky	Sr	5-11	186
39.	CC Brown	Louisiana-Lft	Sr	6-2	210
40.	Trevor Hooper	Stanford	So	6-1	205
41.	Vernon Grant	Oklahoma St	Jr	5-10	180
42.	Keon Jackson	Toledo	Jr	5-11	206
43.	Brent Johnson	Louisville	Sr	5-11	201
44.	Willie Andrews	Baylor	Jr	5-10	186
45.	Claudius Osei	Florida St	Sr	6-0	197

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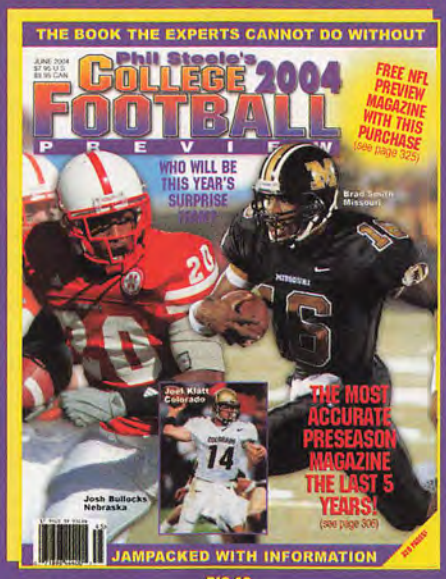
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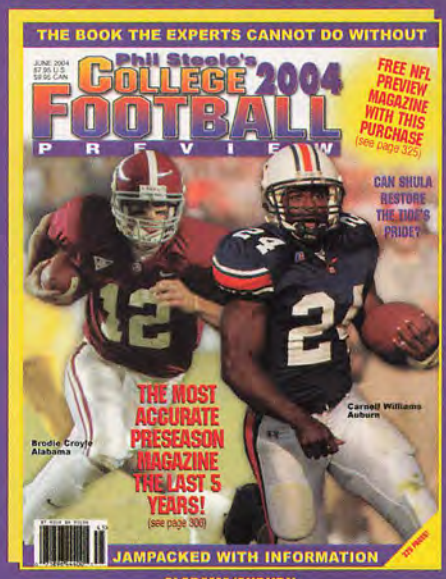
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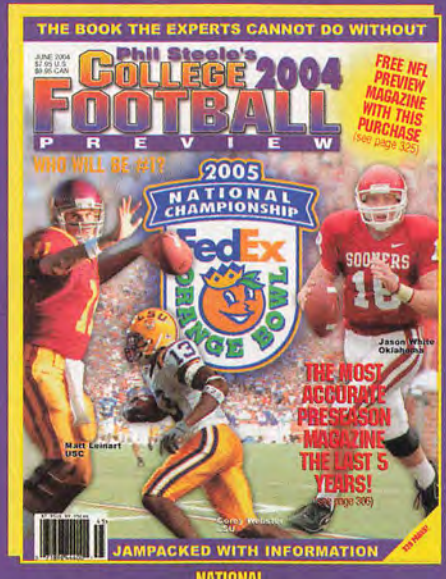
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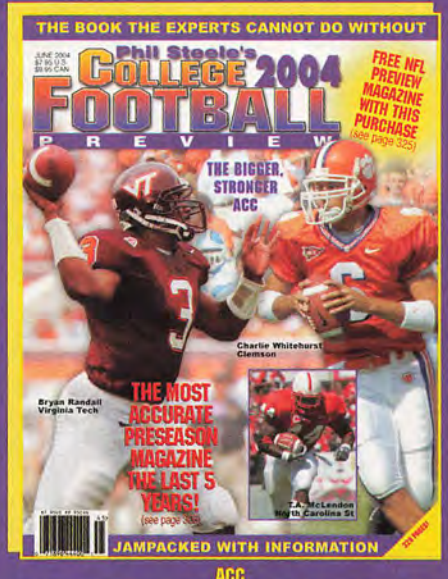
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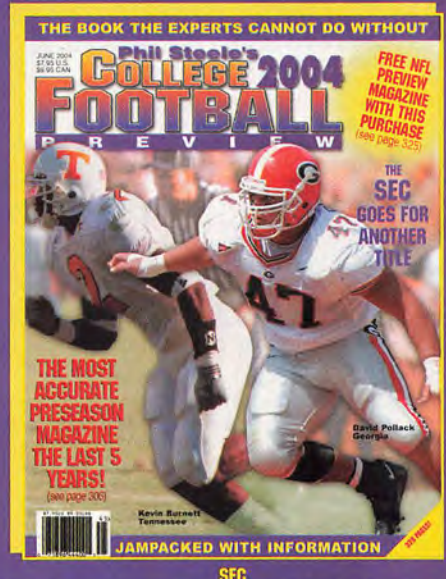
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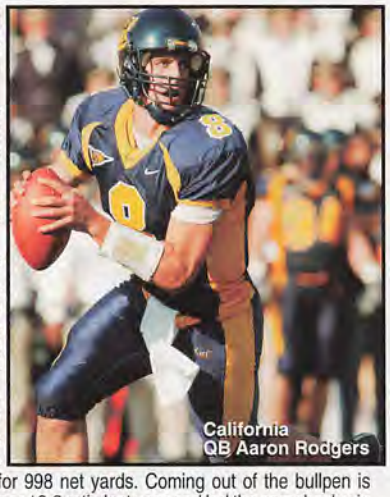
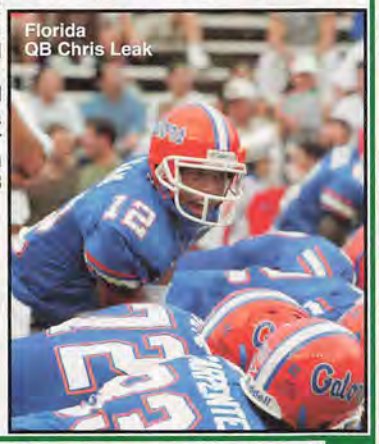
QUARTERBACKS 2004's Top QB Units

1. **USC** Matt Leinart had almost identical stats to 2002 Heisman winner Carson Palmer and did so in his first year as a starter (Palmer was in 4th year). A 38-9 ratio is clearly outstanding. He will have to fight off John David Booty who was PS#1. Booty signed early last year out of high school and saw time in 5 games.
2. **Oklahoma** Jason White had a great season last year until he won the Heisman. He had an 0-4 ratio the last two games after a 40-6 ratio the first 12. Paul Thompson (PS#29) hit 70% in limited action last year and backs him up as do a pair of VHT's.
3. **California** JUCO Aaron Rodgers set a Cal record with 1.4% int last year while throwing for 2,903 yards in 10 starts. Reggie Robertson (PS#30) is an experienced backup with 6 career starts and guided the comeback win vs USC last year.
4. **Arizona St** Andrew Walter is one of the top QB's for next year's NFL draft. After a super soph season with 3,877 yards (57%) with a 28-15 ratio, his numbers dropped some last year. Look for a rebound this year and there is good depth behind him.
5. **Texas** Vince Young (PS#2) lived up to his VHT billing and in his 7 starts the Horns averaged 478.9 ypg. He threw for 1,155 yards and rushed for 998 net yards. Coming out of the bullpen is Chance Mock (PS#6), who had a super 16-2 ratio last year and led the comeback win over Texas Tech.
6. **Missouri** In 2002 Brad Smith was just the 2nd player in NCAA history to pass for over 2,000 and rush for over 1,000 in a season. He almost did it again last year with 1,977 pass and 1,406 net rush. He has 4.4 speed, is a solid passer and a very dangerous runner. Both backups are VHT's but are true frosh.
7. **Purdue** Any QB would love to play in Joe Tiller's offense and Kyle Orton (PS#11) has the coach's confidence. He has 6,247 career passing yards and had a streak of 171 passes without an int last year. The backup Brandon Kirsch (PS#27) started 4 games in 2002 as a true frosh.
8. **Hawaii** Timmy Chang will become the NCAA's all time passing leader this season if he stays healthy (needs 2,218 yards). He only has a career ratio of 79-67 but should have his best season yet as a senior. Kainoa Akina started 7 games at E Michigan as a true frosh and was impressive this spring.


California
QB Aaron Rodgers

9. **Akron** Charlie Frye has been overshadowed by some great QB's in the MAC the last couple of years but now is the top guy in an up-and-coming league. He is 6-4 224 with 4.6 speed and despite injuries last year, threw for 3,549 yards (65%) with a 22-9 ratio while rushing for 510. Backup Jabari Arthur was the #1 QB prospect in Canada.
10. **Connecticut** Dan Orlovsky has NFL size (6-5 236) and an NFL caliber arm. He also has the production with 3,485 yards (59%) with a 33-14 ratio last year. He is a potential 1st RD DC next year and started as a true frosh. Jermell Williams (6-2 187) played in 3 games as the backup last year.
11. **Georgia** Behind a young O-line, David Greene struggled last year with a 10-11 ratio prior to the bowl. This is the same QB that was SEC Frosh of the Year in 2001 and the top rated QB in the SEC in 2002. DJ Shockley (PS#3) gives the offense a different dimension when brought in and has experience.
12. **Florida St** Chris Rix has been great at times and awful at times but is very talented. Carson Palmer had an uneven career until he won the Heisman as a senior and Rix has a career ratio of 60-34 which is not too shabby. He has 7,525 career passing yards and 4.6 speed. Three VHT's add depth behind him.
13. **Houston** Kevin Kolb knows Art Briles' offense. As a TRUE frosh, he took over the starting job and threw for 3,131 yards (61.1%) with a 25-6 ratio while rushing for 598. He could end up breaking Chang's upcoming record if he stays all 4 years. The backup is Kendal Briles (PS#22) is VERY familiar with the coach's offense as well.
14. **Oregon St** Here is another "Carson Palmer" hopeful. Derek Anderson (6-6 241) has a powerful arm and NFL scouts are drooling but he has been inconsistent. His 4,058 yards were great last year but the 24-24 ratio was not. He is in the 2nd year of a new offense and should have a fine senior season.
15. **Florida** Chris Leak (PS#2) started 9 games as a true frosh and had a 10-3 ratio in the last 7. He threw for 2,435 yards and now has a season and spring under his belt. He has 3 VHT's behind him.

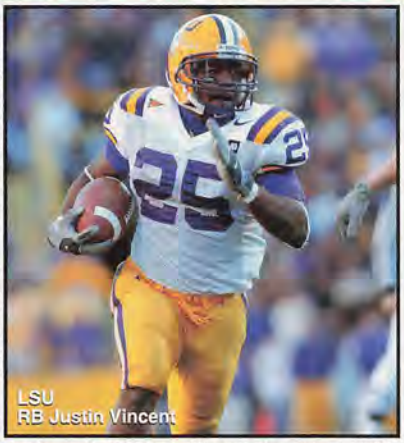

Florida
QB Chris Leak

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Clemson
17. Oregon
18. Virginia Tech
19. Marshall
20. Utah
21. Louisville
22. Arkansas
23. North Carolina
24. Memphis
25. Alabama

RUNNING BACKS 2004's Top RB Units

1. **Kansas St** Darren Sproles has 4.4 speed, a 391 bench and moves like Barry Sanders. He rushed for 1,986 yards last year with a solid 6.5 ypc. His backup is Florida St transfer Thomas Clayton (PS#13) who has 4.32 speed and better size at 210 lbs. FB Ayo Saba (PS#26) is 275 lbs.
2. **USC** The Trojans are known for top-notch RB's and are loaded. Reggie Bush (PS#5) is a sprinter on the track team and had 521 rush and 492 KR yards. LenDale White (PS#7) is a 225 lb power runner that led the team with 754 yards. Hershel Dennis (PS#10) is the starter and had 661 yards. FB Lee Webb is solid.
3. **LSU** Justin Vincent (PS#9) was 5th on the depth chart in August but lead the team with 1,001 yards (6.5) as a true frosh. Joseph Addai (PS#17) has 7 starts and 985 yards in 3 years. Alley Broussard (PS#8) had a pair of 100 yard games as a true frosh. Barrington Edwards (PS#9) also played as a true and FB Kevin Steltz benches 545 lbs.
4. **Auburn** These guys were #1 on my list last year. Carnell Williams (PS#4) had 1,307 yards (5.4) and 17 TD's and was 1st Tm SEC. Ronnie Brown is the backup and at 232 lbs led the team in rushing in 2002 with 1,008 yards when Williams was injured. Tre Smith (PS#27) adds experience and depth.
5. **Texas** Cedric Benson (PS#5) has recorded 3 straight 1,000 yard seasons. He not only turned down a shot at the NFL this year he also quit playing baseball which had cut into his spring and summer. Selvin Young (PS#19) is one backup and they have 3 others VHT's in the backfield adding depth.
6. **Louisville** Eric Shelton (PS#3) originally signed at Florida St. Despite a banged up 2003, he rushed for 790 yards in 10 games. Michael Bush (PS#3QB) was dangerous at QB/RB/WR last year but will probably focus on RB this year. Lionel Gates had 817 yards (5.8) with 4 starts last year.
7. **NC State** If only they could keep TA McLendon healthy! He rushed for over a 1,000 yards despite playing with a cast on his broken wrist as a frosh. He also missed half the season last year but was effective when healthy. Darrell Blackman (PS#6) will battle for time after sitting out last year. True frosh Andre Brown (PS#10) could play right away.
8. **Minnesota** Marion Barber III, whose dad was a 1,000 yard rusher for the Gophers, had 742 yards as a true frosh and then after a RS year had 1,196 yards (5.8) in 2003. True frosh Laurence Maroney was talented enough to earn time in a crowded backfield and was Big 10 Frosh of the Year with 1,121 yards (6.9). UM had just the 30th backfield in NCAA history to have a pair of 1,000 yard backs. Both return.
9. **Syracuse** Walter Reyes is the latest in a long line of great backs here with 4.36 speed. He was leading the NCAA in rushing when backup Damien Rhodes (PS#31, 4.34 spd) was injured in the 4th game. Without Rhodes spelling him he was not as effective but still had 1,347 yards rushing. Rhodes is also back.
10. **Memphis** DeAngelo Williams was the CUSA Offensive Player of the Year in 2003. He led the NCAA in all-purpose yards after adding 15 lbs of muscle in the offseason but was injured and missed the last 2 games. Derron Parquet (PS#29), an LSU transfer with 4.29 speed, had 195 yards in his 2 starts here last year but got injured in the bowl. Both return healthy and also back is FB Robert Douglas, a solid blocker.
11. **Miami, Fl** Frank Gore (PS#10) averaged 8.8 ypc in 2001 but missed 2002 and the 2H of 2003 with knee injuries. Tyrone Moss (PS#2) rushed for 511 yards as a true frosh and is a power runner with breakaway speed. They add in PS#2, PS#6 and PS#8 RB's in this year's frosh class.


LSU
RB Justin Vincent

12. **Florida St** Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) looked great as a rFr early but suffered an injury-plagued year and had just 334 yards. He has a great shot at a 1,000 this year. Leon Washington (PS#8) also was injured most of 2003. They add in a PS#5 true frosh this year and have plenty of talented depth.
13. **Virginia** Wali Lundy (PS#21) was leading the ACC in rushing prior to injury but still rushed for 929 yards. Michael Johnson (PS#5) redshirted last year and is added to the mix which includes 2001's top rusher Alvin Pearman who set an ACC record for a TB with 16 rec vs Florida St.
14. **Tennessee** Cedric Houston (PS#11) is 220 lbs with 4.36 speed and had 744 yards in an injury plagued 2003. Gerald Riggs (PS#3) has been banged up in his career but could be 100% this year. Corey Larkins has 4.27 speed. FB/TB Jabari Davis had 1,134 yards the last 2 years. They add 2 VHT true frosh this year.
15. **Wisconsin** Anthony Davis had 1,466 yards in 2001 and 1,555 yards in 2002 but had just 8 starts last year and was not really healthy all season. Dwayne Smith had a strong finish to the year with 207 vs Mich St and 857 yards with just 5 starts. FB Matt Bernstein is a solid blocker at 264 lbs.

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Navy
17. Florida
18. S Carolina
19. Georgia
20. Maryland
21. Arkansas
22. Arizona
23. New Mexico
24. Oklahoma
25. North Texas
26. TCU

Minnesota
RB Marion Barber III

Auburn
RB Carnell Williams

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

RECEIVERS 2004's Top Receiving Units

1. **Michigan** Purdue coach Joe Tiller called this the best group of receivers he had ever seen last year. Braylon Edwards was 1st Team Big 10 and turned down a shot at the NFL. Jason Avant (PS#10) was 2nd Team Big 10. Carl Tabb (PS#12), Adrian Arrington (PS#10), and Steve Breaston give great depth at WR and the TE's are loaded with VHT's.
2. **Oklahoma** Mark Clayton was a 1st Team AA and set school records with 1,425 receiving yards and 15 TD's. Jejuan Rankins (PS#7) and Brandon Jones (PS#13) the other two starting WR's are both back and combined for 79 rec's last year. They have 3 VHT's at TE and numerous others at WR. This group helped White win the Heisman last year.
3. **Florida St** Craphonso Thorpe won ACC titles in the 100M and 200M in track and had a super 19.5 ypc on 51 rec last year until an injury. Dominic Robinson (PS#5DB) had 16 rec. Chris Davis (PS#4) had 23 and Chauncey Stovall (PS#22JC) had 19. This is FSU so the backups are almost all VHT's (see pg 84).
4. **Michigan St** TE Eric Knott is one of the best in the NCAA with 66 rec the last two years. Agim Shabaj (PS#33) is a sprinter on the track team and led the team with 57 rec. Aaron Alexander (PS#20QB) had 44 rec and Kyle Brown (PS#6) had 29. Matt Trannon (6-6 228) gives them great size at WR and he had 28 rec in 2003.
5. **Georgia** Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown (PS#1) are both NFL caliber WR's that suffered through injuries last season and should be 100% this year. Sean Bailey (PS#6) who played as a true and Mario Raley (PS#18) add depth. TE Leonard Pope (PS#7) played in 12 games as a true frosh.
6. **NC State** Sterling Hicks (PS#28) had 37 rec in 2002 and suffered a torn ACL in the opener of 2003 after 8 rec's and he is back. Tramain Hall (PS#23RB) FINALLY gained eligibility and had 69 rec's, while Richard Washington (PS#11) added 44. TE TJ Williams snagged 28 rec and may be the strongest player on the team.
7. **Tennessee** The Vols have a reputation for being WR "U" but have not lived up to it the last 2 years. Robert Meachem (PS#5) is 6-3 with 4.28 speed but was injured last year. Tony Brown (PS#21) has 63 rec's in 2 years and converted QB James Banks (PS#6) had 42 rec. TE's McClure and Finlayson are solid blockers and there are a lot of VHT's in reserve.
8. **Hawaii** Hawaii WR's are always rated higher than they deserve because they catch a lot of balls due to the offense. They are not more talented than most WR's, just a product of the system. This year the talent lives up to their billing as Chad Owens, Nate Ilaoa, Jason Rivers and Britton Komine all have size and/or speed with NFL possibilities.
9. **UCLA** Craig Bragg has solid size, speed and has led the team in receiving for 3 straight years. Junior Taylor (PS#11) will keep defenses from keying on him. TE is 3 deep in VHT's with Marcedes Lewis (PS#1), Keith Carter (PS#10) and JJ Hair (PS#11). The Bruins' offense was poor last year but these receivers are talented.
10. **Miami, Fl** The Hurricanes keep losing players to the NFL but keep finding outstanding replacements. Find out who will win the battle to follow in Shockey and Winslow's footsteps at TE (see pg 86). Coker has called WR Roscoe Parrish the most exciting player he has ever coached despite being injured most of last year. Ryan Moore (PS#2) and Akieem Jolla (PS#5) are just a couple of their VHT WR's ready to step up.
11. **Texas Tech** Read what I wrote about #8 Hawaii above and you could say the same thing about Texas Tech since Leach has taken over as head man. Nehemiah Glover has 4.36 speed and had 77 rec's last year. Marquis Johnson is 6-3 210, was PS#3 and originally signed at Texas and his talent combined with this system makes for big numbers.
12. **West Virginia** Chris Henry is 6-4 200 with 4.31 speed but did not emerge until the 2H of the season, then dominated and ended up topping 1,000 yards and avg 24.5 per catch!! Eddie Jackson had 16 rec at Washington and transfers in. Miquelle Henderson led the team in 2002 but was not 100% last year. They add in true frosh Brandon Barrett (PS#12).
13. **California** Jonathan Makonnen had 54 rec in 2002 but missed most of last year and now is back. Geoff McArthur was simply #2 in the NCAA with 1,504 yards receiving and should be more effective with his QB returning. TE Garrett Cross (PS#13JC) had 16 rec in 5 games until a broken leg LY.
14. **Tulane** Roydell Williams (PS#24) is the best WR you've never heard of and topped 1000 yards in 2003 after returning from injury. Tristan Smith (PS#40) and Chris Bush combined for 70 rec's last year. They have two solid TE's in Bobby Hoover and Jerome Landry.
15. **USC** This group would have been near the very top if Mike Williams had not left and at the time of this writing there is a slight chance he could return. Despite being inexperienced this unit has a lot of talent and is loaded with VHT's led by TE Alex Holmes (PS#5), TE Dominque Byrd (PS#3), WR Whitney Lewis (PS#2) and WR Steve Smith (PS#3).

Michigan St
WR Agim Shabaj

California
WR Geoff McArthur

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Miami, Oh
17. Notre Dame
18. Arizona St
19. Toledo
20. TCU
21. Wisconsin
22. Washington
23. Memphis
24. Kansas
25. Mississippi

OFFENSIVE LINE 2004's Top OL Units

1. **Oklahoma** The Sooners O-line allowed just 5.8% sacks last year and opened holes for 3.8 ypc rushing. This year all 5 starters return and the unit has good size averaging 6-5 305. RT Jammal Brown turned down a shot as a probable 1st round draft pick and this is a very talented group.
2. **Virginia** Elton Brown won the award for the ACC's top OL last year. D'Brickashaw Ferguson was good enough to start as a 265 lb true frosh and is now a 295 lb junior. Nine of the top 10 return and the unit allowed just 2.6% sacks in 2003 despite not having an overly mobile QB.
3. **Florida** The Gators front wall averages 6-6 321 and returns 4 starters from last year's group that allowed just 6.7% sacks. The entire 2 deep consists of VHT's and they add in a couple of 2002 starters. This is a huge, talented O-line that will improve upon the 4.2 ypc rushing they paved the way for in 2003.
4. **Texas** Nine of the top 10 are back and naturally with the way Mack Brown recruits, there are VHT's in the 3rd string. They average 305 lbs across the front and the Horns had a solid 5.1 ypc rushing last year.
5. **Florida St** Last year the group was inexperienced with just 1 starter back and the team averaged 3.7 ypc rushing while the OL allowed 5.7% sacks. This year all 5 starters are back and naturally with this being FSU almost the entire three deep are VHT's.
6. **LSU** In 2002 LSU avg 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Despite having 4 starters back and winning a National Title last year, key numbers were weaker, thanks to 9 sacks allowed in the last 2 games (vs Oklahoma and Georgia). They lose two starters but have a lot of talent and are near the top once again.
7. **Northwestern** The Wildcats usually do not land a lot of VHT's but Walker has FOUR VHT starters with experience on this unit. NU avg 4.7 ypc rushing and allowed just 6.9% sacks and the entire starting group is back. This is the Big 10's best O-line and a very underrated group.
8. **Minnesota** Start with your key indicators for O-line play. Minny avg'd 5.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 5.6% sacks. Almost the entire unit is back this year with 5 players who started 6 or more games, so this line is even more experienced than last year's fine group and one of the best.
9. **Mississippi** Since '99, Ole Miss has allowed the fewest amount of sacks in the SEC. Last year they yielded 4.2% sacks despite not having a very mobile QB and losing one of their top OL, Chris Spencer (PS#2) for most of the year. They have 4 VHT starters and good size with a 6-5 313 average.
10. **Miami, Fl** The Hurricanes lost 3 NFL draft picks in 2002 but still avg 5.2 ypc rushing. Last year's group was solid despite losing two starters with just 4.1% sacks allowed and 4.6 ypc rushing. They lose two starters again but as expected, are loaded with VHT's and will be prime time producers once again.
11. **Michigan** Lloyd Carr was very high on last year's O-line and the unit allowed just 15 sacks during the regular season while opening holes for their best ypc (4.3) since 2000. Two starters depart but Carr traditionally lands plenty of NFL caliber O-linemen and this year's unit has its fair share.
12. **South Carolina** The Gamecocks O-line was young and injury prone last year and yet they allowed sacks on just 2.8% of pass attempts and had a 4.2 ypc rushing. They lose their outstanding LT but all 5 projected starters each started at least 6 games last year so this unit is more experienced than the 2003 version.
13. **Wisconsin** 2003 was an atypical year for the Badgers offensive front as an inexperienced unit yielded 37 sacks and opened holes for their weakest ypc production (4.0) since 1997. A 4.0 ypc is pretty good by most standards and this year's O-line has all 5 starters back and will resemble your typical dominating UW front.
14. **Notre Dame** The Irish O-line struggled last season but is loaded with VHT's, They avg'd 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 5.8% sacks last year which are surprisingly high numbers if you watched the unit. Seven of the top 10 return this year with the lowest rated starter "just" PS#29. This is a much improved line.
15. **New Mexico** This unit is one of the reasons for the Lobos' recent success as they normally have a huge line that run blocks well. Last year's line opened holes for 4.4 ypc rushing and this year's group has an avg size of 6-4 330 and has all 3 starters back from the O-line interior (G/C).

Oklahoma
C Vince Carter

Oklahoma
RT Jammal Brown

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Kansas St
17. Maryland
18. West Virginia
19. Memphis
20. Fresno St
21. Georgia
22. Tennessee
23. Washington St
24. Texas Tech
25. Penn St

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

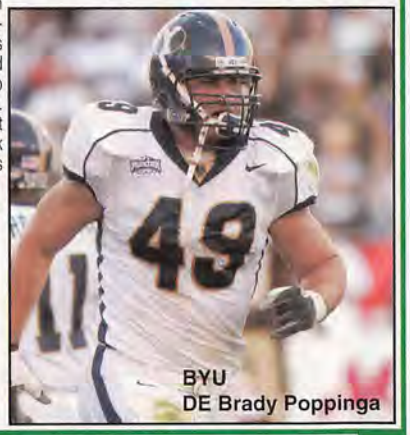
DEFENSIVE LINE 2004's Top DL Units

1. **USC** They lose two starters including 1st Rd DC Kenechi Udeze from last year's Wild Bunch II D-line. They do however have a pair of 1st team Pac 10 DT's returning in Mike Patterson and Shaun Cody (PS#1) as well as two VHT DE's who should step in and do well. Patterson was 2nd team AA and Cody was 3rd Tm HM AA in 2003.
2. **Oklahoma** Last year all 4 starters earned Big 12 mention with 3 on the 1st Team and one on the 3rd. They do lose 1st Rd DC DT Tommie Harris but rotated 8 DL's and have 6 of them back. DE Dan Cody had 10 sks and the other Big 12 team members are DT Dusty Dvoracek (7 sks) and DE Jonathan Jackson who has 4.5 speed.
3. **Georgia** DE David Pollack was the 1st defensive player picked as SEC POY since 1988 and had 14 sacks and 9 tfl in '02. LY he had 92 tks, 7.5 sks and was 1st team AA for a 2nd straight year but turned down the NFL. DE Will Thompson had 6 sks in 2002 and missed 2003. DT Kedric Golston (PS#3) missed half of LY. They make up for two starters that depart.

USC
DT Shaun Cody

Notre Dame
DE Justin Tuck

4. **Miami, Fl** This was an inexperienced group last year but still performed well. This year just one starter departs. DE Thomas Carroll (PS#19, 5 sks), DT Orien Harris (PS#6, 32 qbh - 2 yrs), DT Santonio Thomas (PS#40OL) and DE Baraka Atkins (PS#50) are the first stringers and backup DE Javon Nanton had 8 sks last year.
5. **Florida St** Naturally the Seminoles are loaded with VHT's but do have to replace 3 starters this year. DE Eric Moore (PS#2LB) had 7.5 sks last year, DT Travis Johnson (PS #1) has 86 tkls in 2 years, DE Kamerion Wimbley (PS#6) had 7 tfl and DT Brodrick Bunkley added 8 tfl. The backups are mostly VHT's.
6. **Wisconsin** The Badgers were much improved up front last year and return all 4 starters plus a 2002 starter who missed 2003. DE Jonathan Welsh had 8 sks, DT Anttaj Hawthorne (PS#5) was 1st team Big 10 with 20 tfl and DE Darius Jones (PS#5) is solid. Justin Ostrowski (PS#4), a rFr, could take a starting spot.
7. **Notre Dame** DE Justin Tuck (PS#16) set a school record with 13.5 sks LY and DE Victor Abiamiri (PS#1) became just the 9th frosh DL starter here since 1972. NG Greg Pauly (PS#4) and DT Derek Landri (PS#5) round out the starters and 6 of the top 8 are back from a solid 2003 unit.
8. **Texas** Two starters depart but 7 players are back with starting experience and almost everyone in the two deep is a VHT. DT Rodrique Wright (PS#2) was 2nd team Big 12 as a soph. DE Bryan Pickryl (PS#4) started 5 as a true but missed 2003 with injury, also returns.
9. **LSU** The Tigers lose two full time starters in DE Marquise Hill and DT Chad Lavalais (1st team AA). They do have Marcus Spears (PS#3) who was 1st team SEC with 13 tfl and 19 qbh. DE Melvin Oliver (10.5 sks, 2 yrs) returns and they also have a ton of VHT's ready to step up in Saban's outstanding defensive schemes.
10. **Oregon** Haloti Ngata (PS#1) had 8 starts as a true frosh but RS LY due to injury and is now back. DE Devan Long had 10.5 sacks. DT Robby Valenzuela is a tough run stuffer that also had 4.5 sks. DE Chris Solomona was PS#12JC in 2002 and rounds out the starters.
11. **Virginia Tech** With their great work in the weight room, VT always has a D-line that is strong and fast. Despite losing 2 starters, this is a solid aggressive group once again. DT Jonathan Lewis (PS#15) had 7 tfl last year and check out page 90 to how that this unit goes 3 deep in quality talent.
12. **South Carolina** This unit is loaded with VHT's and have all 4 starters back this year. DE George Gause (PS#10) had 5 sks in an injury plagued year, Darrell Shropshire (PS#4JC), DE Moe Thompson (PS#14TE) who was HM SEC last year, and NG Freddy Saint-Preux (PS#84JC) round out the starters.
13. **Ohio St** The Buckeyes had arguably the top DL in the country last year and held Darren Sproles to 38 yards in the bowl. The losses are heavy this year but they normally lose a lot to the NFL. While 3 starters depart, 5 of the top 8 return and many will be this year's stars.
14. **BYU** BYU's D improved in 2003 and are now in the 2nd year of Bronco Mendenhall's system. DE Brady Poppinga has been 1st team MWC 2 straight years and DE John Denney had 6 tfl on the 3 man line last year. Add in JUCO Vince Feula (PS#29JC) and more production from Nebraska transfer Manaia Brown and this unit is tough.
15. **NC State** Six players return with starting experience including DE Mario Williams (PS#10), who had 5 sks and 8 tfl, and DT John McCargo who had 14 tfl and 16 qbh. Two players who missed most of 2003 with injuries are back and they add in PS#1 DL this year in DeMario Pressley.

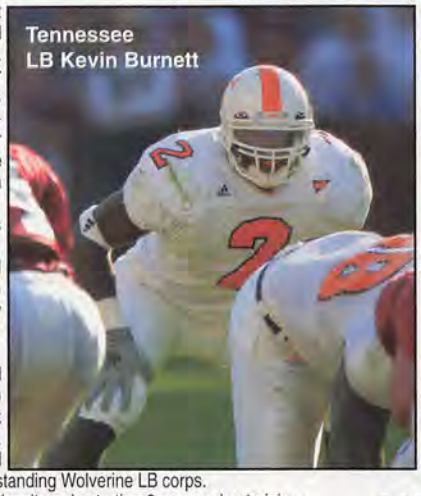

BYU
DE Brady Poppinga

The rest of the Top 25:

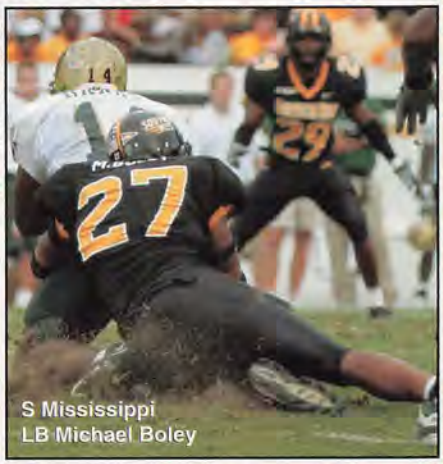
16. Iowa
17. Northwestern
18. Missouri
19. Kansas St
20. Michigan
21. Georgia Tech
22. Fresno St
23. California
24. Penn St
25. Tennessee

LINEBACKERS 2004's Top LB Units

1. **Ohio St** The Bucks lose 2 starters from last year's fine unit but have the most experienced additions of any team at this spot in the NCAA. They add John Kerr who was Indiana's #1 tackler in 2002 and Anthony Schlegel who was Air Force's #1 tackler in 2002 and 1st team MWC. They already had AJ Hawk who was the Bucks' #1 tackler and 1st Team Big 10. Fighting for spots are Mike D'Andrea (PS#1, inj LY) and Marcus Freeman (PS#8) as well as all 3 backups from 2003.
2. **Virginia** Al Groh knows about NFL caliber LB's and just happens to have a unit loaded with them. Darryl Blackstock has 192 tkls in 2 years, Ahmad Brooks (PS#2) had 117 tkls LY, Kai Parham (PS#4) had 89 tkls and Dennis Haley added 36 tkls. They have Jermaine Dias (PS#13) and Olu Hall (PS#16) among some quality backups.
3. **Michigan** Four of the top 6 LB's are back and the starters are formidable in Pierre Woods (PS#9) who was 2nd team Big 10, Scott McClintock (PS#9) and Lawrence Reid who was HM Big 10. Backups include Shawn Crable (PS#2DL) and Prescott Burgess (PS#1DB). This is another outstanding Wolverine LB corps.


Tennessee
LB Kevin Burnett

4. **USC** Matt Grootegoed was 2nd Team Pac 10 despite only starting 8 games due to injury, Lofa Tatupu had 98 tkls, 12 tfl, 10 pbu and Dallas Sartz (PS#23) added 60 tkls as a backup. Three backups return and 3 VHT's are added to the mix and will contend.
5. **Tennessee** The Vols return two very productive LB's in Kevin Simon (PS#2) and Kevin Burnett who has 4.42 speed. Both were 2nd Team SEC. Daniel Brooks (PS#6) who played as a true frosh figures to grab an open spot but Jason Mitchell (PS#14), Jon Poe (PS#38JC) and Omar Gaither (PS#35) may have something to say about that.
6. **Texas** I can't list every VHT in this unit because it is Texas and they are loaded with them. Derrick Johnson (PS#6) was simply 1st team AA with 125 tkls and 20 tfl and has 4.4 speed. Aaron Harris (PS#7) who had 60 tkls and Garnet Smith (PS#14) was a projected starter who missed last year.
7. **San Diego St** The "Dark Side" defense was one of the biggest surprises in 2003. That lights out unit was powered by some exceptional LB's and all 3 starters are back. Matthew McCoy led the MWC in tackles and their best LB is Kirk Morrison who was simply MWC Defensive Player of the Year and 1st Tm AA.
8. **Notre Dame** The Irish return two excellent starters from 2003 in Derek Curry (PS#25) and Brandon Hoyte (PS#29). They get back Mike Goolsby (PS#4) who was a 2002 starter that missed last season with injury. Five of the top 6 are back and all of the backups are VHT's.
9. **Oklahoma** The Sooners lose all 3 starters from last year but are still very solid. Lance Mitchell was 2nd Team Big 12 in 2002 with 19 tfl and missed 2003 with injury. The Sooners have a ton of VHT's ready to step in and Stoops does an excellent job filling holes on defense.
10. **Missouri** It's hard to believe that the Tigers have such a star studded LB corps. Start with James Kinney their #1 tackler who was 2nd Team Big 12. Add Dedrick Harrington (PS#20WR) who had 11 tfl and the very talented David Richard (PS#10) who started at RB for Mich St. The backups are solid and experienced.
11. **LSU** Saban has done a great job recruiting and has a lot of talent in this unit. LSU had my #1 defense last year. This year 2 starters are back from that year's excellent unit in Cameron Vaughn (PS#24) who had 55 tkls and Lionel Turner who has 149 tkls the last two years. Good depth makes them tough.
12. **Iowa** Here is another unit that is perennially tough and this year they have a pair of starters back in Abdul Hodge 141 tkls, 1st Team Big 10 and Chad Greenway who had 132 tkls and was 2nd Team Big 10. Last year they had to replace their top LB and this year have the top 2 back.
13. **UNLV** Talk about your underrated groups, UNLV is loaded with NFL caliber talent at this spot. Ryan Claridge, Reggie Butler, Adam Seward (1st Tm MWC) and John Andrews (PS#18JC) all return as starters plus Robinson recruited some more JUCO's to add depth to the unit.
14. **NC State** The Wolfpack D is getting stronger each year and now they have all 3 starters back from a good 2003 group. Pat Thomas was 2nd Team ACC and is joined by Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (105 tkls) and Oliver Hoyte (97 tkls, 8 tfl) and they add some frosh VHT's.
15. **S Mississippi** Last year Rod Davis turned down a shot at the NFL and was simply the CUSA Defensive Player of the Year. While he departs, Michael Boley turned down a shot at the NFL and he was 1st team CUSA LY and hopes for the same results that Davis had. Kevis Coley (PS#46) is a VHT who has 32 tackles the last 2 years.


S Mississippi
LB Michael Boley

The rest of the Top 27:

16. Alabama
17. California
18. Virginia Tech
19. Miami, Fl
20. Florida
21. Oregon St
22. Clemson
23. Kansas St
24. Stanford
25. Kansas
26. UCLA
27. South Carolina

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2004's Top DB Units

1. **LSU** The Tigers had my #1 pass defense last year thanks to CB Corey Webster with 25 pbu and 7 int and Travis Daniels with 26 pbu. FS LaRon Landry (PS#18) had 9 starts as a true frosh and was 2nd Team SEC. The new SS will be either Jessie Daniels who played as a true or JUCO Mario Stevenson (PS#18JC) who was in for the spring. LSU has a good chance of defending their #1 title.
2. **Oklahoma** The Sooners had my #8 rated pass defense last year and have 5 of the top 8 back plus add some JUCO's and VHT frosh. CB Antonio Perkins was 1st Team Big 12, FS Brodney Poole 2nd Team Big 12 and SS Donte Nicholson 3rd Team Big 12. Add super JC Chijioke Onyenegecha who is 6-2, yet has 4.3 speed, and this is an outstanding unit.

LSU
CB Corey Webster

3. **Michigan** Marlin Jackson (PS#6) was 2nd Team AA at CB in 2002 but bit the bullet and played FS last year because that's what Coach Carr wanted. He is back at CB and teams with Markus Curry (PS#20) who was 2nd Team Big 10 last year. SS Ernest Shazor (PS#1) and FS Ryan Mundy (PS#5) are solid and provide good depth.
4. **Florida St** FSU usually finishes high in my pass D rankings. Last year they were #14 and this year 3 starters return. There are a lot of VHT's including a pair of PS#1's in CB Bryant McFadden and FS Pat Watkins. McFadden is teamed with Antonio Cromartie (PS#3) who is 6-3 with 4.5 speed. SS Jerome Carter (PS#7) has 172 tkls in 2 years.
5. **Nebraska** The Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings last year including an incredible ratio of 10 TD's to 32 int! This year they lose 1 starter and 3 backups but 5 players are back with starting experience. Their best cover CB is Fabian Washington and FS Josh Bullocks was 1st Team Big 12.
6. **Miami, FI** The Canes have had 3 straight Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings including #3 last year. They lose 3 big time starters but keep in mind that in 2002 they lost 3 FIRST RD DC's from the secondary and still finished #9 with 3 frosh and 2 soph starters. CB Antrel Rolle was 3rd Tm AA last year.
7. **Oregon St** CB Brandon Browner is 6-4 202 and was the Pac 10 Frosh of the Year in 2003. CB Aric Williams was HM Pac 10. SS Sabby Piscitelli is 6-3 with 4.43 speed and FS Mitch Meeuwsen was HM Pac 10 last year and is one int away from tying the school record for career int. They also add 2 VHT's to what was my #4 secondary LY.
8. **Texas** UT was #15 in my pass D rankings last year and as usual, the unit is loaded with VHT's down to the 3rd and 4th team. This year they have 3 starters returning and the unit has good size and speed throughout. They do lose their top cover CB but are always high in the final rankings.
9. **Wisconsin** The Badgers were just #29 in my pass D rankings last year but have solid talent and almost everyone is back. FS Jim Leonhard is a two-time 1st Team Big 10 player and has 18 int and 30 pbu the last 2 years. CB Scott Starks had 18 pbu last year while CB Brett Bell (PS#10) returns from injury.
10. **Georgia Tech** FS James Butler (1st Tm ACC) was a Thorpe Award finalist last year. SS Dawan Landry is NFL-caliber. CB Reuben Houston (PS#28, 6-0 195) is on the track team. New starting CB Kenny Scott (PS#11) played as a true frosh. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (finished #42) but this year 3 starters are back.
11. **Arizona St** The Sun Devils were #14 in my pass D rankings in 2002 but slipped to #35 last year as no player was able to start all 12 games. CB Chris McKenzie (PS#37JC) has 4.3 speed and started the last 8. CB RJ Oliver had 18 pbu in 2002 but was banged up last year. SS Riccardo Stewart was 2nd Team Pac 10.
12. **USC** The Trojans had to replace 3 starters last year from the secondary yet still moved up from #12 in my pass D rankings in 2002 to #7 in 2003. This year just 2 starters depart so they are more experienced. SS Darnell Bing (PS#4) had 13 starts as a true frosh and the unit is loaded with VHT's.
13. **Oklahoma St** Six frosh saw action in 2002 and last year they were sophs. The unit was just #63 in my pass D rankings but is another year older. Their CB's Darrent Williams (4.28) and Robert Jones (4.46) have solid speed. Williams earned 1st Tm Big 12 with 17 pbu. SS Vernon Grant has 4.32 speed.
14. **UCLA** The last 3 years the Bruins have finished #4, #13 and #12 in my efficiency D ratings. They allowed the fewest TD passes in the Pac 10. Starters FS Ben Emanuel (PS#18), SS Jarrad Page (PS#19) and CB Matthew Clark return. Two VHT's are in the mix for the open CB spot.
15. **Ohio St** The Bucks had to replace 3 starters last year including 1st RD DC Michael Doss but still finished #37 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose another 1st RD DC in Chris Gamble but are more experienced with 6 of the top 8 back. CB Dustin Fox (2nd Tm Big 10), FS Nate Salley (HM Big 10) are joined by two veteran VHT's.

Arizona St
SS Riccardo Stewart

The rest of the Top 25:

16. Tulsa
17. Clemson
18. Washington
19. Stanford
20. NC State
21. Boston College
22. Penn St
23. Iowa
24. UAB
25. Miami, Oh

SPECIAL TEAMS 2004's Top Special Teams Units

1. **Oklahoma** Antonio Perkins had FOUR PR TD's last year. Mark Bradley avg 35.3 on 7 KR's. P Blake Ferguson had a 41.9 avg but an even more impressive 38.3 net. K Trey DiCarlo was a Lou Groza finalist and hit 19 of 22 FG's with a high % of KO's resulting in touchbacks. They need to improve upon the punt blocks allowed, but they are at the top of every category.
1. **Michigan St** John L. Smith's teams always do well including a #8 finish in 2002 at L'ville (plays a lot of starters). He inherited my #99 rated group but last year they were simply #1 in my rankings (including K). K Dave Rayner hit four 50+ FG's last year and has a high % of TB's. P Brandon Fields was 1st Tm Big 10 with a 40.7 team net. DeAndra "Turbo" Cobb had 3 KR TD's (27.2). They blocked just 1 punt but Smith's teams always get more. They tie Oklahoma for the top spot.

Maryland
PK Nick Novak

3. **Maryland** The Terps were #6 in my overall special teams rankings in 2002 but slid a little to #13 last year (including the K). K Nick Novak hit 24 of 32 with a long of 54 and could become the ACC career points leader this year. PR Steve Suter had 4 PR TD's in '02 but was banged up last year and will be more of a force. P Adam Podlesh had a 42.3 avg and 37.9 net.
4. **Miami, FI** KR Devin Hester avg a super 28.7 and PR Roscoe Parrish avg 10.4. True frosh P Brian Monroe (PS#11) struggled at times but should be much better with experience. K Jon Peattie had no struggles as he hit 22 of 28 with a long of 51. They were #8 (including the K) last year and look even stronger.
5. **Boise St** The Broncos have 5 straight finishes in my Top 32 but had their best year in 2003 at #3 (including the K). They have 19 punt blocks over the last 5 years. KO man Tyler Jones has a great leg (50% TB's). He hit 19 of 25 FG's with 2 misses being 50+. P Kyle Stringer had a 35.7 net. KR Chris Carr avg 26.1 and Brad Allen (14.3) is the new PR.
6. **S Mississippi** S Miss always has a top notch ST's unit but last year had almost entirely new personnel and a new ST coach and dropped to #53 (including the K). True frosh K Darren McCaleb hit 14 of 17 with a long of 47. KR John Eubanks (29.4) and PR Marvin Young (13.6) were both 1st Tm CUSA. P Luke Johnson improved as the season went on and 35% of his punts were inside the 20. True frosh Britt Barefoot had 67 TB's in high school. SM blocked 9 punts from 2000-02 but 0 LY, and should improve in that area with everyone back.
7. **Tennessee** P Dustin Colquitt avg 45.3 with a net of 38.9 and has improved every year. K James Wilhoit hit 17 of his last 24 FG's (long 51) and had 50% TB's. KR Corey Larkins avg 23.5 in 2002 and 20.4 LY. Only a PR must be replaced from 2003's #17 unit.
8. **USC** After a surprising #104 finish in 2002 the Trojans moved up to #29 last year. P Tom Malone was USC's 1st AA P last year with a net of 43.7. K Ryan Killeen was a Groza semifinalist and hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 45. Reggie Bush (PS#5) avg 27.3 on KR's, so a Top 10 finish is to be expected.
9. **Minnesota** The Gophers were only #58 in my ST rankings in 2002 and had to replace their excellent P and K last year and appeared in trouble. Rhys Lloyd, a late JUCO signee, took over both duties and had a high % of TB's, two 50+ FG's and avg'd 39.2 on punts. KR Laurence Maroney (25.8) and PR Marion Barber III (14.5) both return as does Rhys.
10. **UCF** Despite their horrible overall season, which got the coach fired, UCF still finished #12 in my ST rankings. P Matt Prater, who was recruited by Ohio St, led the NCAA with a 47.9 avg LY and has hit 24 of 31 FG's with a long of 52 the past 2 years. KR Luther Huggins avg 25.1 LY.
11. **LSU** Saban plays a lot of starters on this unit, and his teams are always highly ranked in our regular special teams. After #8 and #11 finishes the previous two years, they were #4 in the combined. They must replace their super P Donnie Jones and top KR Devery Henderson but Skyler Green (18.5 on PR's) and both K's are back. They bring in a PS#2 at P, Patrick Fisher.
12. **Oregon** One of the reasons for Bellotti's success is his attention to this unit, which has had 8 Top 35 finishes in 9 years. Last year the Ducks were #30. True frosh P Paul Martinez avg 37.0 ypp (34.5 net). K Jared Siegel hit a school record 59 yard FG in 2002. Their top returnmen are also back.
13. **Oklahoma St** The Cowboys have 8 straight Top 40 ST finishes. Joe DeForest coaches this unit and guided them to a #3 finish in 2001 and #18 in 2002. P Cole Farden avg 43.2 in 2003 and PR Darrent Williams (4.28 speed) avg 17.9. Luke Phillips had a streak of 16 straight FG's with 3 from 50+ and over 50% TB's but must be replaced. They were #5 last year and should stay near the top.
14. **North Texas** K Nick Bazaldua hit 10 of 15 FG's with 2 misses from 50+. P Brad Kadlubar had a super net of 38.8. They blocked 6 punts which helped them finish #10 in my rankings despite an average return game.
15. **Miami, Oh** When Hoeppner took over, he put his right hand man Ron Johnson in charge of special teams and after not having a PR TD since 1974, they had two in 2000. Last year Ryne Robinson had 3 PR TD's. K Jared Parseghian hit 14 of 14 FG's in 2002 but was injured last year. P Mike Wafzig is in his 4th year and has improved each season. They finished #32 last year and are moving up this year.

Maryland
PR Steve Suter

The rest of the Top 26:

16. Virginia
17. Utah
18. Texas
19. Florida
20. BYU
21. Florida St
22. Kansas St
23. Mississippi
24. UAB
25. Ohio St
26. Fresno St

2004 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2004. (Remaining Bowls On Page 2.)

ORANGE BOWL

Oklahoma vs USC

BCS Title Game

ORANGE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Miami, Fl (+1') 16 Florida St 14
2002 USC (-4') 38 Iowa 17
2001 Florida (-14) 56 Maryland 23

ROSE BOWL

Michigan vs California

ROSE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 USC (-7) 28 Michigan 14
2002 Oklahoma (-6') 34 Washington St 14
2001 Miami, Fl (-8') 37 Nebraska 14

SUGAR BOWL

LSU vs W Virginia

SUGAR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 LSU (+7) 21 Oklahoma 14
2002 Georgia (-8) 26 Florida St 13
2001 LSU (-2) 47 Illinois 34

FIESTA BOWL

Texas vs Florida St

FIESTA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Ohio St (+7) 35 Kansas St 28
2002 Ohio St (+11') 31 Miami, Fl 24
2001 Oregon (+3) 38 Colorado 16

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Georgia vs Ohio St

CITRUS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Georgia (-3') 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2002 Auburn (+7) 13 Penn St 9
2001 Tennessee (-3) 45 Michigan 17

COTTON BOWL

Missouri vs Alabama

COTTON BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Mississippi (-2') 31 Oklahoma St 28
2002 Texas (-10') 35 LSU 20
2001 Oklahoma (-13) 10 Arkansas 3

GATOR BOWL

Miami, Fl vs Notre Dame

GATOR BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Maryland (-3') 41 West Virginia 7
2002 NC State (-1) 28 Notre Dame 6
2001 Florida St (+2) 30 Virginia Tech 17

OUTBACK BOWL

Wisconsin vs Tennessee

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Iowa (+3') 37 Florida 17
2002 Michigan (-1) 38 Florida 30
2001 S Carolina (-1) 31 Ohio St 28

HOLIDAY BOWL

Oregon vs Kansas St

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Washington St (+9') 28 Texas 20
2002 Kansas St (-18') 34 Arizona St 27
2001 Texas (-13) 47 Washington 43

PEACH BOWL

Virginia vs Florida

PEACH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Clemson (+4') 27 Tennessee 14
2002 Maryland (-1) 30 Tennessee 3
2001 N Carolina (-2) 16 Auburn 10

ALAMO BOWL

Texas A&M vs Minnesota

ALAMO BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Nebraska (-3) 17 Michigan St 3
2002 Wisconsin (+7') 31 Colorado 28
2001 Iowa (-1) 19 Texas Tech 16

SUN BOWL

Penn St vs Oregon St

SUN BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Minnesota (-4') 31 Oregon 30
2002 Purdue (+3) 34 Washington 24
2001 Washington St (-6') 33 Purdue 27

LIBERTY BOWL

Memphis vs Utah

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Utah (-2) 17 S Mississippi 0
2002 TCU (+5) 17 Colorado St 3
2001 Louisville (-3) 28 BYU 10

MUSIC CITY BOWL

S Carolina vs Purdue

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Auburn (-3') 28 Wisconsin 14
2002 Minnesota (+7') 29 Arkansas 14
2001 Boston College (+4) 20 Georgia 16

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Texas Tech vs Auburn

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Arkansas (-2') 27 Missouri 14
2002 Mississippi (+7) 27 Nebraska 23
2001 Alabama (-6) 14 Iowa St 13

HAWAII BOWL

S Mississippi vs Hawaii

HAWAII (ALOHA) BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Hawaii (-10') 54 Houston 48 (3OT)
2002 Tulane (+14) 36 Hawaii 28
2001 No Game Played

LAS VEGAS BOWL

UNLV vs UCLA

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Oregon St (-2) 55 New Mexico 14
2002 UCLA (-10') 27 New Mexico 13
2001 Utah (+3') 10 USC 6

MOTOR CITY BOWL

N Illinois vs Iowa

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 Bowling Green (-7) 28 Northwestern 24
2002 Boston College (-4) 51 Toledo 25
2001 Toledo (-4) 23 Cincinnati 16

INSIGHT BOWL

Arizona St vs Boston College

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2003 California (+3) 52 Virginia Tech 49
2002 Pittsburgh (+2') 38 Oregon St 13
2001 Syracuse (+6) 26 Kansas St 3

TANGERINE BOWL

Nebraska vs Virginia Tech

TANGERINE BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2003 NC State (-12) 56 Kansas 26
2002 Texas Tech (-5') 55 Clemson 15
2001 Pittsburgh (E) 34 NC State 19

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR READERS...

I read every single questionnaire that comes back each year, and I want to thank all of you for filling out the 2003 questionnaire. YOUR responses and input help me to make Phil Steele's College Football Preview better every year. At this time I would like to share with you some of the comments that we have received from our Power Sweep and magazine readers last year. . . . . .

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.

One of the exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a yearly basis. I remember back in the late 1960's when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler's (Michigan) squads, they also have had some off years. There are a lot of conference changes taking place in the next couple of years which could create some major shifts of power.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conference slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conference games vs IAA or BCS conference opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

Oklahoma
DT Dusty Dvoracek

Before I take a look at 2003's results, let's do a quick recap of some past ratings. In 1998-99, the Big 10 compiled a 10-2 bowl record. In 1999 they had 4 teams in the Top 11 of the final polls and they narrowly edged the SEC and Big 12 in both years in my rankings. They did not hold on to their top spot in 2000 and slipped quite a bit. I had THREE Big 12 teams in my Preseason Top 7 and they got the call as my top conference in 2000. When the smoke cleared, the Big 12 had the National Champ, 3 teams in the Top 10 and a 4-3 bowl record after Nebraska and Kansas St destroyed foes from the Big 10 and SEC. From 1998-2000, the SEC had losing records in bowl games. They had a 4-5 mark in 2000 including 1-3 in Jan 1/Jan 2 bowls and their Top 2 teams, Florida and Tennessee, were manhandled. The SEC also plays one of the softer non-conference schedules during the season, which is a good reason why 9 teams were bowl eligible at the end of the year. Despite the mediocre bowl record, the SEC finished the season with 6 teams in the Top 25, which was the most of any conference. They rose to #2 in my rankings. The Pac 10 rebounded from some down years to finish #3 with 3 Top 10 teams. The Big 10 was #4 followed by the Big East (4-1 in bowls) and the ACC.

After the 2001 season was over the SEC was rated #1 when analyzing the Top 3 teams in each conference as Florida, Tennessee and LSU all finished in the Top 7. They were also rated #1 overall and were a deep and balanced league. The SEC finally had a winning bowl season with a 5-4 overall record and the Top 3 won their bowls by an avg of 24.7 ppg over tough opponents (Michigan, Maryland and Illinois). The Big 12 had FOUR of the Top 10 teams and was my #2 toughest conference for 2001, followed by the Big East, Big 10 and Pac 10 with the ACC 6th best.

In 2002 the Big 10 made a big comeback. Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St, but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big 10 also had the best record of any conference vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season. They were 8-5 with the ACC coming in second at 10-7 in that respect. They narrowly edged the Big 12 for my toughest conference honors in 2002 with the rest of the order being: 3. Pac 10, 4. SEC, 5. Big East and 6. ACC.

Last year was quite a challenge because there wasn't a clear leader among the conferences. The best record in non-conference games overall went to the Big 12 at 37-12 (76%) with the Big 10 next at 30-14 (68%). The SEC was #3 and Pac 10 and Big East tied for 4th (62.5%) in that category. An even more important category is how teams fare vs BCS conferences. For the 2nd straight year the Big 10 led in that category with a 12-8 mark vs BCS conf teams. The only other conference with a winning record in those games was the Pac 10 at 8-7!! Next I turn to the Power Ratings. I took the top 3 teams of each league and got a combined Power Rating and the best troika was from the Big 12 (Oklahoma, Texas, Kan St) followed by the SEC (LSU, Georgia, Auburn) and then the Big 10 (Michigan, Ohio St, Iowa). The Top 5 of the leagues were in the same order. The Top 8 (some conf only have 8) saw the SEC rise to the top as they have better depth than all of the other leagues with the Big 12 second and the Big 10 third. The overall average power rating went to the SEC with the Big 10 second and the Pac 10 third. The Big 12 was weighed down by Baylor, Iowa St and Texas A&M's poor ratings. The last category to look at is bowl record. The ACC, which only ranked #4 or lower in the other ratings, had the best bowl record at 5-1 and outscored opponents by an average of 21.3 pts!!! The SEC was #2 with a 5-2 mark while the Pac 10 was #3 at 4-2. The Big Ten was only 3-5 and the Big 12 was a very poor 2-6. In the lower half of the rankings, the MAC had its highest finish yet including a 7-22 24% mark vs BCS foes while the WAC was just 4-17 19%. Taking in all of the above information here is how I ranked the 2003 conferences.

2003 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

1. SEC	7. Mt West
2. Big Ten	8. CUSA
3. Big 12	9. MAC
4. ACC	10. WAC
5. Pac 10	11. Independent
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt

Auburn
RB Carnell Williams

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in 2004. First let me explain how I derive the results. I complete 5 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, and factor in coaching and special teams, and come upon my power ratings for the teams.

The second power rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 305). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

The other 3 sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade each position on a team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. It differs anywhere from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of power ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

In order to write this article, I combined all 5 sets into one main power rating and used that to create a 6th set for this year. Then the question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams. But the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5

teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. What I am trying to say is that it is still an inexact science. I think by merging the two ratings, I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that was done, I had 4 different sets of rankings. They broke down the conferences into best overall strength of the Top 3 teams in each conference, the Top 5 teams, the Top 8 teams and then the overall strength of the whole conference. This year, the Big 12 came in first in the Top 3, second in the Top 5 and third in the Top 8 but was dragged down by the bottom part of the league and were just #5 in the overall average power rating. The Big 10 was 5th in each of the first 2 categories but moved up to #3 in the overall average rankings due to better depth at the bottom. The SEC was the clear-cut winner this year ranking 1st or 2nd in all of the categories.

The newly expanded ACC moved up as you would expect and actually were #1 in the average overall rankings for their 11 teams. The MAC stayed ahead of the WAC with stronger teams in the Top 3, 5 and 8. CUSA also caught up to the watered down Big East with better numbers at the top. However with the Big East only having 7 teams they were ahead in the average overall numbers vs CUSA which had Army factored in and the two tied for 6th.

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2004

1. SEC	6. CUSA
2. Big 12	8. Mt West
3. ACC	9. MAC
4. Big Ten (tie)	10. WAC
4. Pac 10	11. Independent
6. Big East (tie)	12. Sun Belt

Clemson QB Charlie Whitehurst

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to -6 basis. Let me explain a little more about that. For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now let's say that the following year this team had their top 8 returning from the DL and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores with experience. They also have the two previous starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

A -6 would be the opposite. For example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense, that weighed 325 lbs per man and all five were 3 year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. All 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add up all of my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. I cannot predict injuries, as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries, while others will stay in good health.

What I can share with you is the most improved teams in the country. I do not have the space for the entire list but the following are the Top 21 most improved teams in the country this year (provided they stay healthy).

2004's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Texas A&M	11. Arizona St
2. Alabama	12. UCF
3. UTEP	13. BYU
4. S Carolina	14. Iowa St
5. Penn St	15. Temple
6. Fla International	16. Colorado
7. Notre Dame	17. UNLV
8. UAB	18. UCLA
9. Troy St	19. Miss St
10. Cincinnati	20. Middle Tenn
	21. Rutgers

Making my most improved list has generally been a blessing for teams and they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from being winless to a bowl victory. Also listed among the Top 20 that year was Vanderbilt, who almost made it to a bowl game. The Minnesota Golden Gophers were my #6 most improved team and they proved very solid, getting to a bowl game. Stanford was my #13 team and they performed well in the Rose Bowl as the Pac 10 Champions. My #14 most improved team was Illinois, another team that had not been to a bowl for quite some time but was back in the postseason. Number 15 on that list was Michigan St who defeated Florida in the Citrus Bowl. Another bowl winner, TCU, was #18 on the list.

The year 2000 was a VERY successful year for the most improved teams. **Of the Top 14 most improved teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 most improved team and they simply went from 0-11 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finishing with an 8-4 record. Tulane was #1 on the list and they went from 3-8 to 6-5 and were bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season they rolled on to be Co-Big 10 Champions! UCLA was #7 and went from a losing year to a bowl game. LSU came in at #10 and they went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Also on 2000's list were teams like Washington (#16) which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a 4 game improvement, and Clemson (#20) which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game.

In 2001, of the 20 teams that made my list, only ONE team had a weaker record and that was Tulsa. Three teams did have the same record as 2000 but SIXTEEN had stronger records!!! **NINE TEAMS went from a losing season to becoming bowl eligible including such surprises as Washington St, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Stanford and USC.** Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game. Washington St was picked dead last in the Pac 10 preseason poll after their 4-7 season in 2000 but simply went 10-2 and just missed out on a league title.

Of the twenty teams on this list in 2002, NINE went from non-winning records to being bowl eligible. Those teams were: USC, Penn St, Connecticut, California, North Texas, Tulane, Oregon St, West Virginia and Minnesota. **Of those 20 teams in 2002, only TWO had less wins in 2002 than they did in 2001.** USC went from 6-6 to finishing #4 in the polls at the end of the year.

Last year 4 of my top 8 most improved teams went from a losing season to being bowl eligible and 8 of the top 20 went from .500 or losing seasons to being bowl eligible. Rutgers, which went from 1-11 to 5-7, just missed. The biggest turnaround was with Memphis which was the #8 most improved team on my list and went from 3-9 to a super 9-4!!!!! Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Make sure you check out this year's list.

Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool (last year's final polls) that I find myself looking for from time-to-time, especially during the preseason. It was a great year for the polls as they invited lots of talk and debate at the end of the year with LSU and USC splitting the #1 titles. For the record my 5 sets of power ratings combined ranked them 1. LSU and 2. USC. LSU vaulted ahead of the Trojans thanks to their impressive Sugar Bowl win over an Oklahoma team that was being compared with some of the greatest teams ever at the end of the regular season.

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

1. LSU (60)	13. Kansas St
2. USC (3)	14. Mississippi
3. Oklahoma	15. Boise St
4. Ohio St	16. Tennessee
5. Miami, Fl	17. Minnesota
6. Georgia	18. Nebraska
7. Michigan	19. Purdue
8. Iowa	20. Maryland
9. Washington St	21. Utah
10. Florida St	22. Clemson
11. Texas	23. Bowling Green
12. Miami, Oh	24. TCU
	25. Florida

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

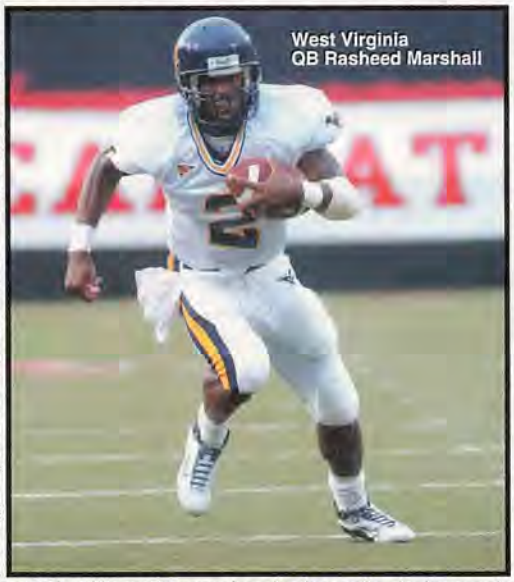
1. USC (48)	13. Mississippi
2. LSU (17)	14. Kansas St
3. Oklahoma	15. Tennessee
4. Ohio St	16. Boise St
5. Miami, Fl	17. Maryland
6. Michigan	18. Purdue
7. Georgia	19. Nebraska
8. Iowa	20. Minnesota
9. Washington St	21. Utah
10. Miami, Oh	22. Clemson
11. Florida St	23. Bowling Green
12. Texas	24. Florida
	25. TCU

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

By Phil Steele

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only team to remain undefeated for the season. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB, and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one time thing. However teams have reached the top and been big surprises in almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top ranked teams coming into the year.


West Virginia QB Rasheed Marshall

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, but much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

In 2002 it was yet another surprise team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10. In fact, only three magazines even picked them to win the Big 10 conference, let alone contend for a National Title. Of the "Big 9" magazines only three had them in their Top 10, and I am pleased to report that I had them at #7 which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out that 3 sets of my power ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. The Buckeyes were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back. They had the 4th highest losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared they had beaten Miami in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.

Last year there was another surprise champ and that was LSU. **If you read last year's magazine, you know that I had LSU pegged as my #2 surprise team in the country saying they had a great shot at going undefeated and attaining the National Title.** They were a 40-1 shot in Las Vegas to win the title coming off an 8-5 season including a 35-20 Cotton Bowl loss to Texas. I pointed out they had a great schedule and would have finished stronger in 2002 if not for their QB getting injured. As mentioned they were my #2 surprise team. At the start of the year, not only did 8 of the Big 9 magazines NOT have LSU a National Title contender, but NONE of them even had LSU winning the SEC WEST! That's right. Auburn was the pick of all 8 to win their DIVISION in the SEC, let alone the SEC, let alone a share of the National Title!! **The other half of the National Title went to USC who I had listed as my #5 surprise team,** despite the fact they had to replace their Heisman Trophy winning QB.

Do you think it is easy picking a National Champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only twice has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big Nine preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ. The Big 9 magazines in this article that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, The Sporting News, Street and Smith's, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan, Preview Sports, Jim Fiest's and Phil Steele's (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami (Fla) #1 and were correct. Every year you can round up the usual suspects for the National Title coming into the year. It used to be that Florida St, Florida and Nebraska which were the type of teams that rank in the Top 5 coming into the season almost every year. Throughout the years, there have been some other big surprises.

In 1994, Penn State was #10 heading into the year and their highest preseason publication ranking (other than my College Scorebook which had them #5) was #8. They simply went undefeated on the season, and while they finished the season the #2 team in the country, they could have won the National Title had they been able to play Nebraska for it.

In 1995, no preseason magazine picked Nebraska to win the National Title, but plenty had them #2 which is where they ranked prior to the year, when they took home the Title. No big surprise there, but the biggest surprises that year were Northwestern and Kansas who finished in the Top 10 despite not being picked in the Preseason Top 25.

In 1996, none of the Big 9 preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the National Champ, yet the Gators won the Title. That was not an "Oklahoma-like" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason, and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big 9, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5, while none of the Big 9 had them #1, four (myself, Fiest's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the Title was a major surprise. The only Big Nine publication to have them in the Top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith's, which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA who was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title. Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 in turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and they won that game as well. Of the Big Nine magazines only two had them ranked in the Top 7 and they were Game Plan (#6) and mine (#7). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999, and that they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game and was unranked coming into the post season. Prior to the season they did not even rank in the Top 10. One of the Big Nine magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Both Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and Game Plan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings, and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma, Ohio St and LSU who all took home the title after a 5-loss season. Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

Utah WR Paris Warren

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or who will be ranked where in this year's preseason polls. I can definitely peg some teams that should not make the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have risen to the top in recent years.

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams that I felt had a shot at being a surprising National Champ. A couple of them did work their way into the Title

picture. I listed UCLA and they did vault into the Top 5 with a 6-0 record but were stunned at midseason by Stanford. Then they lost RB Foster and dropped out of the National Title chase. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but one that did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings.

Minnesota
CB Ukee Dozier

In 2002, my #1 surprise team in this article was OHIO ST and the Buckeyes shocked the world by winning the National Title!! Some other teams mentioned in the article were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons and had 3 very close losses during the regular season. At the end of 2002 you could have made an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 33 ppg, and USC crushed UCLA, ND and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

As I mentioned at the start of the article, last year I had LSU listed as my #2 surprise team in the country and they split the National Title with USC. I had USC listed as my #5 surprise team as they were not highly ranked at the start of the year. They had to replace a Heisman Trophy winning QB but I noted that 2 of my sets of power ratings called them the BEST in the country prior to the season and they claimed the other half of the National Title!!!! My #1 surprise team last year was Pitt and they had a shot at the Orange Bowl and a Big East title but could not beat Miami in their season finale in chilly Heinz Field. Last year, I listed a couple of non-BCS teams that could factor into the equation and my #1 team was TCU, a team that was ranked #6 in the BCS poll late in the year and almost made it into the BCS before losing late at S Miss.

After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on line to find out what other sources (like The Sporting News, Las Vegas Sportsbooks, USA Today, Sports Illustrated) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams it looks like will be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: **Georgia, USC, LSU, Oklahoma, Miami (Fl), Texas, Florida St, Michigan and Florida. It looks like these 9 teams will definitely be in the Top 10 this year so I will not use any of these as surprise teams.** Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

One magic number the last 4 years has been FIVE as three of the national champs (or co-champs) had FIVE losses the year prior to winning the title. My #1 surprise team this year is the **West Virginia Mountaineers**. They have some very similar things in common with both Ohio St of 2002 and LSU of 2003. Besides having 5 losses last year, they also have a schedule conducive to an undefeated season which 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for. But just like OSU and LSU, they are not in my Top 15 in terms of overall talent heading into the season. WV is very solid at QB with Rasheed Marshall and he has my #12 set of receivers to throw to and #18 offensive line in front of him. They have my #1 offense and #2 defense in the watered down Big East and I think they will sweep their conference games. The two non-conference games to worry about are Maryland and Virginia Tech. Maryland has dominated them the last 4 meetings but the Terps are in a rebuilding year and have to travel to Morgantown. They also have to face VT in Blacksburg, although the Hokies look like they are also rebuilding. WV did win their last trip there in 2002. They also knocked off the then #3 Hokies last year at home. The winner of the Big East gets an automatic bid to the BCS bowl series. If Oklahoma or USC slips up during the year, an undefeated Mountaineer squad could sneak into the title game.

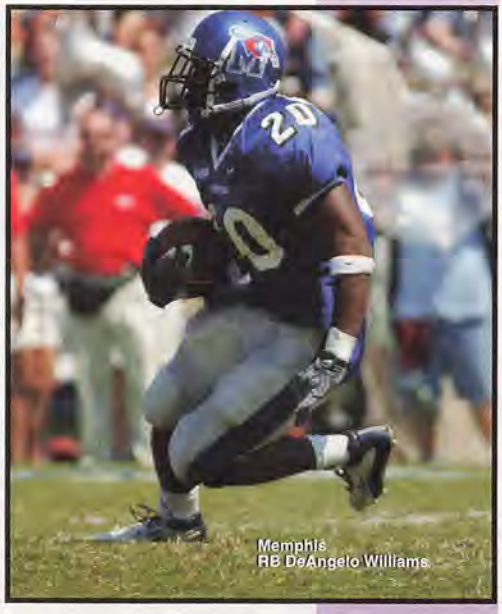
Alabama
QB Brodie Croyle

Last year only one team was able to knock off powerful USC. That team the **California Golden Bears,** who were in a rebuilding year, did so in 3 OT's. Of all the games on USC's schedule this year, the one they probably want the most is their home game against the Bears. Cal is a cocky bunch and won't travel to Troy expecting to lose. Coach Tedford has done a tremendous job with Cal in his two years there and this is by far his most talented team. The Bears won 5 of their last 6 last year to finish 8-6 are unlikely to be on anyone's radar for the National Title. Everyone of my sets of my power ratings calls for Cal to go 10-1 this year during the regular season with that lone loss being in the obvious road trip to USC. Does USC have the homefield and talent edge in that matchup? Unquestionably. Does the team with the superior talent win every game every Saturday? No, that is why they play the games. Cal has QB Aaron Rodgers, my #13 set of receivers and a surprisingly good defensive front 7 with the DL's and LB's both in my Top 25. If Cal pulls the upset on Oct 9 and remain undefeated, they would definitely vault to either #1 or #2 in the polls and wind up in the Orange Bowl. Cal actually is #10 in my overall power ratings heading into the season, but only face the 35th toughest schedule and they are 40-1 to win the title right now!

Virginia
LB Darryl Blackstock

The Missouri Tigers had the magical 5 losses last year and hopes to be the 4th team in 5 years to win the title after that fact. The Tigers are not in my top 20 in terms of talent this year but most of my power ratings have them winning all but 1 or 2 games this year, which means they could be an upset or two away from a perfect year. QB Brad Smith is capable of winning some games by himself but the Tigers have a very impressive defensive front 7 with my #18 rated D-line and #10 set of LB's. They lost the Independence Bowl for their 5th loss last year much like the Sooners did 5 years ago. They have two questionable road games but Nebraska is in a rebuilding year and is changing schemes on offense while Texas will be taking them on the week after facing Oklahoma. This is a team that is capable of sweeping the board and a lot of big dogs have had success in the history of the Big 12 title game where they would match up with the probable #1 team Oklahoma. Missouri actually has only the 81st toughest schedule this year which is the EASIEST of any school from a BCS conference. This is by far the most talented team that Pinkel has assembled here in Columbia.

Their baaaaaack. Two years ago the **Ohio State Buckeyes** got the call as my #1 surprise team in the country and they did not disappoint bringing home a National Title. They have no right being rated as a national contender this year. The team loses an NCAA record 14 NFL draft picks, has only 9 starters back overall and have to face 5 teams who were in bowls last year ON THE ROAD as part of the 3rd toughest schedule in the country. That is why this is called a "surprise" article. A closer look at that road schedule shows all 5 foes have question marks and I rate Ohio St as being more talented than all 5 so they are capable of winning them. OSU has an improved offense and my #4 defense in the country and Tressel knows how to win. Unlike 2002 where 3 sets of my power ratings called for an Ohio St team coming off a 5 loss season to go undefeated, **none do so this year but the few projected losses are close ones**. They will likely not be in the Top 10 but could be undefeated when they host Michigan, a team Tressel has beaten two out of 3 seasons. 11-0 vs a difficult schedule would give them a shot at the Orange Bowl.


Memphis
RB DeAngelo Williams

Al Groh has done an outstanding job recruiting bringing in NFL-caliber talent, something that he knows a thing or two about. His **Virginia Cavaliers** are playing in a much tougher ACC this year but have already faced Virginia Tech every

season so the only extra team added is Miami, Fl. The last two years, Groh has been playing his talented freshmen and they are another year older. The Cavs have 4 units that make my preseason Top 25's up front including my #2 O-line and #2 set of LB's. I think he will uncover a solid new QB and whoever wins the job has an easy early schedule to get acclimated to the starting job. They do have some tough road trips like Florida St and Virginia Tech but are nearly at the same level as FSU and Miami so they are capable of winning all their games this year. How many losses did Virginia have last year? Five, which is a good number. If they win in Tallahassee on Oct 16, they could very well be favored in the remainder of their games and yes, I know they have to face Miami 4 weeks later.

Barry Alvarez, the coach of the **Wisconsin Badgers,** is #2 in terms of Rose Bowl wins for a Big 10 coach (just 1 behind the legendary Woody Hayes). In 1998, after a couple of 5 loss seasons, his UW team went 11-1, including a Rose Bowl win. His teams are a very mediocre 20-19 over the last 3 years and lost SIX games last season. The season could have been much better if not for QB injuries which cost them some close and winnable games and some very questionable referee calls in the bowl. At one point last year, they were 6-1 and knocked off the defending National Champ Ohio St to get there. I talk about the watered down Big East but the Big Ten conference, which I rated the toughest in football in 2002, is in a rebuilding year and there are no dominant teams. The Badgers do have to play Ohio St, Purdue, Mich St and Iowa on the road but all are weaker than the 2003 editions while Wisconsin is stronger. They also avoid Michigan in league play! They have FIVE units that rank in my Top 25 individual units including where I like a team to be strong and that is along the line of scrimmage (#13 OL, #6 DL). Their new QB has outstanding RB's and WR's to work with and they should be 5-0 when they travel to Columbus Oct 9. A win there could have them in either the Rose or Orange at the end of the year.

Everyone's darling prior to 2003 was the **Auburn Tigers** who every preseason magazine in the country EXCEPT mine pegged for first in the SEC West. The West has had a lot of surprise champs recently and teams that underperform like Auburn did last year are usually very dangerous the next year. The Tigers are coming off a FIVE loss season which is GOOD news as of late. They have 13 starters back from a very talented team including a veteran senior QB, the top RB in the country and only lose 16 lettermen. They do have questions in the defensive front 7 but have a lot of athletic talent on both sides of the ball. Auburn definitely has Top 20 talent and only face my #66 toughest schedule this year. All their road games are winnable which makes them very dangerous with the toughest tests being at Tennessee and Alabama.

Phil Fulmer should feel pretty good that his team finished #6 in the polls in the regular season yet **Tennessee Volunteers** fans were very unhappy with the season. That means that he has put his program at the elite level. He is starting to catch some flak after consecutive bowl embarrassments and has not won a National Title since 1998. The SEC is usually good for a surprise team or two (LSU last year) and Georgia is everyone's darling this season so the Vols may sneak under the radar. Tennessee does have to break in a new QB but are one of only 7 teams that have 6 units in my Top 25 individual units, That means they have plenty of talent including 3 players who make my list of projected 1st round picks next year. They could easily be favored in all of their games this year except for Georgia, who they must face on the road. Keep in mind, last year's game vs the Dogs could have gone the other way if not for a 98 yard fumble return for a TD on the last play of the first half.

Bill Snyder recruits a lot of JUCO's and rarely has a lot of starters back. He usually has his **Kansas St Wildcats** team in the mix at the end of the season and of course threw the BCS into chaos when they upset a seemingly unbeatable Oklahoma team in the Big 12 title game last year. They must break in a new QB this year but have Heisman candidate RB Darren Sproles and their O-line, D-Line and LB's are part of 5 units that rank in my top individual units. My overall main talent rating has the Cats at #12 in the country and the schedule is manageable with only 4 road games (all vs teams ranked lower in my overall talent ratings). They have their normal soft non-conf slate and the toughest home game is vs Oklahoma, a team they beat last year at a neutral site. Most of my sets of ratings call for just 1 or 2 losses this year and the easy early schedule allows the JUCO's time to be incorporated into the offense and defenses. If Missouri, a team they face on the road, was not ranked my #3 surprise team, the Cats would be higher up on this list.

Two years ago the **Minnesota Gophers** parlayed a soft non-conf scheduling (see team above) into a great record but then were exposed as frauds once the meat of the Big 10 schedule rolled around. They were much more competitive last year and should have beaten Michigan at home. They blew a big lead late in the 4Q and that led to a loss the next week as well. The Gophers were 10-3 and could easily have been victorious in all 3 losses. This year 14 starters are back with the main question being who will replace QB Asad Abdul-Khaliq. They do have to play Big 10 frontrunners Michigan and Wisconsin on the road this year. But with my #8 set of RB's, #8 O-line and #9 rated special teams, they have a quality team that could surprise. Last year they outgained Big 10 foes by 138 ypg and they avoid both Ohio St and Purdue in league play this year. The Gophers last Big 10 title was 1967. They are capable of surprising and grabbing one this year and may start to resemble Kansas St in terms of success and non-conf scheduling.

Roulette Chips. If you walk up to a roulette table and pick just one number you have a 38-1 shot (37-1 in the big money rooms with no 00) of having your number come in so it is a long shot but still a possibility. These last two teams I mention are teams that had poor LOSING records from last year that if the stars align correctly, no injuries happen, every bounce goes their way, they could be the first team in recent history to go from a losing record to a National Title. You might argue that you could say that about any of the 119 Division IA teams but that is not the case as the odds of a Kansas or Baylor walking away with the title are about the same as #78 coming up in roulette (table only goes from 1 to 36).

Alabama. Yes, I know the Tide were just 4-9 last year but confidence is a BIG part of the equation in football. Mike Shula took over the team last year AFTER spring practice and was the 3rd head coach and the third new system on offense in a 7-month span. He is in a better situation this year and last season they outFD'd Oklahoma 19-13 early in the year and came up short in 2 OT games. Just two years ago, they were arguably the best team in the SEC and have a lot of talent led by veteran QB Brodie Croyle. I have the Tide favored in their first SEVEN games this year and that means they could take a swagger into Knoxville on the "third" Saturday in October.

Texas A&M - My Big 12 expert here, Martina, wonders how I could possibly think the Aggies will get to the postseason this year so I am sure she will wonder what influence I am under to list them here as one of my longshot title contenders. Coach Fran usually takes a year or two to get his program going and does have decent talent here. Last year they had just 11 returning starters and I pegged them 5th in the Big 12. Their defense was horrible especially by Aggie standards. Remember 77-0 vs Oklahoma? Their first 4 road games are all winnable and while they do host Oklahoma and have to travel to Texas, the D may have regained confidence with a manageable early schedule. My first ten teams I listed, I would be willing to plunk down a sizeable investment on in terms of odds of actually winning a National Title as they all have good chances. The Aggies might be worth that extra chip you have in your pocket that you don't want to bother cashing in so you toss it on the table.

These are the 10 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000, Ohio State in 2002 and LSU in 2003. There are also two LOOONGSHOTS I have added this year. Also listed below are five more non-BCS conference teams who are longshots to make it to a BCS bowl let alone a National Title game. But my power ratings say all FIVE have a shot at an unbeaten season, which would stir up some debate. The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 which has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

2004 Surprise Teams

1. West Virginia Mountaineers
2. California Golden Bears
3. Missouri Tigers
4. Ohio State Buckeyes
5. Virginia Cavaliers
6. Wisconsin Badgers
7. Auburn Tigers
8. Tennessee Volunteers
9. Kansas St Wildcats
10. Minnesota Golden Gophers
    Roulette Chips (i.e. longshots)
11. Alabama Crimson Tide
12. Texas A&M Aggies

Five non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. Memphis Tigers
2. Utah Utes
3. Fresno St Bulldogs
4. Boise St Broncos
5. Hawaii Warriors

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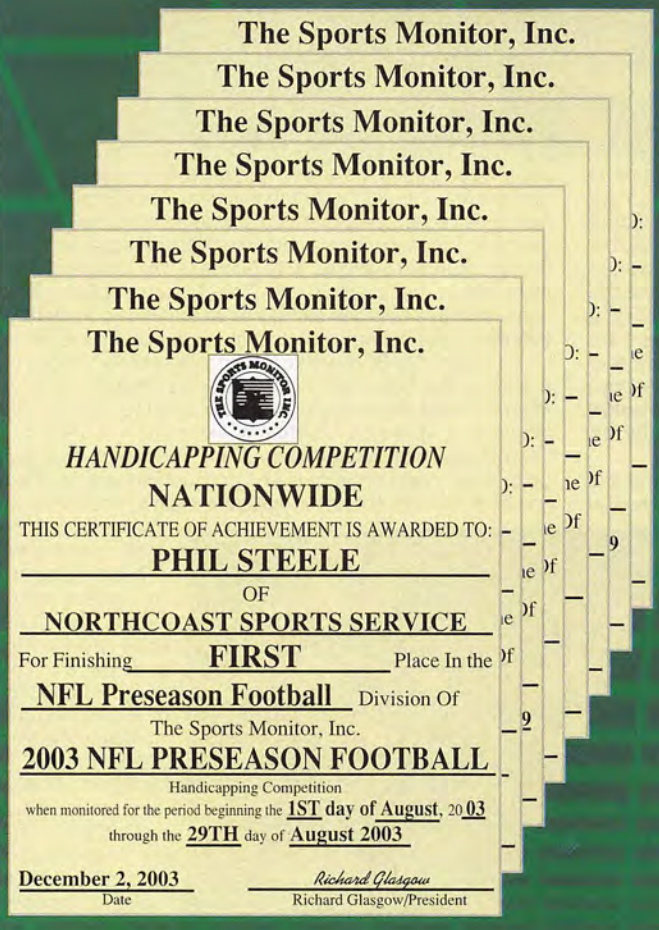

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

The debate gets hotter each year on how to determine the National Champ in College Football. This past year worked out PERFECTLY for my method EXCEPT that the NCAA did not allow the National Title Game that I called for, which would have pitted LSU vs USC in a one-game title match after the bowls. This would have prevented the co-National Champs that we had last year. The one game playoff is the only plan to make the situation perfect as an 8 or 16-team playoff would not solve anything. It would destroy the bowls and make the regular season meaningless. I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the month of December, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. **I feel that bowls provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially as well as for recruitment purposes and should be kept intact.**

I know that in college basketball, the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and everyone in the country participates in their office pools predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said that they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top eight or sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why. If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and **meant that the entire regular season was meaningless.**

The one thing I love about college football is that of all sports, college or pro, the regular season in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. When Oklahoma plays Texas, Florida St takes on Miami, Fl, Ohio St battles Michigan, these games turn out to be National Title elimination games. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game but two losses will most likely, and should, eliminate you. That means that the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you are to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There is no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Michigan St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl game. The Volunteers eventually won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to get into the Title Game and remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Tennessee in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones that make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl game.

In my 1999 magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year but once again one bad game vs Texas, in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yard edge but could not overcome their 6 turnovers. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicated.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their usual soft ACC schedule and even then had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida during the season. Virginia Tech was a great story in '99, going undefeated and getting to the National Title Game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, not playing a team near the caliber of Nebraska during the season. Once again, had Nebraska played either Virginia Tech or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes as they were the most complete team with the best defense in the country, but did not get to play for the title.

In 2000 the BCS worked out pretty well as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title Game when Florida St faced Oklahoma, but Miami, Fl and Washington fans both said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up while Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10, blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered their first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, Fl went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl bid and a chance to vie for the Title. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska controversially, by the BCS formula got the call, to face Miami while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title.

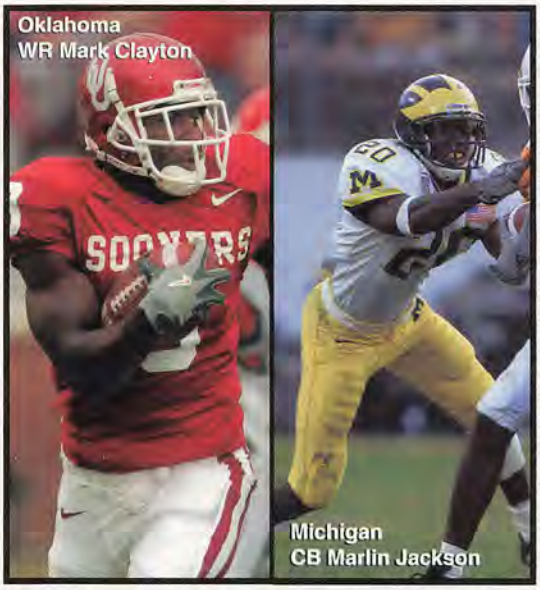
In 2002 it was a dream come true for the BCS as there were just two unbeaten, untied teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion, Ohio St in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

Last year would have been perfect for my system but we ended up with a split National Title and the #1 team in both polls NOT playing in the National Title Game. Three teams had legitimate claims to appear in the National Title Game (once again showing that 8 or 16 teams is unnecessary) and Michigan made a nice pick for the #4 spot. Had my system been in place, the teams would have played just like they did this past year but one or two weeks later LSU would have faced USC and it would have been a true National Title Game with NO DISPUTES from anyone!!!!

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in two of the last six years. The Title Game foes were controversial in 5 of the 6 years with two split national titles the last 7 years. I really think that a team that suffers just one tough loss but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule deserves a shot at the National Title Game (unless there are two unbeatens left). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups, but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the season. **I also think that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season.** As an example, when Miami, Fl and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance. If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at the Title. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the title chase. **I feel college**

football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. This is the FIFTH straight year I have called for it in my magazine. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semi-final games would be played on January 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country according to the BCS would be invited. If you look at the last seven years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001 and #1 USC last year. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls. After the first round matchups, the Championship Game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time for preparation and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is off.



Then there would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title Game as the top 4 teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the last 7 years races. In 1997 the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and N Carolina. This is 1 year in which there would have been little question as to who the Top 2 teams were as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the Title Game with both teams going unbeaten. If the 2 had played, there would have been no split of the National Title and a true champion could have been crowned. The No. 5 (UCLA) and No. 6 (Florida) teams were each beaten twice and once again did NOT deserve a role in the Title Game chase. The current BCS system, which was devised after the '97 season, would have also provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams. But I find fault with a system that would have given us a true Title Game in only 2 of the last 7 years.

In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semi-final matchups. With a backup QB, Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship Game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game that the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the PAC 10 (which was a weak conference that year) and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams. Team No. 5 and No. 6 and so on really do not have the caliber to compete in a Title Game and do not deserve an expanded field.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semi-final games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick in a tight, low-scoring game and NU would have advanced as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the No. 4 slot. Wisconsin was No. 4 in both polls and Alabama and Tennessee were No. 5 and No. 6 even though all three had 2 losses. Kansas St was No. 8 with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title Game, but since you have to pick one, let's say Wisconsin was chosen because they were #4. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Florida St would have dispatched Wisconsin. That would have forced a true National Title Game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were the top two teams in reality.

In 2000, my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have had a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title Game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would be forced to play stronger non-conf foes making the regular season even more enjoyable.

The year 2001 was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four. No. 1 Miami, Fl, No. 2 Nebraska, No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game in which Miami would have been favored, but it would have given UO a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game, Colorado would have had the chance to show that their first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given them the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This setup would have been fun to watch and would have eliminated any doubt as to the true identity of the National Champ.

The 2002 year was perfect for the BCS with the two unbeaten teams, but in this system each would have had to play another game to get to the Title Game. While arguably two of the top teams in the country at the end of the season were USC and Kansas St, each had lost 2 games during the year and would have been on the outside looking in. Once again this shows how important regular season games are in this system. The No. 3 and No. 4 teams (Iowa and Georgia) each had one loss and would have faced the top two in the semi's. I feel that Ohio St would have beaten Iowa (which subsequently lost to USC in the Orange Bowl) and Miami would have beaten Georgia and the battle of unbeatens still would have happened, but 3 weeks into January.

Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 7 years showing that the 4-team format is clearly the best.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM.

1997
#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 N Carolina (10-1)
#2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1)
#5 UCLA (two losses during regular season did not deserve to be in).

1998
#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1)
#5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac-10.

1999
#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2)
#2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1)
#5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.

2000
#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, Fl (10-1)
While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.

2001
#1 Miami, Fl (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1)
#2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2)

2002
#1 Miami, Fl (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1)
#2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1)
#5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses.

2003
#1 U.S.C. (11-1) vs #4 Michigan (10-2)
#2 Oklahoma (12-1) vs #3 L.S.U. (12-1)
The #5 and #6 seed not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in

I already talked about how last year was PERFECT for my system and would have produced LSU vs USC in a National Title Game no one could argue about. I will add one more note about the playoff formats that are being tossed around. I am hearing talk that some would like to pick the top two teams AFTER the bowls are over and let them play in the National Title game. This method (which would not be #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) would lead to the same chaos that goes on at the end of the regular season. If the #1, #2 and #3 teams were all in different bowl games and #2 and #3 had impressive wins while #1 just barely won then all 3 would be lobbying for a spot in the National Title game and someone would be left out again.

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 119 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3-week layoff would probably give enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big a layoff as the teams have now during the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played Title Game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season, giving us a true National Champion every year. We would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today and the polls would be stay a major interest all year.

TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

By Phil Steele

In 1990, I wrote a book titled *"Ten Keys To a Winning Season."* I revised *Ten Keys* in 1996 and again in 1999 and published second and third editions. In *Ten Keys* I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2004!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can and will happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose," do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all of the pitfalls in gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. conmen) who operate in the Sports Service Industry. There are two important thoughts to remember... One, do not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%? The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 12 to 18 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone Selections from a 1★ to a 5★, with a 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or 1000★ games? It is amazing the way these conmen try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came up a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless) put out his 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this conman had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication he put out his 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this guy owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will also keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. Please, avoid the urge and stay with money management. Also in this chapter, I take you through the winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame."** The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely different than the regular season. In the last 15 years, Northcoast Sports has the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. We took home yet ANOTHER #1 title this past year going 45-17 on the star basis. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this chapter.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle."** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and study. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you will probably have MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In college football I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Fundamental Handicapping is the most important. This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one team's WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You review whether a team may let down after a big game, look ahead to a big game, or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this magazine is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the three. I have listed all of these angles in the book so you do not have to spend hours researching, and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping, but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping."** Each chapter delves deeper into the three methods of handicapping.

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks, and looking for contrary plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games," etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two of the most honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-752-1603)
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jack1@gbronline.com

In closing, if there is a chapter you would like to see in its entirety, call our office at 1-800-654-3448. We will send you ONE chapter free. The book sells for $19.95. If you mention the 2004 College Preview Magazine or send in the questionnaire on page 326, you can receive it for just $9.95. I hope you found this article informative, and

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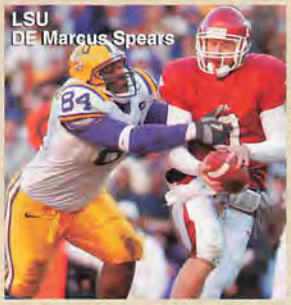
PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2004 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my power ratings. As an example - Missouri is not rated in the top 20 in any of my 7 sets of power ratings. Due to a manageable schedule, I have them #15 overall and three of my sets of ratings show them with a 10-win season. My talent ratings only rate Hawaii #66 overall, but they made the list due to their soft schedule as they face just one of my Top 30 teams. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. Last year, of my Top 25 teams, 23 of them had records good enough to be bowl-eligible. Of the Top 40 teams, an amazing 37 of the 40 were bowl eligible. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. Last year I had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine except Lindy's, which also had them #11 coming into the year. These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

1. Oklahoma Last year the Sooners were being called the greatest team of all-time in college football after a dominating 12-0 regular season but came up short in the postseason. Only one team in the country ranks in my Top 25 in all 8 position categories (see pages 12-15) and that is the Sooners. This is the 10th year of my College Preview Magazine and this Oklahoma team is the most talented team I have evaluated in the preseason in that span. They have 17 starters back including the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner. They have my #1 rated offense and #2 rated defense this year and if they maintain fairly good health will be at least a TD favorite in every one of their games. The Sooners last won a National Title at the Orange Bowl and hope to return there this season. I will call for the Sooners to go undefeated and possibly be the greatest team ever in college football.

Oklahoma QB Jason White

2. USC The Trojans won a share of the National Title last year and are loaded again. They are more experienced at QB than they were heading into last season. USC only faces the #33rd toughest schedule this year and their toughest foe, Cal, is at home. They outscored foes by a 41.1-18.4 average last year and their only loss was in 3 OT's. All 7 sets of my power ratings call for them to go undefeated and if they do that there is no way that they would be left out of the big game again. In their last trip to the Orange Bowl they destroyed #3 Iowa 38-17. USC has my #1 set of QB's, #2 set of RB's, #1 D-line and #4 set of LB's. Pete Carroll has recaptured the magic here that had been missing for over a decade.


LSU DE Marcus Spears

3. LSU The Tigers were my #2 surprise team last year but will not surprise anyone this season. I had LSU winning the SEC West last year when no other magazine did. Their impressive wins over Georgia in the SEC Title Game and Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl earned them a co-National Championship. This year's edition is even stronger but unlike LY, when the schedule was slanted in their favor, they have to travel to both Georgia and Florida this year as well as to underrated Auburn. Last year I noted that 3 sets of my power ratings called for an undefeated season for LSU and this year 4 sets do. LSU has my #1 rated defense led by my #1 rated secondary. The offense has my #6 O-line and #3 set of RB's. They are capable of getting back to the big game.

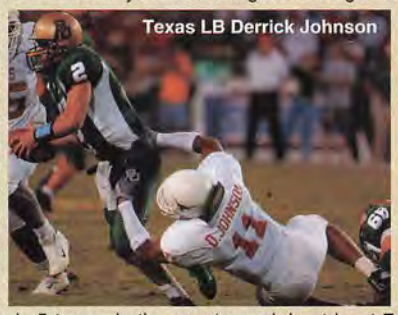
4. Florida St The Seminoles have underachieved in recent years including 2003 when Miami, Fl handed them 2 of their 3 losses. The ACC got a lot tougher this year but FSU is capable of running the table IF QB Chris Rix can play good ball consistently and IF they can beat the 'Canes in Miami. Beating Miami anywhere has been trouble for Bobby Bowden and Rix has been the king of inconsistency so those are big IFs. FSU is strong along the lines with my #5 O-line and #5 D-line. Bowden may be running out of chances to win another National Title but has a shot at one this year IF....

Georgia QB David Greene

5. Georgia Mark Richt is doing a great job and his team is a super 24-4 the last 2 years. The Bulldogs do face my #20th toughest schedule but most of the toughest games are Between the Hedges. After winning the SEC in 2002, they nearly repeated last year despite being hit hard by both graduation and injuries. They have 15 starters back this season, the most yet under Richt. They host both Tennessee and LSU with Florida played at a neutral site. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings call for the Dawgs to go unbeaten. Georgia has my #4 offense and #5 defense and this looks like Richt's best team yet. He has already had back-to-back Top 10 finishes (#3 and #6) and QB David Greene can deliver in the clutch.

6. Miami, Fl Once again the Hurricanes have lost a ton to the NFL draft (six 1st round choices!) but still have plenty of talent. They open up the season with a tough home game vs Florida St. Their toughest road games are at NC St and Virginia. The only question mark looks to be at QB, where they had inconsistent play last season. They do face my #2 toughest rated schedule playing in the much stronger ACC but have my #7 rated offense and #7 rated defense. They will likely be favored in all 11 games this year and must be rated as a prime National Title contender.

7. Michigan The Big Ten looks to be in a down year and that gives Michigan a good shot at running the table. The Wolverines have one of the best back 7's in college on defense with my #3 rated set of LB's and #3 DB's. They do have three tough road games as they must travel to Notre Dame, Ohio St and Purdue and their young QB must play well. Overall they have my #3 rated D, but they could sneak into the battle for the Orange Bowl.


Texas LB Derrick Johnson

8. Texas Mack Brown's group is "only" rated #8 in my preseason talent rankings (normally top 5). Still, only 5 teams in the country rank in at least 7 categories (out of 8) of my Top 25 positions and UT is one of them. Texas will be favored in 10 of 11 games this year but still have the Red River Shootout on their schedule that keeps me from rating them higher. A win in Dallas on Oct 9th would vault them into the role of prime contenders for the title.

West Virginia QB Rasheed Marshall

9. West Virginia What?? Every year there is a team or two that is not in my top 10 or sometimes 20 in terms of talent but one that can have an impact on the national scene due to their schedule. WV is very experienced and is playing in the watered down Big East where the league champ still lands a BCS bowl. QB Rasheed Marshall has 8 other starters back on offense and the defensive front 7 also looks solid. My #76 rated schedule makes them a surprise team this year.

10. California Jeff Tedford is doing a great job as his team has overachieved two straight years. This year he has his most talented version yet, led by QB Aaron Rodgers and 15 returning starters altogether. Cal outgained Pac 10 foes by 112 ypg last year and suffered 4 last minute losses. They face just 5 teams that had winning records but one of those is USC and that is on the road.

11. Utah Every year a non-BCS school flirts with grabbing a bid to the BCS bowl series and Utah has the best shot at running the table TY. QB Alex Smith had a great debut season with a 15-3 ratio. The Liberty Bowl Champs from last year have 7 starters back on each side of the ball and only 14 lettermen lost, a much more veteran unit. Their toughest non-conf games (Texas A&M, N Carolina) are at home and the MWC schedule is tailor-made for a perfect season. Overall they face my #85 toughest schedule.

12. Ohio State The Buckeyes set a record this year but it was for having the most players EVER selected in the 7-round NFL draft at FOURTEEN. Even with the massive losses, they have a talented team and all 5 road games fall into the winnable category. The last time Tressel had a new starting QB, his team had generally low expectations and they simply won the title. OSU has my #4 rated defense and they could be a surprise team once again.

Florida #30 LB Earl Everett

13. Florida The Gators rate in my top 10 in terms of talent this year but do face a very tough schedule. They have to play Tennessee and Florida St on the road and Georgia in Jacksonville. They have only 9 returning starters but one of them is QB Chris Leak. They have my #5 rated offense with my #3 rated O-line.

14. Virginia Al Groh has had some great recruiting classes and has done a fine job with very young teams the last two years. This year he has 16 starters back. UVA has my #2 rated O-line and #2 set of LB's. They do have to travel to both Florida St and Virginia Tech in the tougher ACC this year, but are capable of a big season.

15. Missouri The Tigers are not in my top 20 in terms of talent but have a solid team led by QB Brad Smith on offense and an excellent back 7 on defense. They face just my #81 toughest schedule with their key Big 12 North game vs Kansas St at home. They do face Texas and Nebraska on the road but a double-digit win season is very possible.

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2001	5★	Pro Play of the Year	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14	WIN!
2001	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17	WIN!
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2003	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Dallas (-2) Washington	27-0	WIN!
2003	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Arkansas (-2') Missouri	27-14	WIN!
2003	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Dallas (+3) Carolina	10-29	loss

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16. Kansas St Every year it seems K St returns the fewest starters in the Big 12 and still finishes high in the polls. This year they lose QB Ell Roberson but still have RB Darren Sproles and their usual top notch D. The #54 toughest schedule helps.

17. Tennessee The Vols have underachieved the last few years and this year face Georgia and S Carolina on the road. They have 7 home games and rate in my Top 25 units in 6 of 8 categories. This could be one of the surprise teams.

18. Wisconsin The Badgers are very strong along both lines which is a trait of a successful Alvarez team. They do have to play Ohio St, Iowa and Mich St on the road but avoid Michigan. They have a good shot at winning the Big 10.

19. Memphis Here is another non-BCS conference school that could achieve an undefeated year. QB Danny Wimprine has all 11 starters back on my #9 rated offense, along with a solid D. Last year they outgained CUSA foes by 151 ypg. Two sets of my power ratings call for the Tigers to go 11-0 this year.

20. Oregon Oregon has a solid QB in Kellen Clemens, a Top 15 D-line and special teams. They do have to play Oklahoma and California on the road but avoid USC and could be favored in their other 9 games.

21. Louisville There is a lot of NFL-caliber talent, especially in the backfield and 16 starters return from a team that avg'd 489 ypg on offense. They should be 5-0 when they travel to Miami, Fl and later play Memphis on the road.

22. Auburn Auburn was everyone's SEC darling last preseason (except mine) and they had a disappointing year. They only lose 16 lettermen from LY's underachieving squad and that makes them a possible surprise team this year.

23. NC State Replacing QB Philip Rivers will be tough but this team is loaded talent-wise. This could be Amato's best team yet provided the new QB is adequate. They are #13 in terms of talent TY but have a tough road schedule.

23. Hawaii Timmy Chang pilots my #12 rated offense and should be the NCAA's #1 all-time passer after this year. The D is not strong with only 3 starters back but will be good enough against my #109 schedule and 8 of 12 are at home.

24. Alabama Mike Shula was in a tough situation last year as the 3rd HC in less than 6 months and did not get to install his schemes until August. This year should be much smoother and the Tide could be 7-0 when they travel to Tennessee.

25. Minnesota Two years ago the Gophers used a soft non-conf schedule to go 7-1 before being exposed in Big 10 play. Last year they were much stronger and went 10-3. I still rate them #19 on offense despite losing their QB. They could be a surprise contender with Mason's best team yet and last year blew a 21-point lead vs Michigan.

26. Texas Tech BJ Symons was an unknown last year but he led the NCAA in passing in his first and only year as a starter so Tech will have a productive QB to go along with 15 returning starters. They do play in the rugged Big 12 South but should have a solid year.

27. Boston College BC plays in the watered down Big East and even with only 5 home games this year they should be able to keep their bowl streak intact. My power ratings have them outside the Top 40 but the schedule has them inside.

28. Boise St The Broncos have an inexperienced QB and just 10 starters back this year. One of my sets of power ratings has them at just 6-5. Two call for an undefeated season. Coach Hawkins does an excellent job reloading.

29. Clemson Clemson has my #18-rated team in terms of talent led by super QB Charlie Whitehurst. They also have a killer schedule in the improved ACC with road trips to Miami, Fl, Florida St and Virginia as well as a visit to College Station.

30. TCU The Frogs were on the precipice of breaking into a BCS bowl slot but lost 2 of their last 3. They have excellent skill players on offense and their defense is always tough. They could be undervalued due to last year's finish.

31. Iowa The Hawks must replace their starting QB AGAIN, but did well last year. While this looks like a rebuilding year with just 9 starters back, two of my sets of power ratings have them as strong as a 10-1 season!

32. Arizona St The Sun Devils were very disappointing last year but QB Andrew Walter now has a better supporting cast on offense. The D has 7 starters back and is also stronger. They face USC, Cal and Oregon on the road however.

33. North Texas The Mean Green have a big edge over their SBC brethren in that they get bowl practices every year. They have won 18 conf games in a row and should sweep again. They have a solid offense for once and the D is still top notch.

34. Fresno St If not for opening trips to Washington and Kansas St plus a road trip to Boise St, I would have rated them higher. QB Paul Pinegar will position himself for next year's draft and FSU has what looks like the most talented team in Pat Hill's tenure. They get my call to win the WAC this year even with that trip to Boise St.

35. Marshall The Herd are in their last season in the MAC and are my choice to win it after not doing so for the 1st time last year. Stan Hill is another NFL prospect QB that was banged up last year and the D could be one of Pruett's best.

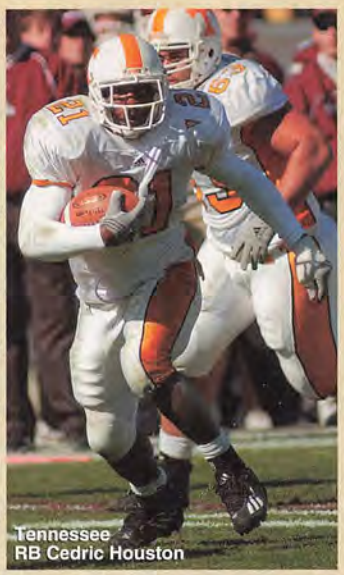
36. Penn St No, Joe Pa has not forgotten how to coach. The Lions have solid talent and just two years ago they outscored foes by a 34.3-17.4 margin. They could have won all 4 games they lost in a 9-4 season. Not much went right last year as they went 3-9 but this year's squad will resemble the 2002 version and Paterno is back in the postseason.

37. S Carolina Holtz had this team in a pair of New Year's day bowls in 2000 and 2001 but thanks to poor Novembers, has had back-to-back sub .500 seasons. TY they have 4 units that rank in my Top 25 positions (RB, OL, DL and LB) and those are 4 areas which are good to be strong in. With a much improved D, SC is back in the postseason.

38. N Illinois The Huskies have made great strides under coach Novak and despite losing RB Michael Turner, they have a good shot at finally getting to the MAC title game. Novak always finds a solid RB replacement, has a veteran QB in Josh Haldi and the D is solid.

39. Notre Dame I pride myself on having a very high % of my Top 40 make it to bowls or be bowl-eligible (37 last year). I am taking a gamble with this pick as the Irish face a very tough schedule for the 2nd straight year. They should get better QB play this season and Ty Willingham's teams always do great when little is expected and that is the case this year.

40. Purdue Kyle Orton is one of the top QB's in the country and I rate Purdue with the #1 offense in the Big 10. The last few years have been un-Tiller-like with a solid defense and more conservative offense. This year it is back to playing basketball on grass with just 3 starters back on D so the Boilers will have to win some shootouts.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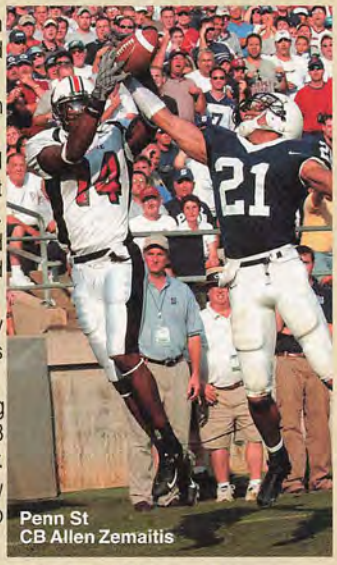
Penn St
CB Allen Zemaitis

Here are some more teams which just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the postseason in 2004.

41. Texas A&M
42. Tulsa
43. UAB
44. Colorado
45. Michigan St
46. Maryland
47. Virginia Tech

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SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	David Greene, Georgia	Chris Leak, Florida	Matt Jones, Arkansas	Brodie Croyle, Alabama
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	Cedric Houston, Tennessee	Demetris Summers, S Car	Ciatrick Fason, Florida
RB	Justin Vincent, LSU	Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia	Jerious Norwood, Miss St	De'Arrius Howard, Arkansas
WR	Fred Gibson, Georgia	Mike Espy, Mississippi	Skyler Green, LSU	Ray Ray Bivines, Miss St
WR	Reggie Brown, Georgia	Troy Williamson, S Carolina	Ben Obomanu, Auburn	Antonio Carter, Alabama
WR	James Banks, Tennessee	Andre Caldwell, Florida	Erik Davis, Vanderbilt	Tony Brown, Tennessee
TE	David Jones, LSU	Cooper Wallace, Auburn	Jonathan Loyte, Vanderbilt	Victor McClure, Tennessee
C	Ben Wilkerson, LSU	Mike Degory, Florida	Chris Spencer, Mississippi	Russ Tanner, Georgia
G	Doug Buckles, Mississippi	Evan Mathis, Alabama	Marcus Johnson, Mississippi	Jonathan Alston, S Carolina
G	Jason Rollins, Kentucky	Cody Douglas, Tennessee	Mo Mitchell, Florida	Donovan Davis, Miss St
T	Justin Geisinger, Vanderbilt	Wesley Britt, Alabama	Max Jean-Gilles, Georgia	Na'Shan Goddard, S Car
T	Michael Munoz, Tennessee	Andrew Whitworth, LSU	Richard Burch, Miss St	Marcus McNeill, Auburn
DL	David Pollack, Georgia	George Gause, S Carolina	Bret Eddins, Auburn	Anthony Bryant, Alabama
DL	Moe Thompson, S Carolina	Kedric Golston, Georgia	Kyle Williams, LSU	Jeb Huckeba, Arkansas
DL	Jovan Haye, Vanderbilt	Ray McDonald, Florida	Gerald Anderson, Georgia	Darrell Shropshire, S Carolina
DL	Marcus Spears, LSU	Vincent Burns, Kentucky	Arrion Dixon, Arkansas	Parys Haralson, Tennessee
LB	Channing Crowder, Florida	Odell Thurman, Georgia	Chad Anderson, Kentucky	Marvin Byrdsong, Miss St
LB	Kevin Burnett, Tennessee	Lionel Turner, LSU	Ricardo Hurley, S Carolina	Earl Everett, Florida
LB	Marcus Lawrence, S Car	Kevin Simon, Tennessee	DeMeco Ryans, Alabama	Freddie Roach, Alabama
CB	Corey Webster, LSU	Travis Daniels, LSU	Charlie Peprah, Alabama	Jonathan Wade, Tennessee
CB	Carlos Rogers, Auburn	Quinton Culberson, Miss St	Travis Johnson, Mississippi	Jason Allen, Tennessee
SS	Junior Rosegreen, Auburn	Kelvin Robinson, Mississippi	Cory Bailey, Florida	Jessie Daniels, LSU
FS	Thomas Davis, Georgia	LaRon Landry, LSU	Eric Oliver, Mississippi	Darren Williams, Miss St
K	Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi	James Wilhoit, Tennessee	Matt Leach, Florida	Brian Bostick, Alabama
P	Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	Cody Ridgeway, Mississippi	Kody Bliss, Auburn	Eric Wilbur, Florida
KR	Corey Larkins, Tennessee	Brandon Brooks, Alabama	Fred Reid, Mississippi St	Andre Caldwell, Florida
PR	Skyler Green, LSU	Demetris Summers, S Car	DeCori Birmingham, Arkansas	Tre Smith, Auburn

Mississippi DB Eric Oliver

Alabama OT Wesley Britt

SEC Notes: The SEC West Champ has not repeated since 1994 (Alabama). In 2002, Bama had the best record in the SEC West and Arkansas played in the SEC Title game but neither finished in the upper half of the division LY. The SEC led the nation in attendance once again LY. The SEC always has a great non-conf record but does play some IAA teams and SBC foes. They had the best record of any league vs non-conf teams in 2002 at 32-12 record (75.7%) but were just 6-11 vs BCS conferences and 3-4 in the bowl games. Last year the SEC was below average with a 32-17 in non-conf games. They did improve to 8-9 vs BCS teams, the 3rd best mark (Big 10 and Pac 10 were the only conferences with winning records vs BCS foes). The SEC outdid itself in the bowls with an outstanding 5-2 mark including a National Title with LSU. They also had the #6 team in the country at the end of the regular season, Tennessee, who only landed a Peach Bowl bid. Overall the SEC had two Top 10 teams in the final AP poll and 5 of the Top 25. I rated them the toughest conference in the country for 2003 (page 19) and have them in that spot again for the 2004 season. They have two legitimate National Title contenders in LSU and Georgia plus some outside threats in Tennessee and Florida. Teams like Alabama, S Carolina and Miss St, which struggled LY, should be much improved. LSU, Georgia and Tennessee combine to dominate my 1st Tm SEC squad with 17 of the 27 members.

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 SEC FORECAST

SEC EAST – 1. GEORGIA - UGA was hit hard by injuries last year and had just 10 starters back yet still managed a trip to the SEC Title game and their second Top 10 finish in two years. The scary part for UGA opponents is that this is Mark Richt's best team yet, even stronger than the 2002 team which finished #3 in the final polls. UGA outgained SEC foes by 121.8 ypg, the best mark in the league. The schedule is not easy as they only have 3 SEC home games and face S Carolina, Auburn and Florida away from home. They also pull defending National Champ LSU who beat them twice last year from the West. This is a team not only capable of winning the SEC East, but it is a clear National Title contender.

2. TENNESSEE - The Vols only have 9 starters back, have been feeble in the postseason and were far from a dominant team last year. Despite tying Georgia for the SEC East's top record, UT only outgained SEC foes by 37.1 ypg. They do not have a clear-cut starting QB out of the spring but do have a decent schedule with most of the tough games are at home. With expectations as low as they have been probably since 1997, UT could surprise some folks and get my pick for 2nd, based on the fact that they host Florida on September 18th.

3. FLORIDA - The Gators, like Tennessee, have just 9 starters back but do have an experienced starting QB in Chris Leak. UF was 6-2 last year in the SEC but surprisingly was outgained by an average of 24.9 ypg! They have to face Tenn and Georgia away from home as well as host LSU. Florida is capable of winning one or more of those games and will easily be favored in their other 5 SEC contests. If Zook's young team matures quicker than expected, they have an outstanding shot at the SEC East Title as Zook has beaten Richt in both meetings so far.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA - The Gamecocks started out 5-2 and 5-3 in each of the last 2 years but collapsed down the stretch to finish with a losing record. This SC team will more resemble the 2000 and 2001 versions, both of which went to the Outback Bowl and defeated Ohio St. SC is vastly improved on defense with 8 starters back from the injury plagued unit and the LB corps is probably the most improved in the country. They also have 9 starters back on offense and some winnable SEC road games. SC could be the surprise team in the SEC TY and will return to a winning season.

5. KENTUCKY - Kentucky has 14 starters returning but all of my power ratings have them rated among the bottom 2 in the league this year. They could surprise some folks as their QB's are better suited for OC Ron Hudson's option offense this year. The defense was vastly improved last season allowing 22.8 ppg in regulation and they have 9 starters back on that side of the ball. They also get to host Vandy on November 13th, but are playing in a very tough league and will likely suffer their second straight losing season.

6. VANDERBILT - The Commodores are making great strides but keep in mind they have won just 5 SEC games the last 8 years. VU is by far the most experienced team in the SEC with 21 returning starters and only 13 lettermen lost. They were also -10 in turnovers last season. They could easily have beaten an Eli Manning-led Miss team in the opener last year and ended their 23-game SEC losing streak with a win over Kentucky. This is by far Bobby Johnson's most experienced and best squad yet. If they win on the road November 13th, they will escape the SEC East basement for the first time since 2000.

SEC WEST – 1. LSU - Last year I had the ONLY preseason magazine that called for LSU to win the SEC West and some had them pegged 4th! I also had LSU pegged as my #2 surprise team in the country and they of course won a share of the National Title. This year LSU could have an even stronger team. They do have a tougher schedule as in a 4 week stretch they have to face Auburn, Georgia and Florida, all on the road. Still, LSU has my #1 rated D in the country again this season and defense wins championships. LSU is capable of running the table and they deserve to be the clear-cut favorite in the SEC West.

2. ALABAMA - Last year was a horrendous situation for Mike Shula. While they were picked generally 3rd or 4th in the SEC West, I called for them to finish fifth due to the unsettling coaching changes over the offseason. This year they are in much better shape. Despite some scholarship restrictions, the Tide has 14 starters back including their QB. A very soft early schedule could see them win their first 7 games and be loaded with confidence. Remember last year Bama gave Oklahoma a tough game at home and also lost a couple of OT games. The second year of the Shula era has them as THE surprise team of the SEC West and when they travel to Baton Rouge on Nov 13th, the SEC West Title will likely be on the line.

3. AUBURN - Tommy Tuberville nearly lost his job last year but once again the Tigers played well in their final 2 games and have some optimism heading into the season. They have Cadillac Williams, an experienced QB, and a potent offense. They also have 6 starters back on defense. Last season Auburn was not only the preseason favorite for the SEC West but the SEC overall. They will not have those high expectations this year and that is when Tommy Tuberville is the most dangerous as his teams are usually underrated and overachieve. Auburn could easily finish higher than this but draws both Georgia and Tennessee out of the SEC East. This team is equally as talented as last year's which was the SEC favorite. Should they upset LSU on Sept 18th, they could end up walking home with the SEC West Title.

4. MISSISSIPPI - Last year I called the Rebels contingent the best Ole Miss team in over a decade and they proved to be just that with an outstanding 10-3 finish and a Cotton Bowl win. Two major areas concern me about this year's Ole Miss team. Eli Manning's replacement and their defensive front 7 which has just 1 starter back. I think it will be easier to run the ball on the Rebels this year and that is not good in SEC play. All four road games are tough in SEC action and Cutcliffe will have his hands full trying to extend the Rebels' streak of 7-win seasons which stands at 7 years.

5. MISSISSIPPI ST - MSU will be a surprise team in 2004. They are coming off a 2-10 season in which they were outgained by 182.9 ypg and outscored by an avg of 41.1-11.6 in league play. Normally when a coach announces his resignation the team rallies around him. Surprisingly MSU suffered 6 straight blowout losses once Sherrill announced his resignation. Sylvester Croom steps into a great situation as the Bulldogs have a good amount of talent and were -21 in turnovers last year. They also draw both Kentucky and Vanderbilt from the SEC East. With both Mississippi and Arkansas in rebuilding years, and with 7 home games overall, I give the Bulldogs a solid shot at achieving an overall winning record.

6. ARKANSAS - Houston Nutt flirted with taking the Nebraska job and he was probably thinking about the amount of starters he had returning this year (4) which is the fewest in the SEC hands down. The Hogs also benefitted from +11 turnovers LY. On the positive side, Arkansas was just 4-4 in SEC play last year but outgained SEC foes by 81.9 ypg, the third best mark in the league. My biggest concerns are on the O-line and in the secondary. Unfortunately for the Hogs, they pull Georgia, Florida and South Carolina out of the SEC East so there are no light touches on the schedule in conference play. Houston Nutt will have to do his best coaching job yet just to keep this team out of the basement.

2003 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
8	LSU	28.5	3	379.5	4	170.6	3	4.2	3	208.9	5	61.2	3	13.3	4	15.0	6	7.0	2
12	Arkansas	30.9	2	434.5	1	229.4	1	4.7	1	205.1	7	53.8	8	14.1	6	20.0	11	7.0	2
14	Mississippi	27.3	4	375.3	5	127.6	10	3.4	9	247.6	1	61.4	2	13.8	5	10.0	1	15.0	6
16	Florida	22.3	9	359.1	7	132.1	7	3.9	6	227.0	4	57.6	5	16.1	8	17.0	9	16.0	7
26	Georgia	26.9	6	384.9	3	144.6	6	3.5	8	240.3	3	57.4	6	14.3	7	10.0	1	29.0	12
30	Auburn	23.8	8	386.9	2	198.3	2	4.6	2	188.6	11	62.4	1	16.3	9	12.0	4	9.0	4
33	Tennessee	32.5	1	374.5	6	128.6	9	3.6	7	245.9	2	54.9	7	11.5	1	15.0	6	17.0	9
56	S Carolina	20.5	10	346.4	9	146.0	5	3.9	5	200.4	8	50.2	12	16.9	10	11.0	3	6.0	1
58	Alabama	27.0	5	350.6	8	157.3	4	4.0	4	193.4	10	50.2	11	13.0	2	15.0	6	16.0	7
72	Miss St	11.6	12	264.4	12	103.4	12	3.4	10	161.0	12	52.0	10	22.7	12	27.0	12	26.0	11
75	Vanderbilt	15.8	11	327.3	10	131.3	8	3.4	11	196.0	9	57.6	4	20.8	11	19.0	10	14.0	5
78	Kentucky	24.8	7	325.0	11	118.3	11	3.3	12	206.8	6	53.4	9	13.1	3	12.0	4	20.0	10

2003 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
1	LSU	11.3	1	269.3	2	69.0	1	2.3	1	200.3	4	49.0	1	23.9	1	18.0	3	24.0	1
8	Georgia	12.8	2	263.1	1	91.5	2	2.8	2	171.6	1	50.9	2	20.6	2	18.0	3	14.0	9
9	Auburn	18.5	3	315.0	3	106.4	3	3.2	3	208.6	6	54.2	7	17.0	5	13.0	8	24.0	1
14	Tennessee	21.3	6	337.4	4	158.8	6	3.9	5	178.6	2	53.1	3	15.9	6	15.0	6	15.0	6
23	Arkansas	27.9	7	352.6	6	157.9	5	4.1	7	194.8	3	53.4	5	12.7	10	21.0	1	5.0	12
25	Florida	19.0	5	384.0	7	164.1	7	4.0	6	219.9	8	54.1	6	20.2	3	20.0	2	19.0	3
31	Alabama	29.6	9	391.9	8	166.0	8	4.2	8	225.9	10	59.3	10	13.2	9	17.0	5	15.0	6
32	Mississippi	18.8	4	339.3	5	121.3	4	3.6	4	218.0	7	53.1	4	18.1	4	15.0	6	18.0	4
44	S Carolina	28.4	8	400.9	9	179.6	10	4.5	12	221.3	9	67.1	12	14.1	7	13.0	8	12.0	10
53	Kentucky	30.5	10	404.3	11	198.0	11	4.4	11	206.3	5	58.0	8	13.3	8	10.0	12	17.0	5
69	Vanderbilt	32.6	11	403.4	10	174.3	9	4.3	9	229.1	11	58.5	9	12.4	11	11.0	11	15.0	6
97	Miss St	41.1	12	447.3	12	200.6	12	4.4	10	246.6	12	62.3	11	10.9	12	12.0	10	8.0	11

South Carolina
DE Moe Thompson

Vanderbilt
DE Jovan Haye

2003 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	6	2	260	170	10	3	365	239
Georgia	6	2	215	102	11	3	371	203
Florida	6	2	178	152	8	5	390	271
S Carolina	2	6	164	227	5	7	268	314
Kentucky	1	7	198	244	4	8	328	321
Vanderbilt	1	7	126	261	2	10	235	358
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
LSU	7	1	228	90	13	1	475	154
Mississippi	7	1	218	150	10	3	442	285
Auburn	5	3	190	148	8	5	342	212
Arkansas	4	4	247	223	9	4	436	305
Alabama	2	6	216	237	4	9	331	333
Mississippi St	1	7	93	329	2	10	225	471

Coach of the Year: Nick Saban, LSU
SEC TITLE GAME: LSU 34 Georgia 13

2002 SEC STANDINGS

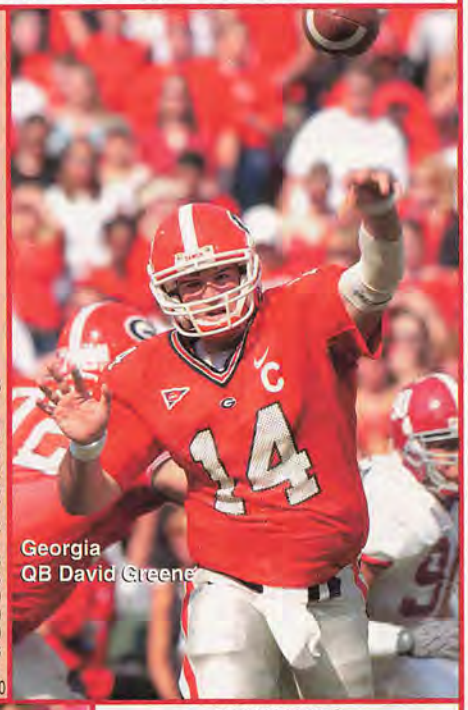
	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Georgia	7	1	226	144	13	1	450	212
Florida	6	2	191	160	8	5	336	279
Tennessee	5	3	182	147	8	5	296	227
#Kentucky	3	5	215	228	7	5	385	301
S Carolina	3	5	108	156	5	7	225	262
Vanderbilt	0	8	121	260	2	10	221	368
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
#Alabama	6	2	227	99	10	3	377	200
Arkansas	5	3	223	184	9	5	370	277
Auburn	5	3	213	150	9	4	388	231
LSU	5	3	179	160	8	5	323	238
Mississippi	3	5	175	230	7	6	351	331
Miss St	0	8	123	265	3	9	227	339

Coach of the Year: Mark Richt, Georgia
SEC TITLE GAME: Georgia 30 Arkansas 3

2001 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	7	1	225	148	10	2	355	234
Florida	6	2	341	122	9	2	482	155
S Carolina	5	3	189	160	8	3	279	202
Georgia	5	3	204	167	8	3	315	208
Kentucky	1	7	206	285	2	9	259	367
Vanderbilt	0	8	128	315	2	9	226	402
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
LSU	5	3	231	203	9	3	371	268
Auburn	5	3	152	193	7	4	244	265
Alabama	4	4	203	177	6	5	304	219
Arkansas	4	4	208	220	7	4	291	269
Mississippi	4	4	262	262	7	4	391	310
Mississippi St	2	6	119	216	3	8	196	288

Coach of the Year: Houston Nutt, Arkansas
SEC TITLE GAME: LSU 31 Tennessee 20


Georgia
QB David Greene

2003 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Matt Mauck, LSU	358	229	64.0	14	2825	7.9	28	148.2
Eli Manning, Mississippi	441	275	62.4	10	3600	8.2	29	148.1
Matt Jones, Arkansas	**230**	**132**	**57.4**	**7**	**1917**	**8.3**	**18**	**147.1**
Casey Clausen, Tennessee	412	233	56.6	9	2968	7.2	27	134.3
Chris Leak, Florida	**320**	**190**	**59.4**	**11**	**2435**	**7.6**	**16**	**132.9**
Jason Campbell, Auburn	**293**	**181**	**61.8**	**8**	**2267**	**7.7**	**10**	**132.6**
David Greene, Georgia	**438**	**264**	**60.3**	**11**	**3307**	**7.6**	**13**	**128.5**
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	**327**	**187**	**57.2**	**13**	**2347**	**7.2**	**18**	**127.7**
Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	336	191	56.8	8	2221	6.6	16	123.3
Brodie Croyle, Alabama	**341**	**182**	**53.4**	**13**	**2303**	**6.8**	**16**	**118.0**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Michael Clayton, LSU	14	78	1079	10	77.1	5.6	13.8
Justin Jenkins, Miss St	12	62	880	9	73.3	5.2	14.2
Chris Collins, Mississippi	13	77	949	7	73.0	5.9	12.3
George Wilson, Arkansas	13	50	900	6	69.2	3.9	18.0
Devery Henderson, LSU	14	53	861	11	61.5	3.8	16.2
Erik Davis, Vanderbilt	**12**	**41**	**638**	**8**	**53.2**	**3.4**	**15.6**
Derek Abney, Kentucky	12	51	616	5	51.3	4.3	12.1
Reggie Brown, Georgia	**13**	**49**	**662**	**3**	**50.9**	**3.8**	**13.5**
Fred Gibson, Georgia	**11**	**36**	**553**	**3**	**50.3**	**3.3**	**15.4**
Brandon Smith, Vanderbilt	**12**	**39**	**595**	**2**	**49.6**	**3.3**	**15.3**

Florida
C Mike Degory

Mississippi St
LB Marvin Byrdsong

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Dustin Colquitt, Tennessee	**13**	**68**	**3081**	**45.3**
Eric Wilbur, Florida	**13**	**57**	**2553**	**44.8**
Cody Ridgeway, Mississippi	**13**	**58**	**2561**	**44.2**
Kody Bliss, Auburn	**13**	**64**	**2748**	**42.9**
Donnie Jones, LSU	13	65	2757	42.4
Anthony Thornton, Kentucky	**11**	**65**	**2715**	**41.8**
Jared Cook, Miss St	**9**	**41**	**1701**	**41.5**
Bo Freelend, Alabama	**13**	**73**	**2976**	**40.8**
Josh Brown, S Carolina	**11**	**46**	**1863**	**40.5**
Jacob Skinner, Arkansas	**13**	**52**	**2074**	**39.9**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Skyler Green, LSU	**25**	**462**	**2**	**18.5**
Mark Jones, Tennessee	20	303	1	15.1
Marvin Jackson, Arkansas	26	329	1	12.7
Nick Turner, Miss St	28	310	0	11.1
Keiwan Ratliff, Florida	31	343	0	11.1
Derek Abney, Kentucky	29	285	1	9.8
Damien Gary, Georgia	30	281	0	9.4
Tre Smith, Auburn	**36**	**327**	**0**	**9.1**
Mike Espy, Mississippi	**43**	**369**	**0**	**8.6**
Ronald Hatcher, Vanderbilt	36	298	0	8.3

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Cedric Cobbs, Arkansas	12	227	1320	5.8	10	110.0
Shaud Williams, Alabama	13	280	1367	4.9	14	105.2
Carnell Williams, Auburn	**13**	**241**	**1307**	**5.4**	**17**	**100.5**
Justin Vincent, LSU	**14**	**154**	**1001**	**6.5**	**10**	**71.5**
Tremaine Turner, Mississippi	13	173	809	4.7	4	62.2
Cedric Houston, Tennessee	**12**	**149**	**744**	**5.0**	**2**	**62.0**
Nick Turner, Miss St	12	123	696	5.7	7	58.0
Demetris Summers, S Carolina	**11**	**124**	**638**	**5.1**	**3**	**58.0**
Matt Jones, Arkansas	**13**	**96**	**707**	**7.4**	**8**	**54.4**
Daccus Turman, S Carolina	**12**	**132**	**646**	**4.9**	**7**	**53.8**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Channing Crowder, Florida	**11**	**64**	**35**	**99**	**9.0**
DeMeco Ryans, Alabama	**13**	**73**	**38**	**111**	**8.5**
Moses Osemwegie, Vanderbilt	**12**	**58**	**44**	**102**	**8.5**
Thomas Davis, Georgia	**14**	**78**	**39**	**117**	**8.4**
Sean Jones, Georgia	12	62	38	100	8.3
Derrick Pope, Alabama	12	59	36	95	7.9
Caleb Miller, Arkansas	13	73	29	102	7.8
Tony Bua, Arkansas	13	65	35	100	7.7
Marcus Lawrence, S Carolina	**12**	**49**	**41**	**90**	**7.5**
Gibril Wilson, Tennessee	13	65	30	95	7.3
Roman Harper, Alabama	**13**	**64**	**31**	**95**	**7.3**

Tennessee
LB Kevin Burnett

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jonathan Nichols, Mississippi	**13**	**25**	**29**	**86.2**	**54**
Billy Bennett, Georgia	14	31	38	81.6	52
Brent Smith, Miss St	12	8	10	80.0	47
Matt Leach, Florida	**13**	**21**	**27**	**77.8**	**50**
Chris Balseiro, Arkansas	**11**	**11**	**15**	**73.3**	**40**
James Wilhoit, Tennessee	**13**	**17**	**24**	**70.8**	**51**
Brian Bostick, Alabama	**13**	**16**	**24**	**66.7**	**48**
Daniel Weaver, S Carolina	11	8	13	61.5	43
John Vaughn, Auburn	**10**	**6**	**10**	**60.0**	**34**
Ryan Gaudet, LSU	**11**	**7**	**12**	**58.3**	**47**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Eli Manning, Mississippi	13	48	-28	441	3600	3572	274.8
Casey Clausen, Tennessee	13	64	-45	412	2968	2923	224.8
David Greene, Georgia	**14**	**69**	**-180**	**438**	**3307**	**3127**	**223.4**
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	**12**	**115**	**299**	**327**	**2347**	**2646**	**220.5**
Matt Mauck, LSU	14	79	97	358	2825	2922	208.7
Matt Jones, Arkansas	**13**	**96**	**707**	**230**	**1917**	**2624**	**201.8**
Dondrial Pinkins, S Carolina	**12**	**95**	**254**	**322**	**2127**	**2381**	**198.4**
Brodie Croyle, Alabama	**12**	**72**	**8**	**341**	**2303**	**2311**	**192.6**
Jared Lorenzen, Kentucky	12	89	75	336	2221	2296	191.3
Chris Leak, Florida	**13**	**68**	**-53**	**320**	**2435**	**2382**	**183.2**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Vincent Burns, Kentucky	**18.5**	**60**
Odell Thurman, Georgia	**18.5**	**72**
Reggie Torbor, Auburn	16.5	91
Chad Lavalais, LSU	16.0	85
Caleb Miller, Arkansas	15.0	38
Parys Haralson, Tennessee	**14.5**	**64**
Jeb Huckeba, Arkansas	**14.0**	**33**
David Pollack, Georgia	**13.5**	**62**
Charlie Anderson, Mississippi	13.5	59
Robert Peace, Tennessee	13.0	41

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Reggie Torbor, Auburn	9.5	77
Bobby McCray, Florida	9.5	55
Jovan Haye, Vanderbilt	**8.5**	**51**
Antwan Odom, Alabama	8.0	51
David Pollack, Georgia	**7.5**	**50**
Chad Lavalais, LSU	7.0	52
DeMarco McNeil, Auburn	7.0	38
Odell Thurman, Georgia	**6.5**	**52**
Marquise Hill, LSU	6.0	34
Karlos Dansby, Auburn	5.5	35

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derek Abney, Kentucky	32	772	0	24.1
Nick Turner, Miss St	24	565	0	23.5
Fred Reid, Miss St	**25**	**577**	**1**	**23.1**
Kwane Doster, Vanderbilt	**26**	**568**	**0**	**21.8**
Andre Caldwell, Florida	**22**	**454**	**0**	**20.6**
Corey Larkins, Tennessee	**19**	**387**	**0**	**20.4**
Cedric Washington, Arkansas	**25**	**497**	**0**	**19.9**
Devin Aromashodu, Auburn	**15**	**290**	**0**	**19.3**
Matthew Thomas, S Carolina	**22**	**422**	**0**	**19.2**

LSU TIGERS

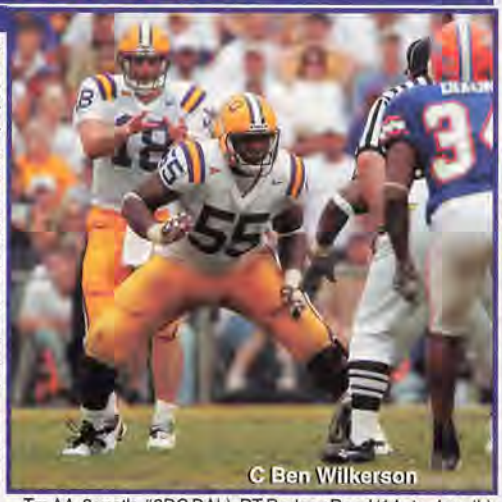
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Matt Mauck struggled in 2002, his first as a starter, throwing for just 782 yards (48.5%) but did have a solid 9-2 ratio while rushing for 242 gross yards. He suffered a foot injury against Florida and Marcus Randall (PS#143) took over the starting job but was just 3-3 in his 6 starts. Randall threw for 1,173 yards (48.1%) with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 442 gross yards. Due to his injury, Mauck still had limited mobility last spring which forced him to become more of a pocket passer and he was the most improved QB in the country last season. Mauck simply led the SEC in pass efficiency throwing for 2,825 yards (64%) with a 28-14 ratio while rushing for 253 gross yards. At one point Mauck had 17 straight completions which tied Rohan Davey's school record. Randall did not see much action but also improved, throwing for 403 yards (62.5%) with a 2-1 ratio, and he is very athletic with a strong arm. Randall will have to fight off JaMarcus Russell (PS#4) who is a slimmed down version of Daunte Culpepper at 6-5 236 and is the all-time leading passer in Alabama HS history with 10,744 yards and 84 TD passes. Matt Flynn (6-2 224 rFr) was PS#17 and is also in the mix. Mauck left early for the NFL draft (#7DC DEN), but this unit probably possesses more athletic talent than it did last year and OC Jimbo Fisher has done a fine job developing QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - The Tigers had to replace their top two RB's from 2002 and the leading returning rusher was Joseph Addai (PS#17) who had 438 yards (5.5) as a redshirt frosh. Also in the mix was Shyrone Carey (PS#22) who has 4.35 speed and had 257 all-purpose yards in 2002 before an injury in October. In last year's magazine I projected true frosh Justin Vincent who was PS#9 in 2002 but did not enroll until the spring, as the #2 back, even though he was just 5th on the depth chart coming into the season. Both Addai and Carey were injured at midseason and vs S Car Vincent rushed for 77 yards and 2 TD's while true frosh Alley Broussard (PS#8) rushed for 108. The next week Vincent rushed for 127 vs Auburn and then Broussard had 106 vs LT. It was Vincent who starred down the stretch as he finished with four straight 100 yard games and was the MVP of both the SEC Title game and the bowl. Vincent finished with 1,001 yards (6.5). Addai returned to the lineup and had 520 yards (4.6). Broussard was 3rd with 389 (4.6) and Carey added 338 (4.3). Another true frosh, Barrington Edwards (6-0 213, PS#9) had 169 yards (4.1). The great news for LSU is that everyone returns including former walk-on FB Kevin Steltz who benches 545 lbs and two HT backup FB's whom I list below. This is clearly one of the best RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Tigers had to replace one starter from this group heading into last year but returned their star, Michael Clayton, who had 57 rec's (13.1) despite an inexperienced QB unit in 2002. Clayton, who had 55 rec (15.9) in 2001 had 78 (13.8) last year earning 3rd team AA honors and left early for the NFL draft (#1DC TB). Also departing this year are Devery Henderson (14 sts, PS#32, 53 rec, 16.2, 2nd Tm SEC, #2DC NO) who is famous for his miracle catch vs Kentucky in 2002, as well as TE Eric Edwards (13 sts, 16 rec). Four players with starting experience do return, and in the projected lineup below there are 9 VHT's plus this year's signees. Skyler Green was the team's #3 receiver and a dangerous returnman and figures to be the feature. Clayton leaves as the school's all-time TD rec leader and this unit adds PS#1, PS#2 and PS#5 this year, but is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - LSU's O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing in 2002 while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter but surprisingly even in their National Championship year the ypc dropped to 4.4 and the team allowed 22 sacks but 9 of those came in the final two games. This year they lose RG Stephen Peterman (14 sts, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r, #3DC DAL), RT Rodney Reed (14 sts, 4 yr st'r) and backup C Jimmy Courtenay (7 gms, 75 plays). Ben Wilkerson and Andrew Whitworth should both contend for AA honors and four players are back with starting experience. While this unit is a little less experienced than last season, they could put up even better numbers.


C Ben Wilkerson

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 LSU had to replace four DL's who combined for 30 starts and allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording just 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 13 starts but 6 of the top 8 were back including their "Thunder and Lightning" combo of Marquise Hill (PS#8) and Marcus Spears (PS#3) with Hill having the size and Spears the speed. The 2003 defensive front was led by DT Chad Lavalais who had 7 sacks and 9 tfl earning 1st Tm AA honors after having just 8 tfl in 2002. Overall the unit allowed just 2.3 ypc rushing while the defense had 44 sacks. This year they must replace Lavalais (#5DC ATL), DE Marquise Hill (13 sts, 40 tkl, 6 sks, 24 qbh, #2DC NE), DT Bryce Wyatt (6 sts, 28 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Torran Williams (5 tkl, 1 tfl). Three players return with starting experience and this still looks like a solid defensive front, but with the loss of 3 very productive players, I'll call it down a few notches in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers had four of their top 6 LB's returning last year but did have to replace two starters and the unit was a big part of an outstanding defense. This year they must replace SLB Eric Alexander (14 sts, 65 tkl, 5 sks), WLB Adrian Mayes (3 sts, 13 tkl, 1 tfl) and MLB Jason LeDoux (15 tkl, 1 pbu) plus Dave Peterson (1 st, 6 tkl, 3 tfl). They return two VHT starters and have three JUCO's added to the mix plus four VHT frosh, so this unit actually has more experience than last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #48 in my pass D rankings with an injury plagued secondary, LSU returned two starters in 2002 and finished #6. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 31 starts but did return Corey Webster who earned 1st Tm SEC honors despite starting just 5 games. Returning starter CB Randall Gay broke his arm in the opener and had just four starts. True frosh LaRon Landry (PS#18) emerged at FS starting the last 7 games and that allowed Travis Daniels to move to CB and he had 26 pbu and Webster had 25. LSU simply finished #1 in my pass D rankings allowing 44.7% with a 12-21 ratio. This year they must replace SS Jack Hunt (13 sts, 4 int, 6 pbu, 73 tkl) and CB Randall Gay (4 sts, 31 tkl, 13 pbu). Five players return with starting experience plus they add numerous true frosh VHT's, and this could be the best secondary in the country once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Saban plays a lot of starters in the special teams unit and in his final season at Mich St the team finished #20 in my special teams rankings. In his first season here, they moved up to #52 (#98 in '99) and in 2001 were #8. In 2002 basically everyone returned and if not for four blocked punts, they would have finished even higher than the #11 they achieved. Last year they had to replace their kicker (PS#4) as well as their top KR & PR. Common sense would say that the unit should have dropped in the rankings, but instead they finished as my #1 rated group. One of the keys to their success was P Donnie Jones who in his fourth year had an amazing net of 39.0. Jones departs (#7DC SEA) as does Devery Henderson who led the team in KR's (22.0). When Shyrone Carey (PS#22) went down to injury early, Skyler Green took over on PR's and averaged an amazing 18.5 on 25 returns with 2 TD's. Green is back along with PK's Ryan Gaudet and Chris Jackson, who both struggled during the year and were replaced at times. They also split the KO duties and LSU did allow just 16.6 per KR and have also been solid in this area under Saban yielding 16.8 and 15.2 the previous two years. Taking over at punter is PS#2 Patrick Fisher. LSU will once again have a Top 25 special teams unit, but it will be tough to finish at the #1 spot again breaking in a freshman punter.

COACHES - Nick Saban is highly respected in the coaching community and is constantly linked to NFL rumors. Last year when Saban guided his team to the National Title, in his contract it was stipulated that he would be the highest paid head coach in the NCAA by at least $1 and he just signed a new 7-year deal. Saban was named Eddie Robinson, Bear Bryant and AP Coach of the Year. He is 39-13 as head coach here. Saban has not had a losing season in his ten years as a head coach. His OC is Jimbo Fisher who is now in his 5th season as the OC/QB coach. DC Will Muschamp is now in his 3rd year as the DC coach and will only be 33 years old this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Nick Saban inherited a 3-8 team and after a 3-3 start won 5 of the last 6 including a bowl win over GT. In 2001 I called for them to win the SEC West and it did not look good as they opened 2-3 in conference play, but they won their last 3 SEC games to win the West Title. They knocked off Tennessee in the SEC Title game and romped over Illinois 47-34 in the Sugar Bowl to finish #7 in the polls, their highest finish since 1987. In 2002 they were the consensus pick for 1st in the SEC West but I went with Arkansas. LSU had 12 starters back but had to replace star QB Rohan Davey and went from averaging 32.2 ppg to 24.8, but earned their first win in Gainesville since 1986. They made it to back-to-back January 1 bowls for the first time since 1966, but lost to Texas in the Cotton Bowl to end the 2002 season. Last year they only had 13 starters returning and I was the only magazine to forecast LSU to win the SEC West and called them my #2 surprise team in the country. I compared them to Ohio St's 2002 National Championship squad noting a favorable scenario for an unbeaten season. LSU did just that nearly going undefeated (11-1 in the reg season) and then blowing out Georgia in the SEC Title game and earning a berth in the National Title game. Their win over an outstanding Oklahoma team in the Sugar Bowl gave them the BCS Championship Title and a National Title split with USC. On the season LSU outscored their foes by an average of 33.9-11 with the defense allowing just 67 ypg rushing. I rated them the best defense in the country last season and the 8th best offense. This year they must replace 26 lettermen and have just 12 starters back. Despite losing their starting QB, they could be just as potent offensively. Defensively they have 7 starters back and have a shot at defending their title as the best defense in the country. The schedule has 3 tough road games this year (Auburn, Georgia, Florida), but this year's LSU team may be even more talented. Despite playing a tougher schedule, LSU has an excellent shot at not only repeating as SEC West champs, but also winning the SEC and are a definite National Title contender.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JaMarcus Russell rFr. 6-5 236 **PS#4**, 10,744 yds in HS. **Marcus Randall** (6-2 223 Sr) 6 sts in '02, 1585 yds (51%), 9-6 ratio, 489 rush in 3 years. Matt Flynn **PS#17** LY.
RB JUSTIN VINCENT SO. 5-10 208 **PS#9**. 8 sts, 1001 (6.5) as true. **Joseph Addai** (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#17**, 985 yds (4.9), 7 sts, 3Y. **Alley Broussard** (6-0 235 So) **PS#8**, 389 (4.6).
FB Kevin Steltz Jr. 5-9 243 2 starts at FB, 545 lb bench, 720 squat. Shawn Jordan (5-11 242 rFr) PS#48. Jason Spadoni (6-0 207 Jr) PS#48. Jacob Hester (6-0 225 Fr).
WR Skyler Green Jr. 5-9 190 **PS#24RB**. 4 sts LY, #3 w/48 rec (10.8). 25 PR (18.5). **Early Doucet** is **PS#1**. Craig Davis (6-2 190 So) **PS#30**. 7 rec as true.
WR Xavier Carter Fr. 6-3 190 **PS#2**. Bennie Brazell (6-1 166 Jr) LSU sprinter. **Amp Hill** (6-3 203 rFr) **PS#12**. Dwayne Bowe (6-3 202 So) PS#62. **Lavelle Hawkins** is **PS#5**.
TE DAVID JONES JR. 6-4 259 **PS#4**, 6 sts @ HB+TE LY, 13 rec (17.8). Keith Zinger (6-4 255 So) **PS#11**. 3 rec as true. Kory Hebert (6-5 248 Jr) **PS#7**. Demetri Robinson (6-3 251 Sr).
C BEN WILKERSON SR. 6-4 296 **PS#1**. Last 9 sts as true. 10 sts, 620 snaps in '02. 14 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC**. 867 plays, turned down NFL. Garett Wibel (6-3 297 So) **PS#39**.
RG Rudy Niswanger Jr. 6-5 294 **PS#14**. 187 snaps, 9 games as rFr. 4 sts LY, 369 plays. Brandon Hurley (6-2 258 Jr) PS#82, 21 games, also FB. Doug Planchard is **PS#57**.
LG NATE LIVINGS JR. 6-5 313 PS#104. 25 plays as true. 10 sts at LG LY (inj 4), 438 plays. Terrell McGill (6-4 325 Jr) PS#66DL, 218 plays LY. Peter Dyakowski (6-4 294 So).
RT Brian Johnson So. 6-4 307 **PS#40**. 9 games 85 plays as rFr. Herman Johnson is **PS#9**. Will Arnold (6-4 315 rFr) **PS#36**. Harold Bicknell (6-6 270 Sr). 5 games.
LT ANDREW WHITWORTH JR. 6-7 325 **PS#8**. 13 sts at LT as rFr. 14 sts, 854 snaps, 79 KD's LY, allowed 5 sks. Paris Hodges (6-5 329 So) PS#220. Ryan Miller (6-6 315 Fr) is **PS#13**.
K CHRIS JACKSON SO. 5-11 159 **PS#9**. 54 yd FG in HS. Hit 5 of 8 FG's here LY, L/47. Ryan Gaudet (5-6 155 So) 7 of 12 FG's long of 47 in '03. Andre Boagni PS#23 in '02.

DE MARCUS SPEARS SR. 6-4 297 **PS#3**. 12 sts, 46 tkls, 3 sks in '02. 14 sts, **1st Tm SEC**, 49 tkls, 13 tfl, 19 qbh. Brian West (6-3 244 So) **PS#34**. 5 tfl as true. Ryan Willis (6-3 266 So).
DT KYLE WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 288 **PS#24**. 7 tkls, 2 sks as true. 8 sts LY, 41 tkls, 4 sks. Glenn Dorsey is **PS#7**. Brandon Washington (6-4 302 Jr) **PS#42**. Jarrod Carter (6-1 291 rFr) PS#77.
DT Sean Merrill rFr. 6-3 255 **PS#23**. Claude Wroten (6-2 315 Jr) **PS#5JC** 15 sks @ JC LY, 370 bench. Carnell Stewart (6-4 297 rFr) **PS#32**. Jarvus Ryes (6-3 257 Sr) PS#58.
DE Melvin Oliver Jr. 6-3 269 PS#119. 29 tkls as rFr, 6.5 sks. 1 st LY, 31 tkls, 4 sks. Kirston Pittman (6-3 238 So) **PS#21**. 15 tkls, 2 sks as true. Tim Washington (6-4 270 Fr) **PS#16** LY.
WLB CAMERON VAUGHN JR. 6-4 220 **PS#24**. 1 st as true, 38 tkls, 2 sks. 6 sts LY, 55 tkls, 3 tfl. Dominic Cooper (6-4 220 rFr) PS#95. Ali Highsmith (6-1 225 Fr) **PS#35LB** in '03.
MLB LIONEL TURNER SR. 6-2 257 **PS#47**. 12 sts, 71 tkls, 9 tfl in '02. 14 sts, 78 tkls, 5 tfl, **HM SEC** last year. Kenneth Hollis (6-0 241 Jr) **PS#49JC**. RS LY. Luke Sanders is **PS#9**.
SLB Philip Maxwell Jr. 6-1 220 **PS#26**. 4 tkls LY. EJ Kuale is **PS#34JC**. Darius Ingram (6-2 232 rFr) PS#95. Alonzo Manuel (6-2 230 So) PS#101. Damien Batiste is PS#128JC.
CB COREY WEBSTER SR. 6-0 201 PS#119QB. 5 sts, **1st Tm SEC**, 7 int, 17 pbu in '02. 14 sts, **2nd Tm AA, 7 int, 25 pbu LY!** Daniel Francis (5-11 179 So) PS#103, 15 tkls. Jeffery Jack is PS#41.
CB TRAVIS DANIELS SR. 6-1 187 **PS#47**. 6 sts at FS LY, last 8 at CB, 58 tkls, 2 int, **26 pbu**, 7 tfl. Ronnie Prude (5-11 176 Sr) PS#27QB, 5 sts, 8 pbu. Nick Child (6-0 169 rFr).
SS Jessie Daniels So. 5-11 195 **PS#38**. 1 start as true. 33 tkls, 5 pbu. **Mario Stevenson is PS#18JC** in for spring. Craig Steltz is **PS#21**. Jonathan Zenon (6-0 172 rFr) PS#176.
FS LaRON LANDRY SO. 6-2 180 **PS#18**. 9 sts as true, **2nd Tm SEC**, 80 tkls, 4 tfl. Joe Lawrence (6-1 205 Fr) 27 years old, baseball S/'96. Keron Gordon (6-1 188 So) 3 tkls LY.
P Patrick Fisher rFr. 6-5 224 **PS#2** in '03. 48.0 avg in HS, 81% of KO's into EZ, 33-33 xp's. Chris Jackson is **PS#9**. Andre Boagni (5-9 171 So). Kirk Mills (6-1 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Early Doucet	6-0 211 PS#1
WR	Xavier Carter	6-3 190 PS#2
DL	Glenn Dorsey	6-2 295 PS#7
WR	Lavelle Hawkins	5-11 175 PS#5
OL	Herman Johnson	6-7 380 PS#9
LB	Luke Sanders	6-5 227 PS#9
OL	Ryan Miller	6-6 315 PS#13
DL	Marlon Favorite	6-1 310 PS#19
DB	Craig Steltz	6-2 193 PS#21
DL	Claude Wroten	6-3 315 PS#5JC
DL	Tremaine Johnson	6-2 255 PS#42
RB	Jacob Hester	6-0 225 PS#38
LB	Matt Stoltz	6-2 225 PS#41
OL	Brett Helms	6-2 290 PS#53
DB	Jeffrey Jack	5-10 175 PS#41
DB	Mario Stevenson	6-2 193 PS#18JC
LB	Quinn Johnson	6-3 230 PS#57
LB	EJ Kuale	6-2 225 PS#34JC
DL	Charles Alexander	6-3 290 PS#78
DL	Tyson Jackson	6-5 282 PS#82
WR	Chevis Jackson	6-0 180 PS#68
OL	Max Holmes	6-4 295 PS#85
TE	Mit Cole	6-4 245 PS#25
DB	Curtis Taylor	6-4 196 PS#84
TE	Jeremy Jones	6-3 293 PS#44
TE	PJ Zimmerman	6-4 220 PS#72

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Oregon St	G						LSU is 14-4 ATS the last 2 years after a SU win. The Tigers are 7-3 ATS the last 10 road openers. The Tigers are 9-4 ATS in lined September games under Saban.
Sep. 11	Arkansas St	G						The last time these 2 met LSU won B2B games in '82 & '81 as double digit favorites. Including bowls, LSU is 9-3 SU & 6-3-1 ATS vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 18	at Auburn	G						Pending LW: LSU is 5-0 SU & ATS L/5 vs non-conf outscoring opp 238-37. Tigers are 2-0 SU (1-1 ATS) outscoring Arkansas St 112-20 ('91 & '98).
Sep. 25	Mississippi St	G						The home team has won 4 in a row winning by an average of 31-11. Last year's 24 pt win over Auburn was biggest in series for LSU S/'72.
Oct. 2	at Georgia	G						LSU is 11-1 SU & ATS in this series S/'92, 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS in Baton Rouge. Tigers are 6-2 ATS the last 8 games as a SEC home favorite.
Oct. 9	at Florida	G						SU winner is 7-1 ATS in this series since 1986. Tigers are 3-6-1 ATS since 1990 in their 1st of back-to-back away games.
Oct. 16								LSU is 1-4 SU & ATS the last 5 years vs Florida. The Tigers are 5-9 ATS since 1996 before a bye (5-2 ATS L4Y).
Oct. 23	Troy St	G						
Oct. 30	Vanderbilt	G						The Tigers are 3-5 ATS the last 4 years after a bye week. Pending 9/11: LSU has never lost SU to a current SBC member (30-0).
Nov. 6								LSU is 5-1 SU, but 2-4 ATS the last 6 vs the Commodores. Tigers are 3-0 SU, but just 1-2 ATS the last 3 at home vs Vandy.
Nov. 13	Alabama	G						
Nov. 20	Mississippi	G						LSU is 0-6 ATS the last 6 at home vs Alabama. The Tigers trail all-time 19-43-5 SU in this series.
Nov. 27	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	A						LSU is just 2-8 ATS at home the L/10 vs UM & the dog is 6-1 the L/7. Last year was the 1st time since '70 both teams were ranked in the AP Poll.
								LSU is 6-4 ATS in road finales since 1994. The dog is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series.

NICK SABAN (Career 82-39-1)
5th Year at LSU

Saban's records AT LSU

39-13	Straight Up	13-8	Home Favorite
27-18	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
4-5	Off A SU Loss	6-5	Away Favorite
20-14	Vs Conference	6-3	Away Underdog
		7-4	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (13-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (23,15,3)
Lost: 26 (13,11,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,974

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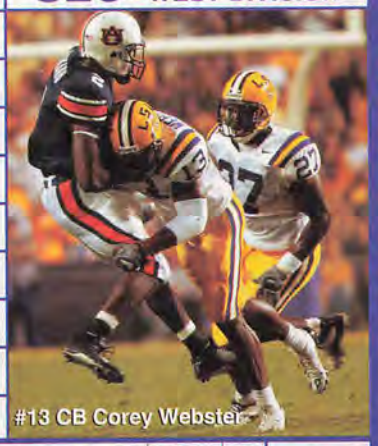
#13 CB Corey Webster

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (91,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	4-7	3-8	7-4	9-3	8-4	12-1	51-30
ATS	6-5	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	6-6	6-5	10-2	41-36-1
Home Fav	2-4	1-5	1-3	2-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	17-20
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	4-4
Away Fav	3-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-2	5-1	10-7
Away Dog	0-0	1-1-1	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	0-0	10-5-1
Favorite	5-5	2-6	1-3	2-3	3-5	4-3	10-2	27-27
Dog	1-0	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	0-0	14-9-1
Grass	6-4	3-7-1	5-6	5-5	5-6	5-5	9-1	38-34-1
Artificial	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	3-2
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-4	4-4	7-2	31-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	10-9-1
Off SU Win	3-4	1-3	1-1	3-4	4-4	6-2	8-2	26-20
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-3-1	4-4	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	12-13-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Vincent	154	1029	28	1001	10	6.5
Joseph Addai	114	546	26	520	2	4.6
Alley Broussard	85	408	19	389	4	4.6
Shyrone Carey	78	366	28	338	6	4.3
Barrington Edwards	41	191	22	169	0	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Mauck	358	229	64.0	2825	28	14
Marcus Randall	40	25	62.5	403	2	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Michael Clayton		78	1079	13.8	10	66
Devery Henderson		53	861	16.2	11	64
Skyler Green		48	519	10.8	5	40
David Jones		13	232	17.8	1	37
Eric Edwards		16	155	9.7	2	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Donnie Jones	65	2757	42.4	16	39.0	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Gaudet	36-38	1-1	4-6	2-4	0-1	7-12	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
LaRon Landry	80	3	1	4	2
Lionel Turner	78	3	2	5	2
Jack Hunt	73	0	3	6	4
Eric Alexander	65	5	4	5	0
Chad Lavalais	61	7	9	6	1
Travis Daniels	58	2	5	26	2
Cameron Vaughn	55	2	1	3	0
Marcus Spears	49	6	7	6	1
Corey Webster	46	1	3	25	7
Kyle Williams	41	4	3	0	1
Marquise Hill	40	6	5	2	0
Jessie Daniels	33	0	2	5	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Skyler Green	25	462	18.5	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shyrone Carey	18	195	10.8	0
Devery Henderson	13	286	22.0	0
Skyler Green	9	188	20.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Independence	-6'	Notre Dame	27-9	W
00	Peach	+8'	Georgia Tech	28-14	W
01	Sugar	-2	Illinois	47-34	W
02	Cotton	+10'	Texas	20-35	L
03	Sugar	+7	Oklahoma	21-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.9	21	186	4.4	233	63.6	12.3	+5	2003	6	11.0	14	67	2.3	185	44.7	22.9
5	24.8	19	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	-1	2002	7	18.3	15	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7
6	32.2	23	153	4.0	309	58.0	14.4	+4	2001	10	23.2	20	112	3.7	281	56.0	16.9
9*	26.7	19	128	3.5	249	52.4	14.1	+4	2000	8	19.6	19	135	3.9	213	54.4	17.8
6	20.3	18	82	2.9	219	49.4	14.9	-7	1999	7	23.5	19	152	3.7	197	54.0	14.8
7*	30.6	21	169	4.3	216	59.1	12.6	+1	1998	8	25.4	21	133	3.5	276	62.8	16.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UL Monroe	23	43-168	3.9	18-35	306	0	11	26-59	2.3	15-34	181	2	+1
at Arizona	28	56-182	3.3	19-25	299	3	10	27-91	3.4	10-32	91	2	-1
W Illinois	31	43-152	3.5	23-32	305	2	12	25-13	0.5	17-39	195	2	0
Georgia	16	43-105	2.4	14-29	180	1	23	31-97	3.1	20-46	314	4	+1
at Miss St	17	35-163	4.7	14-25	191	1	18	30-31	1.0	21-39	208	5	+2
Florida	14	24-56	2.3	19-33	231	3	18	40-81	2.0	18-30	229	6	-2
at S Carolina	27	52-263	5.1	26-32	219	0	11	17-0	0.0	15-32	254	0	0
Auburn	15	33-157	4.8	17-28	224	0	15	34-50	1.5	19-27	143	4	+1
Louisiana Tech	27	41-281	6.9	25-31	372	0	13	25-121	4.8	16-39	220	3	+1
at Alabama	28	40-219	5.5	24-36	251	0	10	26-65	2.5	12-33	154	2	-1
at Mississippi	18	47-152	3.2	16-29	189	3	10	21-27	1.3	16-36	200	3	-2
Arkansas	24	50-250	5.0	12-20	186	0	14	40-201	5.0	4-12	100	0	+4
† Georgia	17	46-293	6.4	14-22	151	4	14	25-50	2.0	17-41	199	6	+2
† Oklahoma	13	40-159	4.0	14-24	153	5	12	33-52	1.6	13-37	102	5	-1
TOTALS	298	593-2600	4.4	255-401	3257	22	191	400-938	2.3	213-477	2590	44	+5
AVERAGES	21.3	42-186	4.4	18-29	233	1.6	13.6	29-67	2.3	15-34	185	3.1	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-27	29-21	L
N Texas	-34	52-0	W
Auburn	-8'	7-41	L
at Georgia	+9	22-23	W
Florida	+14	10-31	L
at Kentucky	+4'	5-31	L
at Mississippi St	+15'	16-17	W
Mississippi	+4'	23-42	L
at Alabama	+20	17-23	W
Houston	-3	7-20	L
Arkansas	+11	35-10	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	58-0	–
Houston	-13	28-13	W
at Auburn	+6'	17-34	L
UAB	-16'	10-13	L
Tennessee	+9'	38-31 OT	W
at Florida	+14'	9-41	L
Kentucky	-4'	34-0	W
Mississippi St	+6	45-38 OT	W
Alabama	-3	30-28	L
at Mississippi	+2'	20-9	W
at Arkansas	-3	3-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-21'	48-17	W
Utah St	-23'	31-14	L
at Tennessee	+10	18-26	W
Florida	+13'	15-44	L
at Kentucky	-16'	29-25	L
at Mississippi St	-3	42-0	W
Mississippi	-9'	24-35	L
at Alabama	+5	35-21	W
Middle Tenn	-17	30-14	L
Arkansas	-9'	41-38	L
Auburn	-7	27-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+7	8-26	L
The Citadel	NL	35-10	–
Miami, Oh	-13	33-7	W
Mississippi St	-13'	31-13	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-0	W
at Florida	+8'	36-7	W
S Carolina	-8	38-14	W
at Auburn	-3'	7-31	L
at Kentucky	-5	33-30	L
Alabama	+1'	0-31	L
Mississippi	-9'	14-13	L
at Arkansas	+5	20-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-34'	49-7	W
at Arizona	-11'	59-13	W
W Illinois	NL	35-7	–
Georgia	-1'	17-10	W
at Miss St	-13'	41-6	W
Florida	-10	7-19	L
at S Carolina	-4	33-7	W
Auburn	-3	31-7	W
Louisiana Tech	-26'	49-10	W
at Alabama	-7	27-3	W
at Mississippi	-6'	17-14	L
Arkansas	-9'	55-24	W

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Brodie Croyle (PS#2) was a much anticipated signee in 2001 but redshirted as the Tide had Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts. He did get in two starts as a rFr including a 285 yard effort vs Arkansas. That season he threw for 1,046 yards (48.8%) with a 5-5 ratio (starter Watts hit 61.9%). It was the first time in Tide history that two QB's had over 1,000 yards passing in the same season. Croyle was clearly the starter last year with Spencer Pennington (6-4 227 Jr, PS#72) the backup. Pennington played in six games with one pass attempt in 2002. Brandon Avalos who was "considering leaving school" and not on the roster, was a distant 3rd stringer. Croyle separated his shoulder vs Arkansas so Pennington started vs Georgia. Croyle came in for an ill-fated 2 plays and was reinjured and then Pennington went out in the 3Q which left Avalos, who had taken just 5 snaps with the 1st team all season, as the QB. He hit 2 of 8 for 6 yards vs UGA and then started the next week in the win vs S Miss hitting 3 of 7 for 12 yards with 1 int. He was the first 3rd string QB to start here since 1987 (Jeff Dunn). Croyle played in pain the rest of the year but managed to take almost all of the remaining snaps. He had a solid season despite the injury as he tied Mike Shula's mark with 16 TD passes in a season throwing for 2,303 yards (53.4%) with a 16-13 ratio while rushing for 217 yards. He had shoulder surgery and missed spring but hopefully will be 100% this fall. Pennington threw for 159 yards (44.8%) with a 1-1 ratio in 4 games. He returns as does 4th stringer Michael Machen (6-6 229 rFr) who spent three years with the Orioles MLB organization and almost saw action here as a "freshman" walk-on. Marc Guillon (PS#24) originally signed at Miami (FL) and in two games there in 2002 threw for 53 yards but transferred and walked on here. I look for significant improvement in the QB play if Croyle remains healthy, and the backups are better prepared if he gets injured.

#97 DT Anthony Bryant
#6 LB Derrick Pope

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Ahmaad Galloway (#7DC DEN) rushed for 971 yards (5.1). In 2002 he started the first 4 games and had 257 yards (4.4), but suffered a torn ACL. Their #2 rusher, Santonio Beard had 811 yards (4.9). Shaud Williams (PS#30), a Texas Tech transfer rushed for 921 yards and a team high 7.1 ypc. He hauled in 21 rec (10.9) and added 437 return yards. Last year the offense was mostly Williams as he accounted for 16 TD's. Williams rushed for 1,367 yards (4.9) and was also the 3rd leading receiver. Ray Hudson (PS#117) had 512 yards in his first two years and rushed for 490 (4.9) last season. Kenneth Darby (PS#36) played in just ten games due to injuries and had 185 yards (5.4). Nic Luke (PS#140) played in six games but did not get any carries and considered transferring. I list the FB's below including impressive Tim Castille (PS#10) who had 10 starts as a true frosh and 21 rec (6.1) and he may end up as the feature TB. Le'Ron McClain (PS#27) is a solid blocker. Replacing Williams (5-8 191) will be tough, but I do like the talent that is remaining and this unit probably won't slip as much as you would expect and has added size.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Tide had to replace just one starter from this unit (#2 rec). This year the losses are a bit heavier with WR's Triandos Luke (13 sts, 32 rec, 13.5, #6DC DEN), Dre Fulgham (8 sts, 30 rec, 15.8), Zach Fletcher (6 sts, 21 rec, 23.7), Lance Taylor (12 rec), Brandon Greer (14 rec) and TE Donald Clarke (2 sts) all departing. The TE's were banged up last year and at season's end backup C/OG Matt Lomax was playing TE, so they are in better shape in that area. They may also get back Antonio Carter (PS#7) who missed the last 2 years with an injury but had 110 rec (12.1) in 18 starts from '99-'01. Tyrone Prothro was impressive as a true frosh seeing his first action vs Arkansas and finishing with 16 rec (11.9). They have some HT rFr to plug in as well and I list them in the 2 deep below. Not listed are WR's Matt Miller (6-3 199 Jr), Tarry Givens (6-5 220 Sr) and TE Will Denniston (6-2 217 rFr). Watch Damien Jones (PS#33) who played baseball the last 5 years and is a 24 year old "true" frosh. This has the makings of a decent group but it is less experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 a veteran Tide OL paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters who were both 1st Tm SEC. Due to probation, the unit did not have its normal depth last season and in the 9th game, starting LT Wesley Britt went down with a broken leg which kept him out this spring as well. Overall the Tide averaged just 4.0 ypc rushing and allowed 29 sacks. This year they must replace RG Dennis Alexander (10 sts, 334 lbs), LG Justin Smiley (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 785 snaps, #2DC SF), LT/LG Atlas Herrion (6 sts) and C/OG Matt Lomax (2 sts). If Britt returns 100% healthy, this unit has better depth than last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Tide had one of the best DL's in the NCAA and had three 1st Tm SEC players who all were drafted in the NFL. After allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing and recording 44 sacks in 2002, they allowed a pedestrian 3.7 ypc rushing with only 26 sacks last year. This year the only losses are DE Antwan Odom (PS#5, 1st Tm SEC, 13 sts, 40 tkl, 8 sks, #2DC TEN), DE Nautyn McKay-Loescher (7 sts, 17 tkl, 5 sks), DT Ahmad Childress (4 sts, 24 tkl, 4 tfl) and DE Leslie Williams (PS#24, 6 tkl). Childress and Odom each left early for the NFL draft. There is a spattering of VHT's in the group but not as many as you would expect on a Tide D-line. However, this group is more experienced than last season and should be better statistically.

LINEBACKERS - The Tide looked to be in great shape at LB last year with everyone returning but starting WLB Brooks Daniels (#1 tkl'r in '02, PS#19) left school in August and starting SLB Cornelius Wortham, who was the #2 tackler in '02, injured his elbow and missed the season, so only one starter returned. DeMeco Ryans led the team in tackles (126) and was 2nd Tm SEC. His 25 tackles vs Arkansas set a school record. Returning starter Freddie Roach (PS#33) was solid in the middle. This year they must replace SLB Derrick Pope (PS#1JC, 10 sts, 1st Tm SEC, #7DC MIA), but have basically everyone else back and Wortham returns to the lineup as well. Juwan Garth (PS#102) will be tough to keep out of the lineup and had 3 starts earning a place on the All-SEC frosh team. This group is more experienced than 2003, and should be one of the better units in the SEC.

LB DeMeco Ryans

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Bama traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings and was #20 in 2002 allowing 49.5% with an 11-18 ratio. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters due to graduation and surprisingly did not have a lot of VHT's in the group. The Tide dropped to #56 allowing 57.9% with a 23-12 ratio. This year the only losses are FS Charles Jones (13 sts, 91 tkl, 4 int), CB David Scott (26 tkl), CB Roberto McBride (3 tkl) and FS Chris James (9 tkl). I expect true frosh Simeon Castille (PS#10) to possibly break into the starting lineup early, and they did bring in one other VHT in Marcus Carter (PS#59). They could use some more height at CB which is why I plug Castille in there, but this unit is more experienced than last season and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tide finished a poor #94 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace their punter, but had everyone else back including three players who attempted FG's. Brian Bostick who hit 6 of 8 FG's with a long of 39 in 2002 took command of those duties and hit 16 of 25 with a long of 48. Bo Freelend (PS#77) took over the punting duties and after averaging just 37 ypp after the first five games he was in danger of losing his job. He tied a school record by averaging 52.4 vs Ole Miss and finished the season with a 40.8 average. Shula bemoaned the lack of a breakaway returnman but Brandon Brooks, the fastest player on the team (4.31 spd), filled that need at the end of the year and even had a 96 yd KR for a TD. Brooks averaged 34.3 on 6 KR's and 7.8 on 11 PR's. The star of the special teams was FS Chris James who blocked a school record 4 punts. Overall, the Tide moved up to #43 (including K) in my special teams rankings and the good news this year is that everyone returns (with the exception of LS Nick Ridings), making them a legitimate Top 25 contender in this category.

COACHES - Mike Shula stepped into an extremely rough situation last year (3rd HC in 8 months) and did not even get to spend spring practice with his team. He also changed the offense and the defense for the third time in that span, with the departure of Mike Price. Shula had been the Dolphins' QB coach, Tampa Bay's OC and a Tide QB who led his team to a 32-15-1 record. The team did retain Joe Kines at DC but the defense allowed 25.6 ppg which tied the school record set in 1955. They had 5 soph's and 1 frosh in the starting defensive lineup vs Auburn. Offensively Dave Rader who was the HC at Tulsa from 1988-'99 took over. The coaching staff is far more stable and should be much more productive. Shula was the first ever SEC coach to inherit his team after the spring.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bama allowed 333 pts in 13 games LY which broke the school record (287), but 2 of their games were decided in OT. Bama was in an extremely rough situation last year and finished 4-9 but outFD'd Oklahoma 19-13, had 2 OT losses, looked past NI (lost by 3), and lost to rival Auburn by 5 so they could easily have had a much better record. The Tide was 3-8 in 2000 and rebounded to get to a bowl game in 2001 and are in much better shape this year with 14 starters returning. Keep in mind just two years ago they basically won the SEC West (best record at 6-2) and outgained SEC foes by 152.1 ypg, the best mark in the league. Last year they were pegged for either 3rd or 4th in the SEC West but I picked them 5th (*SI* only other magazine to peg them that low) and that was mostly due to the rough offseason and the fact that they had benefitted from +15 turnovers the year before (see pg 312). While Bama is coming off their first 9 loss season in 48 years, they played, arguably, the toughest schedule in the SEC last year and the Tide should be in much better shape now that Shula has had an entire year with the team. The schedule is also more conducive to success this year as teams that have early season success gain confidence and Bama could be favored in their first 7 games (which makes them a surprise contender in the SEC West). This will be the first time since 1927 that the Tide doesn't play a game at Legion Field. They do have tough road trips to Tenn and LSU but with 7 home games it should be a season much more palatable to the Tide faithful. The Tide is my 2nd most improved team in the country (see page 19) which means that they should be back in a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRODIE CROYLE JR. 6-3 200 **PS#2**. 2 sts 1046 (49%) 5-5 ratio in '02. 11 sts LY, 2303 yds (53%), 16-13 ratio, 217 rush. Marc Guillon (6-4 215 So) PS#24. Miami Fl trans.
RB Ray Hudson Sr. 5-10 202 PS#117DB. 512 yds (5.9) in '01 & '02. 490 yds (4.9) in '03. Kenneth Darby (5-10 202 So) **PS#36**. 185 yds as rFr. Nic Luke (6-1 224 So) PS#140.
FB TIM CASTILLE SO. 5-11 231 **PS#10**. 10 sts at FB, 162 yds **could move to TB. Le'Ron McClain** (6-1 240 So) **PS#27**. 1 st as **true**. Josh Smith (5-11 221 Sr) 143 snaps.
WR Matt Caddell rFr. 6-0 171 **PS#27**. Brandon Brooks (5-4 163 Jr) 4.31 spd. 292 ret yds LY. Damien Jones (6-2 215 Fr) **PS#33**. Baseball 5 yrs. Will Roach (6-1 187 rFr) **PS#50**.
WR Antonio Carter Sr. 5-9 191 **PS#7**. 18 sts, 110 rec (12.1) '99-'01. RS in '02. Tryone Prothro (5-8 173 So) PS#140 So. 16 rec (11.9) as **true**. Arturo McDowell (6-0 185 rFr).
TE DAVID CAVAN SR. 6-5 252 2 sts in '02. 8 sts, 499 plays, 2 rec (hand cast) LY. Greg McLain (6-2 244 Jr) PS#88LB. 6 sts FB in '02. Clint Johnston (6-4 245 Jr) PS#49. 7 sts 2Y.
C J.B. CLOSNER JR. 6-4 290 P#368. 6 games, 48 plays in '02, 2nd string. 12 sts at C in '03, 708 snaps, 1 letter. Montre Walker (6-2 259 Jr) Has not earned a letter.
RG Danny Martz Sr. 6-4 291 PS#169. 1 gm as rFr. 5 gms in '02. MIP OL in spg. 9 gms, 3 sts, 242 snaps LY. Justin Moon (6-4 304 rFr) PS#83. Travis West (6-3 280 rFr) PS#229.
LG EVAN MATHIS SR. 6-5 308 9 sts, 462 snaps in '01. 13 sts, 935 snaps in '02. 13 sts, 762 snaps LY, 500 bench. HS Hvywt champ. Gerritt Gordon (6-2 277 Jr).
RT Kyle Tatum So. 6-7 282 **PS#17**. 2 sts at DT, 14 tkls, 182 snaps as rFr. Mark Sanders (6-7 310 Jr) **PS#77** in '01. 2nd string LY but no action. Taylor Britt (6-4 278 Jr)
LT WESLEY BRITT SR. 6-8 313 **PS#28**. 12 sts in '01. 13 sts, **1st Tm SEC** in '02. 9 sts til broken leg LY, **1st Tm SEC**. Von Ewing (6-5 304 Jr) **PS#24**. Chris Capps (6-5 275 rFr) PS#279.
K BRIAN BOSTICK SR. 5-10 213 6 of 8 FG's long of 39 in '02. 16 of 25 FG's long of 48 in '03. Mike McLaughlin (6-2 207 Jr) PS#1. Michael Ziifle (6-0 236 Sr) 6 of 10 FG's L/47 in '02.

DE MARK ANDERSON JR. 6-5 239 PS#361. 13 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 6 sts, 610 snaps, 48 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 7 QBH. Keith Saunders (6-4 231 rFr). Wallace Gilberry (6-2 239 rFr).
DT JEREMY CLARK SO. 6-2 290 PS#127. 7 sts as rFr, 368 snaps, 23 tkls, 2 sks. Chris Turner (6-3 287 Jr) is **PS#30JUCO**. Lorenzo Washington (6-5 275 Fr) PS#64.
DT ANTHONY BRYANT SR. 6-3 336 **PS#6**. 1 st, 52 tkls in '01 & '02. 13 sts in '03, 44 tkls. Dominic Lee (6-2 302 So) **PS#22**, 2 sks as **true**. Rudy Griffin (6-0 284 Jr) **2 yr starter** at Citadel.
DE Chris Harris So. 6-5 241 **PS#39**. 7 of L/8 games, 72 snaps, 2 tkls as rFr. Todd Bates (6-4 253 Sr) PS#208, 54 tkls, 7 tfl in '01 & '02. Susp LY. JP Adams (6-3 262 So).
WLB DeMECO RYANS JR. 6-2 225 PS#143. 27 tkls as true. 13 sts LY, 126 tkls, 2 sks.
2nd Tm SEC, 7 tfl. Demarcus Waldrop (5-11 200 rFr) PS#109. Earnest Nance (6-2 203 rFr) PS#98.
MLB FREDDIE ROACH JR. 6-2 245 **PS#33DL**. 10 starts as rFr, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 starts in '03, 85 tkls, 7 tfl. Terrence Jones (6-0 205 So) PS#78. 11 tkls as true, 221 plays.
SLB Cornelius Wortham Sr. 6-1 237 PS#51RB. 9 sts in '01, 60 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts in '02, #2 w/95 tkls, 480 lb bench. RS LY. **Juwan Garth** (6-2 208 So) PS#102, 62 tkls, 2 sks as rFr.
CB ANTHONY MADISON SR. 5-9 180 PS#56WR. 2 sts, 6 pbu in '02. 13 starts in '03, 59 tkls, 793 snaps, 3 pbu. Eric Gray (5-11 190 rFr) PS#109. **Simeon Castille is PS#10**.
CB CHARLIE PEPRAH JR. 5-10 189 PS#108. 8 sts, 616 snaps, 4 int in '02. 13 sts, 69 tkls, 4 int, 14 pbu, 917 snaps LY. Ramzee Robinson (5-9 181 So) PS#118. 1 st, 23 tkls.
SS Carlos Andrews Sr. 5-11 210 **PS#23**. 61 snaps as true. RS in '01. 1 st, 10 tkls in 02. 345 snaps, 22 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Bryan Kilpatrick (6-4 199 Jr) PS#445LB.
FS ROMAN HARPER JR. 6-0 191 PS#233. 1 st, 42 tkls in '02. 13 sts at SS in '03, #2 with 111 tkls, 3 pbu. Thurman Ward (6-1 186 Sr) PS#63. 179 snaps, 10 tkls in '03.
P BO FREELEND SR. 6-4 257 PS#77. 73 punts, 40.8 avg, net of 34.7 in '03. Strong in 2nd half of year. Jeff Aul (6-2 214 So) 13 plays LY. Jeremy Schatz (5-7 151 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Nikita Stover 6-2 187 PS#15
DB	Simeon Castille 6-1 185 PS#10
DL	Justin Britt 6-4 270 PS#27
OL	BJ Stabler 6-4 291 PS#41
QB	John Parker Wilson 6-1 180 PS#31
LB	Curtis Dawson 6-1 255 PS#50
WR	DJ Hall 6-3 170 PS#48
DL	Kevin Hamilton 6-3 255 PS#59
TE	Trent Davidson 6-5 242 PS#12
DL	Lorenzo Washington 6-5 275 PS#64
DB	Marcus Carter 6-1 190 PS#59
DL	Chris Turner 6-3 287 PS#30JC
OL	Cody Davis 6-7 275 PS#69
DL	Jeramie Holifield 6-5 250 PS#85
DL	Travis McCall 6-2 235 PS#92
DB	Travis Robinson 5-10 180 PS#91
DL	Brandon Fanney 6-5 260 PS#132
OL	Antoine Caldwell 6-2 265 PS#124
RB	Aaron Johns 5-10 185 PS#107
WR	Will Oakley 6-1 190 PS#100
WR	Ezekial Knight 6-3 210 PS#103
WR	Keith Brown 6-3 190 PS#109
DB	Aaron McDaniel 6-1 170 PS#128

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Shula's record AT ALABAMA

4-9	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
5-8	Vs The Spread	1-3	Home Underdog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
	3-2 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (4-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,17,3)
Lost: 33 (15,14,4)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,388

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#62

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Utah St	G						Alabama is 7-2-1 ATS after playing Tennessee. Alabama is 7-2 ATS as an away dog in November since 1995. As a home dog Bama is just 2-11 SU & 4-9 ATS since 1995.
Sep. 11	Mississippi	G						Alabama is 3-8 ATS the last 11 lined season openers. The Tide is 6-2 SU & ATS at home vs non-conference foes.
Sep. 18	W Carolina	G						The SU winner is 18-2 ATS in the series. The Tide has outscored the Rebels 165-41 the last 5 in Tuscaloosa.
Sep. 25	at Arkansas	G						The IAA Catamounts were 5-7 overall & 3-5 in the Southern Conference. WC played 2 Div IA schools LY & were hammered 59-20 at NC St & at Duke 29-3.
Oct. 2	S Carolina	G						The Tide is just 1-5 ATS in road openers. The dog is 5-2 ATS in this series.
Oct. 9	at Kentucky	G						The Crimson Tide is 3-1 SU & ATS in this series. Could apply: Bama is 8-15 ATS after a SU loss.
Oct. 16	S Mississippi (HC)	G						The home team is 5-1 ATS in this series. Entering 2004, Alabama was 2-6-1 ATS as an AF but 12-5 ATS as an AD.
Oct. 23	at Tennessee	G						Alabama is 6-1 SU & ATS the last 7 vs the Golden Eagles. Since '80, UA is 17-3-1 SU vs SM w/all gms in Alabama having an avg score of 26-14.
Oct. 30								UA is 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS L/9 in this series but are a surprising 8-1 ATS in Knoxville. Tide are 14-6 SU & 11-9 ATS before a bye S/'90 (1-3 SU & ATS their L/4).
Nov. 6	Mississippi St	G						The Crimson Tide is 10-3 ATS off of a bye. Entering 2004, Alabama was 1-11 ATS in conference home games.
Nov. 13	at LSU	G						Alabama is 2-4 ATS in road finales. The Crimson Tide is 7-1 SU & ATS the last 8 visits to Baton Rouge.
Nov. 20	Auburn	G						In this series the Tide has covered 7 of the L/10 & are 5-2 SU & ATS the L/7 HG's. Alabama is 3-6 ATS in home finales.
Nov. 27								

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091) BRYANT-DENNY (83,818)
PLAYING SURFACE: LEGION-GRASS BRYANT-GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	7-4	10-2	3-8	6-5	10-3	4-9	44-38
ATS	5-6	7-4	8-4	3-8	5-6	7-5-1	5-8	40-41-1
Home Fav	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	3-4	2-2	18-19
Home Dog	0-2	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	4-8
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	1-1	6-9-1
Away Dog	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-2	12-5
Favorite	4-4	3-3	5-3	2-5	3-5	4-5-1	3-3	24-28-1
Dog	1-2	4-1	3-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-5	16-13
Grass	4-6	7-4	7-4	3-8	5-6	7-4-1	5-6	38-38-1
Artificial	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-3
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	2-6	26-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	3-2	14-11
Off SU Win	1-3	3-3	6-3	1-2	4-1	5-3-1	1-3	21-18-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-1	2-0	2-5	1-4	2-1	3-5	16-19

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shaud Williams	280	1441	74	1367	14	4.9
Ray Hudson	**100**	**506**	**16**	**490**	**1**	**4.9**
Kenneth Darby	**34**	**200**	**15**	**185**	**0**	**5.4**
Brodie Croyle	**72**	**217**	**209**	**8**	**0**	**0.1**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brodie Croyle	**341**	**182**	**53.4**	**2303**	**16**	**13**
Spencer Pennington	**29**	**13**	**44.8**	**159**	**1**	**1**
Brandon Avalos	15	5	33.3	18	0	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Zach Fletcher	21	498	23.7	3	86	
Dre Fulgham	30	475	15.8	4	71	
Triandos Luke	32	432	13.5	4	36	
Tyrone Prothro	**16**	**191**	**11.9**	**1**	**44**	
Shaud Williams	24	161	6.7	1	24	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Bo Freeland	**73**	**2976**	**40.8**	**14**	**34.7**	**2**	**21**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Bostick	**33-37**	**4-6**	**6-9**	**6-10**	**0-0**	**16-25**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Demeco Ryans	**126**	**2**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Roman Harper	**111**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Derrick Pope	105	5	4	6	1
Charles Jones	91	0	1	5	4
Freddie Roach	**85**	**1**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Charlie Peprah	**69**	**0**	**3**	**14**	**4**
Juwan Garth	**62**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Anthony Madison	**59**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Mark Anderson	**48**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Anthony Bryant	**44**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Antwan Odom	40	8	2	4	0
David Scott	26	0	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Shaud Williams	19	133	7.0	1	
Brandon Brooks	**11**	**86**	**7.8**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Ray Hudson	**10**	**202**	**20.2**	**0**	
Ramzee Robinson	**10**	**166**	**16.6**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Citrus	-3'	Ohio St	24-17	W
96	Outback	E	Michigan	17-14	W
98	Music City	+5	Virginia Tech	7-38	L
99	Orange	-1	Michigan (OT)	34-35	L
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	25.5	18	159	4.0	192	52.1	13.8	+1	2003	5	25.6	19	132	3.7	228	57.9	14.1
7*	28.2	20	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	+15	2002	8	15.4	15	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7
7*	26.5	19	220	5.2	178	55.2	15.0	+3	2001	7	19.3	19	114	3.3	255	58.5	19.1
9*	20.7	16	138	3.9	172	49.2	14.9	-8	2000	8	22.4	19	125	3.3	212	55.5	15.1
8*	29.2	19	179	4.3	192	56.6	12.7	+5	1999	7	20.4	16	72	2.6	233	54.9	14.9
3	20.9	18	110	3.1	222	55.6	15.9	0	1998	4	23.9	21	153	3.8	209	54.3	15.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
S Florida	24	49-189	3.9	14-27	203	1	12	22-51	2.3	18-34	205	1	+2
Oklahoma	19	32-108	3.4	24-42	195	5	13	27-74	2.7	22-36	281	0	-2
Kentucky	29	53-266	5.0	14-27	198	2	11	23-26	1.1	15-24	169	2	-1
N Illinois	15	26-118	4.5	22-39	276	1	16	40-118	3.0	16-24	149	5	0
Arkansas	17	31-158	5.1	15-32	226	0	28	61-289	4.7	16-27	202	1	+2
at Georgia	12	31-94	3.0	11-29	115	4	21	44-96	2.2	24-43	274	2	0
S Mississippi	12	50-243	4.9	3-7	12	0	16	35-17	0.5	22-37	244	5	+1
at Mississippi	21	30-116	3.9	21-29	248	3	23	50-216	4.3	14-22	230	1	-3
Tennessee	27	61-258	4.2	21-38	215	2	24	41-209	5.1	23-43	283	2	+2
at Mississippi St	19	50-190	3.8	10-16	211	2	10	20-24	1.2	16-31	128	4	+1
LSU	10	26-65	2.5	12-33	154	2	28	40-219	5.5	24-36	251	0	+1
at Auburn	13	34-111	3.3	13-29	180	1	21	41-249	6.1	18-27	270	3	0
at Hawaii	19	43-151	3.5	21-38	258	6	17	21-134	6.4	22-48	275	0	-2
TOTALS	237	516-2067	4.0	201-386	2491	29	240	465-1722	3.7	250-432	2961	26	+1
AVERAGES	18.2	40-159	4.0	15-30	192	2.2	18.5	36-132	3.7	19-33	228	2.0	0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-14	28-17	L
Houston	-13'	37-10	W
LA Tech	-13'	28-29	L
Arkansas	+2	35-28	W
at Florida	+16	40-39 OT	W
at Mississippi	-3	30-24	W
Tennessee	+3	7-21	L
S Mississippi	-1'	35-14	W
LSU	-20	23-17	L
Mississippi St	-6	19-7	W
at Auburn	-3'	28-17	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	-7	24-35	L
Vanderbilt	-21'	28-10	L
S Mississippi	-6'	0-21	L
at Arkansas	-2'	21-28	L
S Carolina	-9'	27-17	W
Mississippi	-4'	45-7	W
at Tennessee	+3	10-20	L
UCF	-18'	38-40	L
at LSU	+3	28-30	W
at Mississippi St	+7	7-29	L
Auburn	+1	0-9	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	-2'	17-20	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	12-9	L
Arkansas	-10	31-10	W
at S Carolina	+6	36-37	W
UTEP	-21	56-7	W
at Mississippi	-8	24-27	L
Tennessee	+2	24-35	L
LSU	-5	21-35	L
Mississippi St	-11	24-17	L
at Auburn	+3	31-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	28-15	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-17	39-34	L
at Oklahoma	+12	27-37	W
N Texas	-21	33-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	20-7	W
at Arkansas	+6'	30-12	W
Georgia	-4'	25-27	L
Mississippi	-11	42-7	W
at Tennessee	+2	34-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-22	30-8	T
Miss St	-21'	28-14	L
at LSU	-1'	31-0	W
Auburn	-10'	7-17	L
at Hawaii	-11'	21-16	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	-15	40-17	W
Oklahoma	+7'	13-20	W
Kentucky	-13'	27-17	L
N Illinois	-13'	16-19	L
Arkansas	+1'	31-34 2OT	L
at Georgia	+12	23-37	L
S Mississippi	-10'	17-3	W
at Mississippi	+4	28-43	L
Tennessee	+3	43-51 5OT	L
at Mississippi St	-10'	38-0	W
LSU	+7	3-27	L
at Auburn	+7'	23-28	W
at Hawaii	-2'	29-37	L

AUBURN TIGERS

RB Carnell Williams

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Jason Campbell (PS#2) and Daniel Cobb (PS#9) split the QB duties with Campbell starting the first five and getting 8 starts overall throwing for 1,191 yards (63.1%) with a 4-5 ratio. In 2002 new OC Petrino cut down the amount of decisions the QB had to make. Cobb started the first 7 but Campbell overtook him and started the last six. Campbell threw for 1,215 yards (63.1%) with an 11-5 ratio rushing for 348 yards. Campbell's backup last year was Josh Sullivan who is 6-4 210 and was impressive when called upon hitting 20 of 28 for 213 yards with an 0-1 ratio, mostly in mop up duty. He left the team this spring to concentrate on baseball. Brandon Cox (6-2 196 rFr, PS#20) had a muscular disease in 2002 and grayshirted and was not 100% last season but had a great spring this year to solidify his #2 spot. Also in the mix is Kelcy Luke (6-0 199 rFr, PS#152) and Wesley Hill (6-3 217 So, PS#149). Campbell was much maligned during 2003 especially early when teams stacked the line to stop the run and he struggled, but he finished sixth in the SEC in pass efficiency throwing for 2,267 yards (61.8%) with a 10-8 ratio and remarkably he is #1 in Auburn history in career completion percentage at 62.3% (ahead of Jeff Burger 61% '84-'87). Campbell is the first QB in Auburn history to start three bowl games and was the MVP of the Music City Bowl. He should have his best season yet as a senior despite having to learn a new offense with his 4th OC in 5 years.

RUNNING BACKS - Last season Auburn had perhaps the most talented RB's in the country led by Carnell Williams (PS#4). Williams, who suffered through two injury plagued seasons had 614 yards (5.1) in '01 and 745 (5.3) in 2002. He stayed relatively healthy last year and was #3 in the SEC in rushing with 1,307 yards (5.4) and 17 TD's. He was named the SEC Off POW an unprecedented three consecutive weeks including vs Miss St when he had a school record six rushing TD's. The backfield was so deep that Tre Smith (5-10 200 Jr, PS#27) was also tried at DB and he rushed for 141 yards (3.8). With Williams injured in 2002, Ronnie Brown led the team with 1,008 yards rushing (5.8). Brown missed two games last year and finished with 446 yards (4.7). Brandon Jacobs (PS#1JC) is an unusual combination of 257 lbs with 4.4 speed. Jacobs also had 446 yards last year, but was more impressive with a 6.2 ypc. He opted to transfer in the offseason. When the team uses a FB they have Jake Slaughter (6-2 237 Jr, PS#240LB), Chris Chappell (6-1 223 rFr) and Andrew Turman (6-0 234 rFr). Not listed in the 2 deep below are TB Carl Stewart (6-1 212 rFr, PS#128) and this year's incoming frosh (see Top Newcomers). With a 1,000 yard rusher as the backup and one of the top RB's in the country as their feature back, this is once again one of the top units in the nation.

RECEIVERS - The Tigers had to replace their top two receivers last year including TE Robert Johnson who left early for the NFL draft but was not selected. They appeared to be in great shape with the tongue-tying WR duo of Ben Obomanu (PS#23, 4.29 spd) and Devin Aromashodu (PS#27). Those two struggled with dropped passes early with Aromashodu losing his starting job after one game. The top WR turned out to be Jeris McIntyre (PS#156) who had 41 rec's (15.1) and was the team's game-breaker. Courtney Taylor started five games and was #2 with 34 rec (11.1). Obomanu had his best and worst game against Mississippi. He had 150 yards with one TD but dropped the game winning TD pass. TE Anthony Mix (PS#21) moved back to WR and had 21 rec's (11.2). This year the only losses are WR's McIntyre (#6DC of KC) and Justin Fetsko (6 rec, 9.2). This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and should get more production from the junior VHT's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 The Tigers had to replace three 4 year starters including a pair of NFL DC's but surprisingly increased their ypc rushing from 3.6 to 4.7 while allowing 12 less sacks (21). Two true frosh OL's logged starting time. Last year they only had to replace one 3 year starter and a backup and the starting unit packed good size at 318 lbs per man. Surprisingly the ypc dropped to 4.4 and the team allowed 5 more sacks. This year they lose two starters in RG Monreko Crittenden (13 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 3 yr st'r) and LT Mark Pera (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as backup RT Drew Kirk (1 st, 5 gms). They shuffled the OL in the spring with C Danny Lindsey moving to RG and LG Troy Reddick moving to RT. TE Ben Grubbs moves in and they add in one of the top frosh OL's in the country in Leon Hart (PS#3). Overall I look for improvement in the numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - 2002's D-line accounted for just 11.5 of the team's 29 sacks. Last year seven players returned with starting experience including all four starters plus they added some JUCO's. The Tigers showed dramatic improvement on defense overall allowing just 2.7 ypc improving the sack total to 34. This year they suffer some heavy losses from this group. Gone are DT DeMarco McNeil (13 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 55 tkl, 6 sks), DT Spencer Johnson (13 sts, 38 tkl, 4.5 sks), DE Reggie Torbor (13 sts, 38 tkl, 9.5 sks, 2nd Tm SEC, #4DC NYG) and DT Dexter Murphy (9 tkl). DE Jay Ratliff did miss a good portion of the year due to injury and moves inside to DT this year. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. They have some VHT's in the group, but overall it is a lot less experienced than last season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year four of the top seven LB's returned from an excellent unit and they were arguably one of the best LB corps in the NCAA and probably the fastest. They lost projected starting LB Lemarcus Rowell prior to the season and he attended a JC. This year they lose their top 2 tacklers in WLB Karlos Dansby who was 1st Tm AA and led the team in tackles (84) and added 5.5 sacks in 13 starts along with MLB Dontarrious Thomas (1st Tm SEC, 13 sts, 75 tkl , 7 tfl). LB Antarrious Williams moves to safety and safety Karibi Dede (6 sts) moves to LB this year. Four of the top six are back, and the 2 deep is listed below. They also get Rowell back this season and he is a VHT. There is some decent talent here, but with the loss of their top two guys who were both NFL DC's (Dansby #2DC ARZ) and Thomas (#2DC MIN), this unit will clearly be weaker in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Tigers finished #18 in my pass D rankings and with practically everyone back in 2002 racked up 21 int's and finished #16. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 30 starts as well as a backup. After eight games the team had just 5 int's and one was by DL McNeil. They moved S Junior Rosegreen out of position to CB early in the season but he moved back for the final 5 starts. In the bowl game, former WR Montavis Pitts earned the start at CB. As you would expect, Auburn dropped in my pass D rankings falling to #41 allowing 53.3% with a 15-11 ratio. The good news is the only loss is SS Roshard Gilyard (12 tkl). I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Gerald Williams (5-9 192 Jr), Andrew Letts (6-1 202 Jr, 15 tkl) and Patrick Lee (6-0 193 rFr). This unit is much more experienced than last year's version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tommy Tuberville's teams at Ole Miss always ranked in the upper half of my special teams rankings. Here at Auburn he's enjoyed the same success. In 2001 they ranked #18 but surprisingly dropped to #63 in 2002. Last year they had to replace their outstanding P/K Damon Duval as well as their top PR and KR. The team did have problems on FG's for a second straight season (see Hardcore pg 321). Auburn has converted 177 consecutive PAT's, the second longest streak in SEC history with the record being held by Alabama at 199 from 1981-'87. P Michael Gibson (PS#56) struggled with just a 32.8 average in the opener against USC and Kody Bliss (PS#7) took over. As a true frosh Bliss averaged 42.9 with 21 kicks inside the 20 and the team had an outstanding net of 38.6. Late in the year RB Carnell Williams was inserted in the return game and he joins the dangerous Tre Smith (PS#27) and Devin Aromashodu (PS#27). Overall the Tigers moved up to #39 and with everyone back and Tuberville's history, this is a contender for Top 10 honors in 2004.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 and after just missing out on a winning season in his first year won or shared a part of the SEC West Title for three consecutive seasons. Tuberville's teams routinely have done better than I have forecasted. He signed a five-year 1.5 million per year contract in 2003 and put himself on the hotseat by saying "We will win a National Championship in a few years." For the first time his team was projected to win the conference last year, but struggled and it nearly cost him his job. Prior to the Iron Bowl there was a clandestine meeting between Auburn's President, AD, and Coach Petrino of Louisville that caused a huge outcry of support for Tuberville. Tuberville survived that meeting and his contract was rolled over with 5 years remaining. DC Gene Chizik enters his third year and was the DC at UCF from '98-2001. At UCF he took a defense that was ranked #81 and built them up to #16 in 2001. Last year Auburn allowed just 92.6 ypg rush, the best since 1988 and the 281.6 overall allowed was the best since 1990. Tuberville goes to his fourth OC in five years after demoting Hugh Nall and hires Al Borges who spent the last two years at Indiana, but had some potent offenses at UCLA and will bring in the West Coast offense.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Auburn won 5 of their last 6 games in 2002 and beat 3 Top 10 teams and was the SEC favorite heading into last season. However, my magazine was the only one in the country that did not pick them to win the SEC West. In fact, I had them in a tie for 2nd in the SEC West. Auburn has not won an official SEC Title since 1989 but won or shared the SEC West Title from 2000-2002. Last year they had 78 scholarship players which were the most since Tuberville took over. Their #6 ranking coming into the preseason AP was the highest since 1995. They opened up the season very disappointingly dropping their first two games but then stunned #7 Tennessee at home and beat #7 Arkansas on the road. They did have a dropped TD pass in the EZ with :37 left vs Ole Miss which would have given them the victory and two of their losses last year were to the co-National Champs, LSU & USC. This year the team has 20 seniors, the highest amount in Tuberville's six years (15 the previous high). Jason Campbell has his 4th OC in 5 years and they are using the Gulf Coast Offense (possession pass attack), but Tuberville has said the main focus of the offense will be running the ball. The Tigers outgained SEC foes by 71.9 ypg which was the 4th best mark and only lose 16 lettermen, the second fewest. My only question with Auburn this year is the defensive front 7 which loses 5 players. A key to their SEC West Title hunt will be their Sept 18th home game vs LSU and they draw both Tennessee and Georgia from the SEC East. This team won't be the preseason favorite for the SEC this year and will be under the radar in preseason, which is the way Tuberville likes it.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JASON CAMPBELL SR. 6-5 228 **PS#2**. 8 sts in '01, 6 sts in '02, 2406 yds (63.1%), 15-10 ratio in 2 yrs. 13 sts LY, 2267 yds (62%) 10-8 ratio. 810 career rushing yards.
RB CARNELL WILLIAMS SR. 5-11 204 **PS#4**. 1359 yds (5.2) in 9 sts in '01 and '02. 10 sts LY. 1307 (5.4), 17 TD, **1st Tm SEC**. **Ronnie Brown** (6-1 232 Sr) **1008 yds (5.8) in '02**.
WR Silas Daniels Sr. 6-0 193 PS#42. 4.3 speed. 4 starts, 13 rec (13.3) in '02. 1 st, 23 rec (12.3) LY. **Devin Aromashodu** (6-2 205 Jr) **PS#27.** 9 sts, 21 rec, 2 years.
WR BEN OBOMANU JR. 6-1 193 **PS#23.** 4.29 speed. 1 start, 17 rec as true. 10 starts, 22 rec (17.0) in '03. Courtney Taylor (6-2 195 So) 5 starts, 34 rec (11.1) as a rFr.
WR Anthony Mix Jr. 6-5 242 **PS#21**. 1 start, 13 rec (14.8) as true. 2 starts at WR, 1 at TE in '03, 21 rec (11.2). 10.6 in 100m. Lee Guess (5-10 177 So) is PS#130.
TE COOPER WALLACE JR. 6-4 253 PS#40. 1 st, 8 rec as true. 12 sts, 16 rec (13.2) LY, solid blk'r. Cole Bennett (6-5 244 So) PS#37. 1 st, 6 rec as true. Danny Perry (6-2 245 rFr).
C Jeremy Ingle Sr. 6-2 275 PS#342DL. Backup C in 4 games in '02. 5 games in '03. William Ward (6-2 270 So) PS#144. Scout team LY. Joe Cope (6-0 268 So).
RG DANNY LINDSEY SR. 6-3 306 PS#128. 1 start as true. 11 starts at G and 2 at C in 2002. 13 sts at C in '03. **Jarrod Britt** (6-3 299 So) **PS#28OL**, 7 games as a true.
LG Jonathan Palmer So. 6-5 317 PS#100. 13 games as rFr backup and ST's LY. MIP OL in spring of '03. Ben Grubbs (6-3 289 So) PS#132DL, 2 sts at TE in 2003.
RT TROY REDDICK JR. 6-5 327 PS#130. 3 sts as **true**. 13 sts at LG last year. Steven Ross (6-6 275 Jr) PS#143. 105 plays in 2002. 3 starts LY. 13 games as OT/TE.
LT MARCUS McNEILL JR. 6-9 340 **PS#10**. 7 sts @ RT as **true**, 449 plays. 10 starts LY (miss 3 inj). King Dunlap (6-8 290 rFr) PS#208. Rich Trucks (6-8 320 Sr) 26 games in 3Y.
K PHILIP YOST SR. 6-0 195 **PS#5**. 1 of 3 FG's in '02. 5 of 9 FG's LY, long of **57! John Vaughn** (6-1 196 So) PS#32. 6 of 10 FG's as **true,** Long of 34.

DE BRET EDDINS SR. 6-5 267 PS#74. 5 sts in '02, 14 tkls, 1.5 sks. 9 sts in '03, 20 tkls, 3.5 sks. Doug Langenfeld (6-3 254 Sr) PS#43JC. 3 sts in '03, 12 tkls, 2 sacks.
NG TJ Jackson Jr. 6-1 304 PS#137. 24 tkls, 8.5 tfl as true. 29 tkls, 7.5 tfl LY. Josh Thompson (6-0 295 rFr) PS#109. Tim Duckworth (6-3 308 So) **PS#28**, 12 tkls, 2 sks LY.
DT Jay Ratliff Sr. 6-5 278 PS#20TE. 2 sts as true. 8 sts at DE in '02. 37 tkls, 10 tfl. 1 start LY (inj), 7 tkls. Wayne Dickens (6-1 297 Jr) PS#25, 3 sts, 31 tkls in 2 years.
DE Stanley McClover So. 6-2 252 **PS#24**. PQ LY. Marquies Gunn (6-4 234 So) PS#226. 7 tkls, 2.5 tfl as true. Christopher Browder PS#160JC. Tez Dooilttle (6-3 298 rFr) **PS#3**.
WLB TRAVIS WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 209 PS#113. 10 tkls as rFr, 12 sts LY, 67 tkls, 9 tfl.
Karibi Dede (6-1 206 So) 6 sts at S LY, 27 tkls. Montavian Collier (6-2 218 Fr) PS#202 LY.
MLB Lemarcus Rowell So. 6-3 218 **PS#4**. 21 tkls as true. JC in '03. Mayo Sowell (6-2 225 Sr) PS#63. 3 sts at DE in '02, 16 tkls. 14 tkls LY. **Quentin Groves** (6-3 239 rFr) **PS#27**.
SLB Derrick Graves Sr. 6-1 222 PS#61RB. 1 start in '02. 18 tkls, 1 tfl. 1 st LY, 23 tkls, 3 tfl. Kevin Sears (6-4 236 So) PS#92, 14 tkls LY. Kevis Burnam (6-2 236 Jr) PS#75. Inj LY.
CB MONTAVIS PITTS SO. 6-3 203 PS#37. 1 st at WR as true. St'd bowl @ CB LY, 14 tkls, 2 pbu. **Kevin Hobbs** (6-0 183 Jr) 7 sts LY, 31 tkls, 3 int. Lamel Ages (5-9 187 Sr) 24 tkls 2Y.
CB CARLOS ROGERS SR. 6-1 194 9 sts as true, 64 tkls, 12 pbu. 9 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu. 12 sts LY, 29 tkls, 9 pbu. David Irons (6-1 183 Jr) PS#73. Courtney Denson (5-11 198 rFr) PS#47QB.
SS JUNIOR ROSEGREEN SR. 6-0 196 PS#106. 13 sts at SS in '02, 63 tkls. 6 sts at CB, 7 at SS LY. 52 tkls, 6 pbu. Donnay Young (6-0 204 Sr) PS#115. 6 sts, 69 tkls, 2 pbu, 3 int, 3Y.
FS WILL HERRING SO. 6-4 212 PS#92QB. Last 11 sts as rFr, 46 tkls, 3 int. Antarrious Williams (5-11 208 Jr) PS#103. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 2 yrs. Eric Brock (6-1 203 rFr) PS#175.
P KODY BLISS SO. 5-11 193 **PS#7K**. 46.9 average, 44.0 net as senior in HS. 64 punts as true with 42.9 average last year and super net of 38.6. 21 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Leon Hart 6-5 290 PS#3
LB	Tony Bell 6-2 210 PS#18
RB	Brad Lester 5-11 188 PS#30
RB	Jerald Watson 5-11 205 PS#46
DB	Tristan Davis 5-11 188 PS#49
DB	Steve Gandy 6-1 190 PS#57
QB	Calvin Booker 6-4 205 PS#38
DL	Pat Sims 6-4 288 PS#77
OL	Greg Smith 6-3 296 PS#90
LB	Octavius Balkcom 6-4 225 PS#104
DL	Neil Brown 6-2 255 PS#148
OL	John Watts 6-6 270 PS#153
RB	Michael McLaughlin 6-2 226 PS#139
WR	James Swinton 6-1 165 PS#123

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	UL Monroe	G					The Tigers are 1-10 ATS before a bye since 1995. Including bowls, Auburn is 3-10 ATS on artificial turf since 1991. Auburn is located 30 miles from the Georgia border.
Sep. 11	at Mississippi St	G					Auburn is 12-0 SU & 5-4 ATS vs current Sun Belt teams. The Tigers scored 73 pts last year, the 2nd most points since 1933.
Sep. 18	LSU	G					LY RB Williams had a school record 6 TD's & Tuberville beat his ex-rival Sherrill 45-13. Last trip here Tuberville used a fake FG when leading 35-14 in 4Q.
Sep. 25	The Citadel	G					Auburn is 8-6 SU, but 5-9 ATS since 1988 vs the Tigers. The favorite is 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this southern battle.
Oct. 2	at Tennessee	G					Division IAA Citadel was 6-6 SU (4-4 Southern Conference) in 2003. The Tigers are 14-0 in unlined games since 1980 with 6 shutouts.
Oct. 9	Louisiana Tech	G					The favorite is 9-5 ATS since 1982. The Tigers are 1-6-1 SU & ATS the last 8 visits to Knoxville.
Oct. 16	Arkansas	G					Auburn is 9-0-1 SU all-time vs Louisiana Tech. Tigers' only other opp vs current WAC S/'68 was 62-0 (-16') vs Fresno St in '96.
Oct. 23	Kentucky	G					The HT is 7-3 ATS in this series S/'94. The dog is 6-1 ATS in the series L/7. Tuberville was born in Arkansas but is just 3-6 SU as a HC vs the Hogs.
Oct. 30	at Mississippi	A					Auburn is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS vs Kentucky since 1982. Tigers haven't lost SU to the Wildcats since 1966 (0-13 since).
Nov. 6							The dog is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series. Tuberville is 3-2 SU & ATS vs the team he used to coach from 1995-'98.
Nov. 13	Georgia	G					This will be the 108th renewal, AU leads the series 51-48-8, Deep South's oldest rivalry. The favorite is 4-2 ATS the last 6 but the dog is 8-4 ATS the last 12.
Nov. 20	at Alabama	G					Auburn is just 3-9 ATS as a favorite in the series. Auburn is 7-2 ATS since 1996 in November away games.
Nov. 27							

TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 63-44)
6th Year at Auburn

Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

38-24	Straight Up	12-13	Home Favorite
27-28	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
8-10	Off A SU Loss	4-3	Away Favorite
21-20	Vs Conference	8-9	Away Underdog
	6-8 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,24,3)
Lost: 16 (8,7,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,203

SEC - WEST DIVISION

RB Carnell Williams

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (86,063)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	3-8	5-6	9-3	7-4	8-4	7-5	48-33
ATS	7-5	3-8	4-6	6-6	4-7	8-3	5-6	37-41
Home Fav	2-3	1-1	1-2	4-3	2-3	2-2	3-3	15-17
Home Dog	0-1	1-4	1-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	4-8
Away Fav	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	6-4
Away Dog	3-0	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	12-12
Favorite	4-4	1-1	1-2	5-3	2-5	4-2	4-4	21-21
Dog	3-1	2-7	3-4	1-3	2-2	4-1	1-2	16-20
Grass	6-5	3-8	4-6	6-5	4-6	8-3	5-6	36-39
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	27-31
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	10-10
Off SU Win	5-4	1-2	2-3	5-4	2-5	4-3	3-2	22-23
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-5	2-3	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	11-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Carnell Williams	241	1388	81	1307	17	5.4
Brandon Jacobs	72	466	20	446	3	6.2
Ronnie Brown	95	479	33	446	5	4.7
Jason Campbell	73	215	216	-1	1	0.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason Campbell	293	181	61.8	2267	10	8
Josh Sullivan	28	20	71.4	213	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeris McIntyre	41	621	15.1	3	67	
Courtney Taylor	34	379	11.1	0	39	
Ben Obomanu	22	373	17.0	3	68	
Silas Daniels	23	284	12.3	1	36	
Anthony Mix	21	235	11.2	1	27	
Cooper Wallace	16	209	13.1	1	37	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kody Bliss	64	2748	42.9	16	38.6	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Philip Yost	16-16	1-2	2-4	1-1	1-2	5-9	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Karlos Dansby	84	5.5	9	6	0
Dontarrious Thomas	75	0	9	4	1
Travis Williams	67	0	9	3	0
DeMarco McNeil	55	7	6	5	1
Junior Rosegreen	52	0	2	6	1
Will Herring	46	0	2	2	3
Reggie Torbor	38	9.5	7	0	0
Spencer Johnson	38	4.5	5	0	0
Kevin Hobbs	31	0	0	7	3
Carlos Rogers	29	0	1	9	1
TJ Jackson	29	0.5	8	0	0
Karibi Dede	27	0	0	3	0
Derrick Graves	23	0	3	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tre Smith	36	327	9.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Devin Aromashodu	15	290	19.3	0	
Carnell Williams	13	269	20.7	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Peach	-4'	Clemson	21-17	L
00	Citrus	+7'	Michigan	28-31	W
01	Peach	+2	N Carolina	10-16	L
02	Capital One	+7	Penn St	13-9	W
03	Music City	-3'	Wisconsin	28-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.3	19	184	4.4	192	62.5	14.3	+1	2003	8	16.3	15	93	2.7	189	53.3	17.3
6*	29.8	19	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	+9	2002	8	17.8	18	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5
5	21.2	18	141	3.6	202	59.2	16.2	-1	2001	6	23.4	17	137	3.9	207	53.7	14.7
8*	24.3	18	158	4.1	209	60.4	15.1	-1	2000	4	20.5	17	103	3.4	212	56.0	15.4
8*	21.2	16	68	1.9	227	58.4	13.9	+6	1999	7	21.5	20	103	3.2	260	56.7	16.9
4	15.1	15	94	2.6	176	45.8	17.9	-2	1998	8	21.4	15	119	3.3	188	56.7	14.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
USC	11	36 - 43	1.2	12 - 26	121	6	16	36 - 123	3.4	17 - 30	192	1	-3
at Georgia Tech	14	38 - 40	1.1	20 - 33	190	7	13	39 - 102	2.6	9 - 21	149	1	-1
at Vanderbilt	23	54 - 219	4.1	17 - 26	264	0	13	35 - 97	2.8	11 - 23	124	4	+3
W Kentucky	29	42 - 285	6.8	22 - 26	282	0	7	28 - 47	1.7	10 - 17	116	2	0
Tennessee	26	57 - 264	4.6	11 - 18	157	1	22	16 - 4	0.3	30 - 47	355	5	+1
at Arkansas	13	42 - 160	3.8	10 - 18	118	0	17	39 - 173	4.4	13 - 28	168	1	0
Mississippi St	25	56 - 405	7.2	12 - 19	148	0	15	29 - 102	3.5	15 - 30	192	4	+1
at LSU	15	34 - 50	1.5	19 - 27	143	4	15	33 - 157	4.8	17 - 28	224	0	-1
UL Monroe	25	43 - 241	5.6	16 - 21	240	3	10	32 - 23	0.7	10 - 25	128	0	+3
Mississippi	16	33 - 158	4.8	14 - 26	231	1	17	37 - 84	2.3	19 - 30	218	4	0
at Georgia	13	25 - 81	3.2	20 - 33	178	2	17	45 - 123	2.7	12 - 25	208	3	-3
Alabama	21	41 - 249	6.1	18 - 27	270	1	13	34 - 111	3.3	13 - 29	180	3	0
† Wisconsin	15	40 - 197	4.9	11 - 23	157	1	18	37 - 58	1.6	17 - 29	203	6	+1
TOTALS	246	541 - 2392	4.4	202 - 323	2499	26	193	440 - 1204	2.7	193 - 362	2457	34	+1
AVERAGES	18.9	42 - 184	4.4	16 - 25	192	2.0	14.8	34 - 93	2.7	15 - 28	189	2.6	0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	22-15	–
Idaho	-11	30-23	L
at LSU	+8'	41-7	W
Mississippi	-4	17-24 OT	L
at Tennessee	+19	0-24	L
Mississippi St	+3	16-18	W
Florida	+16	14-32	L
at Arkansas	+7'	10-34	L
UCF	-10'	28-10	W
at Georgia	+10	38-21	W
Alabama	+3'	17-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-12'	35-21	W
at Mississippi	+4'	35-27	W
LSU	-6'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-23'	31-14	L
Vanderbilt	-14	33-0	W
at Mississippi St	+1	10-17	L
at Florida	+8'	7-38	L
LA Tech	-32	38-28	L
Arkansas	-9'	21-19	L
Georgia	-2'	29-26 OT	W
at Alabama	-1	9-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-21	30-0	W
Mississippi	-5'	27-21	W
at Syracuse	+2'	14-31	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	24-21	L
Mississippi St	-2'	16-14	L
Florida	+23'	23-20	W
LA Tech	-12'	48-41 OT	L
at Arkansas	-1	17-42	L
at Georgia	+7'	24-17	W
Alabama	-3	7-31	L
at LSU	+7	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+7'	17-24	W
W Carolina	NL	56-0	–
Vanderbilt	-20'	31-6	W
at Mississippi St	-3	42-14	W
Syracuse	-15	37-34 3OT	L
Arkansas	-5'	17-38	L
at Florida	+8	23-30 OT	W
LSU	+3'	31-7	W
at Mississippi	-4	31-24	W
UL Monroe	-35	52-14	W
Georgia	+2'	21-24	L
at Alabama	+10'	17-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC	-3'	0-23	L
at Georgia Tech	-8'	3-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-12	45-7	W
W Kentucky	NL	48-3	–
Tennessee	-1	28-21	W
at Arkansas	+6	10-3	W
Mississippi St	-21	45-13	W
at LSU	+3	7-31	L
UL Monroe	-37	73-7	W
Mississippi	-8	20-24	L
at Georgia	+6'	7-26	L
Alabama	-7'	28-23	L

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

OG Doug Buckles

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Eli Manning set 13 school records in his first full year as a starter and threw for 1,000 yards faster (4th game) than any other Rebel QB. He threw for 2,948 yards (63.5%) with a super 31-9 ratio. In his junior season he added 15 lbs and passed Romaro Miller as the career passing leader in the bowl game as he threw for 3,401 yards (58%) with a 21-15 ratio in what turned out to be an off year for him. Manning turned down an early trip to the NFL to return for his senior season and was a frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy. Manning led Ole Miss to one of its best seasons ever and threw for 3,600 yards (62.4%) with a 29-10 ratio last year with 110 yards rushing. He has set or tied 47 school records, including 27 which were held by his father and finished #3 in the race for the Heisman. He was the 1st pick of the NFL draft. Backup Micheal Spurlock (PS#42) saw very little action playing in just two games last year but he did complete 7 of 8 for 118 yards. Spurlock is called a mini-Steve McNair as he is just 5-11 200 and mobile. I expect Robert Lane (PS#5) to win the starting job and he had 6,782 yards passing in HS while rushing for 2,234. Also in the mix at QB are Ethan Flatt (PS#137, 2 gms) and Seth Smith (6-2 210 Jr, PS#74, 1 gm). With the loss of a player like Manning, this unit will clearly be weaker.

RUNNING BACKS - The Rebels have had a RB-by-committee the last few years. Ronald McClendon led the team in 2002 with just 378 yards (3.9) and the team itself averaged just 94 ypg rushing (3.0), a drop of 50 ypg from '01. Last year the team was able to run the ball better increasing it to 144 ypg (3.9). After six games, four RB's had over 200 yards rushing. Jamal Pittman (PS#145), who was called "the back of the future" tore his ACL in the spring and was thought to be lost for the year but was able to play in 5 early season games, however he suffered a season ending knee injury vs Ark St. He rushed for 214 yards (5.1). McClendon had 331 yards (6.0) and was the team's #2 rusher until he was forced to sit out the last 4 games due to an NCAA rules violation. Vashon Pearson (PS#114) was injured vs ASU and missed SC and had just 4 carries vs Auburn. With a banged up backfield, Tremaine Turner stepped to the forefront. Turner started all 13 games and led the team with 809 yards (4.7) and also had 12 rec (8.3), but he departs this year. McClendon also won't be back but everyone else returns. At FB, Rick Razzano was the starter but played in just nine games (injury). VHT Alan Abrams (PS#35) could become the feature back and he averaged 8.8 ypc in HS. Not listed below are Marvin Vaughn (5-10 205 Sr, PS#67) who originally signed with Miss St, Dawan Woods (6-0 196 rFr, PS#209) as well as FB Brandon Jacobs (6-1 235 Jr) who had 123 yds rushing (3.2) last year. Even with the loss of their #1 and #3 rusher, this unit could at least match last year in terms of production.

RECEIVERS - The last 3 years Chris Collins has led the team in receiving, setting the single season school record for both receptions (77) and yards (949) LY and also becoming the school's all-time leading receiver passing the marks of Willie Green (1989). Unfortunately Collins departs but the good news is that basically everyone else is back. I list a talented 2 deep below and as you can see at receiver, there are three VHT's in the mix. Not listed below at TE are Robert Hough (6-4 210 rFr, PS#141DL) and WR's Carlos Suggs (6-5 190 rFr, PS#375), Frank Clayton (6-0 183 rFr, PS#284) and Andrew Fetsko (6-1 185 rFr). This has the makings of a pretty talented group and the new starting WR Bill Flowers was a 10 game starter in 2002. Still with the loss of their top guy, I'll call it down a notch and with breaking in a new QB, I look for a large drop in terms of production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Since 1999 Ole Miss has allowed the fewest amount of sacks in the SEC (69). With a veteran offensive front in 2002 surprisingly the team averaged just 3.0 ypc rushing, their lowest since 1996 but allowed just 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters. Starting C Chris Spencer (PS#2) was injured in the fourth game and had just one more start the rest of the year. Overall the Rebels averaged 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 19 sacks. This year they lose RT Cliff Woodruff (13 sts), C Justin Sawyer (8 sts) and backup OT Stacey Andrews (5 games, #4DC CIN). It is a talented 3 deep that I list below with 4 VHT potential starters, should Marcus Cohen beat out Bobby Harris at the RT spot. This unit has even more experience than last year and should be one of the Rebels' best O-lines in some time.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rebels had a good sized defensive front in 1999 and allowed just 2.4 ypc rushing but the next three years had small fronts and yielded 4.6, 5.0 and 4.0 ypc rushing. Last year seven of the top 9 DL's returned and the group was a bit more bulky. The D allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are DE Charlie Anderson (13 sts, 54 tkl, 5.5 sks, #6DC HOU), NT Jesse Mitchell (11 sts, 46 tkl, 11 tfl, 1st Tm SEC) and DE Josh Cooper (12 sts, 39 tkl, 5.5 sks). Five of the top 8 are back and they have a couple of VHT true frosh plus I expect more out of DT McKinley Boykin (PS#56). They also add two JUCO's so the unit is in good shape, but it is less experienced than last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace three players who combined for 16 starts and 140 tackles. The team runs a 4-2-5 scheme but I list the WS with the LB's. This year the losses are heavier as all 3 starters depart. Gone are SLB Justin Wade (13 sts, 62 tkl, 6 tfl), MLB LP Spence (10 sts, 56 tkl, 9 tfl), WS Travis Blanchard (13 sts, 72 tkl, 8 tfl) and backup WS Wes Scott (28 tkl, 2 tfl). VHT JUCO transfer Ken Bournes (PS#49) was productive with 9 tfl and will man one starting spot and there is a spattering of experience. They also bring in a solid class of true frosh, and it wouldn't surprise me to see some of them playing right away. This unit is a lot less experienced and while I do expect good things out of Bournes and with only 3 players having starting experience, it is clearly weaker than the 2003 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels were #38 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year only had to replace one starter. With a tougher rush D teams were forced to pass more and the Rebels slipped to #68 allowing 56.2% with a 26-15 ratio. This year they must replace CB Von Hutchins (13 sts, 63 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu, #6DC IND), but 7 of the top 8 are back and they have some excellent additions including Larry Kendrick (PS#34) who originally signed with Florida where he played for two years. He had 9 TD rec's and 9 int at JUCO last year and could take a starting job. Another solid addition is true frosh Terrell Jackson (PS#23). I list a talented 2 deep below and not listed are Edwin Gelin (6-2 191 rFr, PS#118), Nate Banks (5-11 180 rFr, PS#177RB), Iroko Ayodele (6-2 205 Sr, PS#127JC, 12 tkl), Dontae Reed (6-2 205 rFr) and Keith White (6-0 211 Jr). The talent level keeps rising and I look for the Rebels to make solid improvement in my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ole Miss finished just #71 in my special teams rankings in 2002 with the unit costing them a couple of games. Last year they had to replace their PR (12.0) but everyone else was back. The star of the unit was clearly Jonathan Nichols (PS#17) their outstanding kicker. He hit 15 of 20 FG's in 2002 with a long of 50. In 2003 he set an Ole Miss record with two 50+ FG's in one game (Vandy) including the game winning 54 yarder. Nichols set school records with six FG's vs Texas Tech and 124 points on the season. Ironically Nichols had hit 23 of 24 FG's with his lone miss being a 54 yarder when he missed two against LSU and the team lost by 3 points. Overall he hit 25 of 29 FG's with 3 from 50+ and won the Lou Groza Award for best kicker in the country. P Cory Ridgeway (PS#28) averaged a super 44.2 with a net of 39.0. The top PR, Mike Espy (PS#22, 8.6) is back but they must replace their top KR Ronald McClendon (25.2). In my original special teams rankings, Ole Miss finished #37, but if you include the kicker they finished #20. This year they should have a Top 25 unit.

COACHES - David Cutcliffe enters his sixth year as the head man at Ole Miss and has a solid 40-22 record. OC John Latina enters his 6th season at Ole Miss, his fifth as OC. Chuck Driesbach enters his third season as the DC. Driesbach came under a lot of fire early when Ole Miss barely escaped with a win vs Vandy and lost to Memphis but then beat the Gators for a 2nd straight year holding them to 17 points, quieting the critics. He was the DC at TCU in 2001 when they had a top-notch defense and at W Michigan from 1997-2000. When Driesbach joined UM in 2002, he was the 3rd DC in 3 years, so the Rebels are improving on defense because of the coaching stability.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ole Miss is the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 straight years but ironically they are also the only SEC West team without a trip to the SEC Title game. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was 1963. From 1954 to 1971 Ole Miss went to 17 bowls including 9 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl. From 1972-1996 they were in just 5 bowls with one New Year's Day game. Scholarships were short when Cutcliffe took over but they finally got back to the full allotment in 2002 and with Eli Manning and a solid defense, I said Ole Miss had their best team in over a decade and called for them to notch at least 9 wins for the first time since 1992. Ole Miss got off to a shaky start at 2-2 and barely got past Vandy on a 54 yard FG. They upset Florida in The Swamp which ignited their season as they won six in a row and were poised for the SEC West Title, but lost at home to LSU by 3. After going 3-5 in SEC play and being outgained by 61.5 ypg in 2002, Ole Miss improved last year to an outstanding 7-1 and they were co-SEC West Champs with LSU. Ole Miss only outgained SEC foes by 36 ypg which was the 6th best mark in the league. Many will point to Manning as the key for the team's 10-3 season, but I also note that the rush defense has been solidly improving after allowing 214 ypg (5.0) in 2001 they trimmed it just 102 ypg (3.2) last year. This year they take a double hit not only losing Manning, the 1st overall pick in the draft but have just 4 starters back on defense including one in the defensive front 7. This is the fewest amount of returning starters Cutcliffe has had (10). In what looks like a rebuilding year, he will have to do one of his best coaching jobs yet to have a shot at keeping the team's streak of 7 straight years of 7 wins or more going.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Robert Lane rFr. 6-3 220 **PS#5**. 6782 pass, 2234 rush in HS. Micheal Spurlock (5-11 200 Jr) PS#42. 7 of 8, 118 yds LY. Ethan Flatt (6-6 218 So) PS#137.

RB Alan Abrams rFr. 6-0 195 **PS#35**. Avg 8.8 ypc as senior in HS. **Vashon Pearson** (6-0 205 Jr) PS#114. 2 sts, 634 yds (3.7), 2Y. Jamal Pittman (6-2 240 So) 214 (5.1) LY.

FB LORENZO TOWNSEND SR. 6-2 235 PS#289. JUCO in '01. 10 sts here last year, 15 rec (9.9). Rick Razzano (5-11 240 Sr) PS#120LB. 16 sts in 3 years. 33 rec (7.4).

WR Bill Flowers Sr. 6-1 193 **PS#38**. 10 sts in '02, 53 rec (11.1) 1 start LY, 39 rec (13.9). Kerry Johnson (6-3 193 Sr) 43 rec (13.5) 2Y. Matt Pierce (6-1 185 So) PS#108.

WR MIKE ESPY JR. 6-0 195 **PS#22**. 3 sts in '02, 30 rec (15.5). 13 sts LY, 30 rec (18.1). Taye Biddle (6-1 175 Jr) **PS#30, track AA**. 40 rec (18.6) 2Y. Mario Hill (6-1 195 Jr) 13 rec.

TE ERIC RICE SR. 6-3 230 PS#171WR. 3 sts in '02, 7 sts LY, 15 rec (10.5) 2Y. Jimmy Brooks (6-4 270 Jr) PS#117DL. 4 sts, 2 rec LY. Lawrence Lilly (6-4 265 So) PS#27, 5 rec LY.

C Chris Spencer Jr. 6-4 320 **PS#2**. 13 games as RG in '02. 5 sts at C in '03 until injury. Ryan Jones (6-4 302 Jr) 1 letter. Ben Boyce (6-3 300 So). 2 games as backup.

RG MARCUS JOHNSON SR. 6-6 320 PS#157. 11 sts in '01. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts at RG in '03. James Campbell (6-5 305 Sr) **PS#61**. Terrance Houston (6-3 280 rFr) PS#443.

LG DOUG BUCKLES SR. 6-5 305 **PS#13**. 9 sts in '01. 13 sts in '02, 0 sks. 13 sts in '03, HM SEC. Tony Bonds (6-4 308 Jr) PS#165DL. James McCoy (6-3 312 So) PS#189JC.

RT Marcus Cohen rFr. 6-5 305 **PS#39**. Bobby Harris (6-4 300 Jr) PS#161, 3 games in '02, 13 games in '03. Broderick Jones (6-3 325 Sr) JUCO last year, 2 games.

LT TRE' STALLINGS JR. 6-4 317 **PS#75**. 13 sts as rFr at LT. 13 sts in '03. NFL potential. Thomas Eckers (6-2 290 rFr) PS#245. Antonio Sanders (6-3 285 So) PS#408.

K JONATHAN NICHOLS SR. 6-0 180 PS#17. 15 of 20 FG's in '02, long of 50. Hit 25 of 29 in '03, long of 54. 3 of 4 from 50+. **Lou Groza winner!** Rob Cannon (6-1 195 rFr) PS#85.

DE Cory Robinson Sr. 6-4 260 PS#190. 6 sts in '01, 36 tkls. 2 sts in '02, 7 tkls. 11 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Chris Bowers is **PS#30**. Brandon Jenkins (6-5 280 rFr) PS#141DL.

NT McKinley Boykin Jr. 6-2 285 **PS#56**. 48 tkls, 8 qbh as rFr. 3 sts in '03, 37 tkls, 4 tfl. Mike Gibson (6-2 295 Jr) 27 tkls, 2 sks, 2 yrs. Alton Pettway is PS#126JC.

DT DANIEL BOOTH SR. 6-4 281 PS#144. 1 st, 21 tkls in '01 & '02. 12 sts, 21 tkls, 2.5 tfl LY. Michael Bozeman (6-2 290 Jr) 34 tkls, 3 tfl. Andrew Wicker (6-5 275 So) PS#81.

DE Jayme Mitchell Jr. 6-6 280 PS#112. 1 st as true, 28 tkls, 1.5 tfl. 1 st LY, 18 tkls, 5 tfl. Dedrick Clark (6-4 286 So) PS#89, 2 tkls as rFr. Corvelli Haynes (6-2 245 Jr) PS#253JC.

SLB Rob Robertson Sr. 6-2 228 PS#148. 2 sts, 24 tkls in '01. 24 tkls in '02. 28 tkls LY. Patrick Willis (6-2 225 So) PS#265, 20 tkls as true. Marquis McBeath (6-0 225 rFr) **PS#59**.

MLB Ken Bournes Sr. 6-2 265 PS#49JUCO. 415 bench. 35 tkls, 3.5 sks, 6 tfl LY. Brian Lester (6-2 246 Sr) 3 sts LY, 49 tkls, 3 years. Brandon Thomas is PS#72.

WS Tavarus Horne Sr. 6-0 203 **PS#36DB**. 5 tkls in '02. Inj'd in the 2003 opener. Kareem Moore (5-11 210 rFr). Garry Pack (6-1 220 Fr) is PS#52. Jason Cook is PS#373.

CB Trumaine McBride So. 5-10 180 PS#66RB. 6 tkls, 2 pbu as true. Bryan Brown (5-9 185 So) PS#66QB. 2 sts as rFr. 10 tkls, 221 return yards. Terrell Jackson is **PS#23**.

CB TRAVIS JOHNSON JR. 6-1 191 PS#165. 9 sts as rFr, 47 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. 11 sts LY. HM SEC, 46 tkls, 4 int, 14 pbu. Bryant Thomas (6-1 195 Jr) PS#95QB, 12 tkls.

SS KELVIN ROBINSON JR. 6-1 220 34 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 13 sts in '03, 67 tkls, 7 tfl. **Larry Kendrick** (6-0 205 Jr) PS#33 orig **at Florida**. 9 int, 9 TD at JC LY. Keith Houston (6-3 215 So). tkls, 4 pbu LY. Danny Bell (6-2 205 So) PS#99, 6 tkls as true. Charles Clark (6-0 195 So) 17 tkls.

FS ERIC OLIVER SR. 6-2 215 13 sts, #1 w/129 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 13 sts, #1 w/104

P CODY RIDGEWAY SR. 6-1 190 PS#28. 48 punts in '01, 38.8 avg, 32.3 net. 67 punts in '02, 42.4 avg, 34.9 net. 58 punts in '03, 44.2 avg, **39.0 net, 2nd Team SEC**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Chris Bowers 6-3 245 PS#30
DB	Terrell Jackson 5-11 185 PS#23
WR	Tony Burks 6-4 205 PS#32
DL	Corey Mills 6-5 260 PS#52
LB	Garry Pack 6-1 220 PS#52
DL	Dion Gales 6-5 260 P#73
WR	Larry Kendrick 6-0 205 PS#33JC
RB	Lavarus Giles 6-2 205 PS#64
LB	Brandon Thomas 6-0 230 PS#72
DL	Peria Jerry 6-2 265 PS#108
OL	Tim Henderson 6-4 300 PS#98
WR	Corey Kizer 6-2 195 PS#96
OL	David Traxler 6-6 275 PS#126
OL	Lance Lee 6-5 290 PS#150
OL	Alton Pettway 6-2 272 PS#126JC
LB	Jamarca Sanford 5-11 200 PS#139
OL	James McCoy 6-3 312 PS#189JC
DL	Corvelli Haynes 6-2 245 PS#253JC
DB	Mico McSwain 6-2 190 PS#256
LB	Reterio Brown 6-4 230 PS#245
DB	Dustin Mouzon 5-11 170 PS#318
OL	Maurice Miller 6-4 325 PS#415
LB	Jason Cook 6-1 230 PS#373

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#46

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	Memphis	A					
Sep. 11	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 18	Vanderbilt	A					
Sep. 25	at Wyoming	G					
Oct. 2	Arkansas St (HC)	A					
Oct. 9	at S Carolina	G					
Oct. 16	Tennessee	A					
Oct. 23							
Oct. 30	Auburn	A					
Nov. 6							
Nov. 13	at Arkansas	G					
Nov. 20	at LSU	G					
Nov. 27	Mississippi St	A					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Ole Miss is 7-15-1 ATS as a double digit favorite since 1995.
Mississippi is 4-1 ATS vs Florida since 1989.
The Rebels are 9-1 ATS the last 10 as a double digit dog.

The Rebels are 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs Memphis in Oxford since 1980.
The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this series.

Mississippi is 5-14 ATS the last 19 vs the Tide.
The SU winner is 18-2 ATS in this series.

Ole Miss is 0-7 ATS as a double digit favorite vs Vanderbilt since 1990.
The home team is 2-7-1 ATS in this series the last 9 years.

Pending 9/4: Rebels are 14-3 SU & 6-10 ATS vs non-conf opps S/'99.
First meeting & in their only game vs MWC opp 83 pts were scored.

Mississippi is 11-0 SU & 2-5 ATS vs the Indians since 1987.
The avg line for the past 7 meetings in this series is Ole Miss -26.

The visitor has covered all 4 meetings since 1981.
The favorite is 1-5 ATS since 1978 in this series.

The dog is 6-2 the last 8 in this series.
The Rebels are 0-4 SU but 3-1 ATS, the L/4 in this series in Knoxville.

The Rebels are 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs Auburn.
The road team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.

The favorite is 9-2-1 ATS the last 12 in this series.
Ole Miss is 12-2 SU & 9-1-1 ATS after Auburn since 1990.

Mississippi is 8-2 ATS the last 10 road finales.
Ole Miss is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS the last 4 in Baton Rouge.

The Rebels are 3-7 ATS the last 10 home finales.
Ole Miss is just 4-12-1 ATS the last 17 November home games.

DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 40-22)
6th Year at Mississippi

Cutcliffe's records AT MISSISSIPPI

40-22	Straight Up	10-15	Home Favorite
27-28-1	Vs The Spread	5-2	Home Underdog
11-8-1	Off A SU Loss	5-5-1	Away Favorite
21-18-1	Vs Conference	7-6	Away Underdog
		6-10	Vs Non-Conference

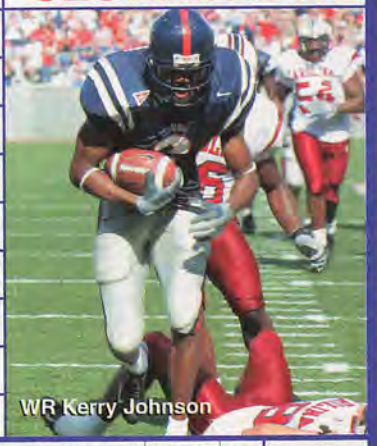
2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,22,3)
Lost: 24 (10,11,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,509

SEC - WEST DIVISION


WR Kerry Johnson

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY (60,580)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	9-3	49-30
ATS	7-3-1	6-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-6	8-4	40-36-2
Home Fav	2-1-1	1-3	0-4	2-4	1-3	3-2	4-2	13-19-1
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	6-5
Away Fav	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	8-5-1
Away Dog	4-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-0	13-7
Favorite	3-1-1	3-3	2-5	3-4-1	2-5	3-2	5-4	21-24-2
Dog	4-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	3-4	3-0	19-12
Grass	6-3-1	5-5	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-5	3-2	33-33-2
Artificial	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-2	7-3
vs Conf	5-2-1	4-4	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	6-2	30-24-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	10-12
Off SU Win	4-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	3-3	3-2	5-3	22-22
Off SU Loss	3-0-1	2-2	3-0	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	3-0	16-10-2

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tremaine Turner	173	844	35	809	4	4.7
Vashon Pearson	**94**	**412**	**14**	**398**	**4**	**4.2**
Ronald McClendon	55	342	11	331	1	6.0
Jamal Pittman	**42**	**218**	**4**	**214**	**1**	**5.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eli Manning	441	275	62.4	3600	29	10
Micheal Spurlock	**8**	**7**	**87.5**	**118**	**2**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Collins	77	949	12.3	7	42
Bill Flowers	**39**	**543**	**13.9**	**1**	**59**
Mike Espy	**30**	**542**	**18.1**	**3**	**58**
Taye Biddle	**26**	**460**	**17.7**	**4**	**55**
Kerry Johnson	**28**	**399**	**14.2**	**5**	**41**
Mario Hill	**13**	**170**	**13.1**	**2**	**22**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Ridgeway	**58**	**2561**	**44.2**	**1**	**39.0**	**1**	**13**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jonathan Nichols	**49-49**	**10-10**	**10-11**	**2-4**	**3-4**	**25-29**	**54**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Oliver	**104**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Travis Blanchard	72	0.5	7	8	1
Kelvin Robinson	**67**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**1**
Von Hutchins	63	1.5	0	8	4
Justin Wade	62	0	6	2	1
LP Spence	56	2	7	2	1
Charlie Anderson	54	5.5	8	2	0
Travis Johnson	**46**	**1**	**1**	**14**	**4**
Jesse Mitchell	46	2	9	0	0
Josh Cooper	39	5.5	6	3	0
McKinley Boykin	**37**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Ken Bournes	**35**	**3.5**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Michael Bozeman	**34**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Espy	**43**	**369**	**8.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald McClendon	18	454	25.2	0
Bryan Brown	**8**	**181**	**22.6**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18	W
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25	W
00	Music City	-3'	W Virginia	38-49	L
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23	W
03	Cotton	-2'	Oklahoma St	31-28	W

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	34.0	23	147	3.9	286	62.8	12.7	+6	2003	8	21.9	19	102	3.2	276	56.2	17.3
7*	27.0	21	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	+5	2002	7	25.5	18	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6
6	35.5	24	144	3.8	271	63.1	11.7	-1	2001	5	28.2	19	214	5.0	161	49.5	13.3
6*	29.3	19	143	3.9	216	54.2	12.2	+5	2000	5	27.4	19	173	4.6	199	48.5	13.5
7*	26.9	18	181	4.6	187	55.7	13.7	+3	1999	9	19.0	19	78	2.4	260	57.8	17.8
6	23.3	21	173	4.1	217	55.6	16.7	-4	1998	5	22.8	17	126	3.6	202	53.4	14.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Vanderbilt	19	33 - 95	2.9	22 - 33	275	2	19	38 - 101	2.7	21 - 33	298	1	+1
at Memphis	22	30 - 116	8.9	26 - 48	292	2	17	36 - 117	3.3	19 - 34	389	1	-1
UL Monroe	30	47 - 225	4.8	24 - 30	387	0	21	31 - 29	0.9	26 - 44	307	3	+2
Texas Tech	31	34 - 169	5.0	29 - 49	409	2	34	17 - 52	3.1	44 - 64	661	2	+2
at Florida	19	36 - 223	6.2	17 - 29	262	1	18	35 - 142	4.1	14 - 27	234	1	+1
Arkansas St	33	43 - 192	4.5	27 - 40	390	0	15	28 - 54	1.9	18 - 40	181	1	-1
Alabama	23	50 - 216	4.3	14 - 22	230	1	21	30 - 116	3.9	21 - 29	248	3	+3
Arkansas	18	41 - 130	3.2	17 - 32	145	2	13	32 - 82	2.6	13 - 32	155	3	0
S Carolina	29	43 - 147	3.4	30 - 42	391	2	22	28 - 118	4.2	14 - 32	298	3	-2
at Auburn	17	37 - 84	2.3	19 - 30	218	4	16	33 - 158	4.8	14 - 26	231	1	0
LSU	10	21 - 27	1.3	16 - 36	200	3	18	47 - 152	3.2	16 - 29	189	3	+2
at Mississippi St	20	39 - 99	2.5	19 - 27	260	0	7	25 - 101	4.0	14 - 31	91	3	0
† Oklahoma St	24	37 - 190	5.1	22 - 31	259	0	22	37 - 110	3.0	21 - 33	307	3	-1
TOTALS	295	491 - 1913	3.9	282 - 449	3718	19	243	417 - 1332	3.2	255 - 454	3589	28	+6
AVERAGES	22.7	38 - 147	3.9	22 - 35	286	1.5	18.7	32 - 102	3.2	20 - 35	276	2.2	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-13	3-0	L
Arkansas St	-32	38-14	L
Vanderbilt	-16	34-37 OT	L
at Auburn	+4	24-17 OT	W
at S Carolina	-6'	36-10	W
Tulane	-12	20-13	L
Alabama	+3	24-30	L
at LSU	-4'	42-23	W
Arkansas	+1	38-16	W
Georgia	-5'	17-20	L
at Mississippi St	+3'	20-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-19	49-20	W
Auburn	-4'	27-35	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	12-7	T
Kentucky	-7	35-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	35-10	L
at Alabama	+4'	7-45	L
UNLV	-9'	43-40 OT	L
at Arkansas	-1'	38-24	W
LSU	-2'	9-20	L
at Georgia	+7	14-32	L
Mississippi St	+5'	45-30	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	49-14	–
at Auburn	+5'	21-27	L
at Kentucky	-8	42-31	W
at Arkansas St	-22	35-17	L
Alabama	+8	27-24	W
Middle Tenn	-12	45-17	W
at LSU	+9'	35-24	W
Arkansas	-6	56-58 7OT	L
Georgia	-3	15-35	L
at Mississippi St	-3	28-36	L
Vanderbilt	-16	38-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-31'	31-3	L
Memphis	-8'	38-16	W
at Texas Tech	+3'	28-42	L
Vanderbilt	-21	45-38	L
Florida	+13'	17-14	W
Arkansas St	-29	52-17	W
at Alabama	+11	7-42	L
at Arkansas	+8	28-48	L
Auburn	+4	24-31	L
at Georgia	+15	17-31	W
at LSU	+9'	13-14	W
Mississippi St	-8	24-12	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-13	24-21	L
at Memphis	-8	34-44	L
UL Monroe	-28	59-14	W
Texas Tech	-3	45-49	L
at Florida	+12'	20-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	55-0	W
Alabama	-4	43-28	W
Arkansas	-1	19-7	W
S Carolina	-7	43-40	L
at Auburn	+8	24-20	W
LSU	+6'	14-17	W
at Mississippi St	-19	31-0	W

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

HB Jerious Norwood

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Kevin Fant took over as the starting QB at the end of the 2001 season after Wayne Madkin, who was the career passing yardage leader at MSU, went down to injury. He guided the team to 31.7 ppg in his three starts. Fant was suspended for the 2002 season opener and Kyle York (PS#103) was thrown into the tough environment of Autzen Stadium and hit just 18 of 37 for 192 yards. Fant had an injury plagued 2002 season and threw for 1,918 yards (52.4%) with a 10-12 ratio while York threw for 693 yards (48.8%) with a 4-10 ratio. Fant missed the final two weeks of spring practice in 2003 due to some off-field problems but did return and started all 12 games. While he threw for 2,151 yards and improved his completion percentage to 53%, he also tossed 21 int's and had just 14 TD's. York saw less action with only 273 yards passing (47.6%) and a 1-4 ratio. Fant departs. Aries Nelson (6-2 213 So, PS#81) played in 12 games as a rFr (mostly special teams) but attempted one pass and ran once. Joe Judge (6-2 233 Sr, PS#247) has been the holder the last two years. Two other players have been added to the QB mix this year who were at different positions last year. Omarr Conner (PS#20) had 3 starts at WR as a true frosh with 14 receptions and was the #1QB in the spring as Kyle York had offseason shoulder surgery. Brett Morgan (PS#97QB) has played FS the last two years. The starting job probably comes down to Conner or York. Yes, the team is replacing its starting QB from last year, but let's face it, the statistics were not overwhelming and this year's starter has a shot to at least match last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Jackie Sherrill signed 2 VHT true frosh RB's in Jerious Norwood (PS#6) and Nick Turner (PS#12). While FB Justin Griffith led the team in rushing with 471 yards, Norwood led the TB's with 394 yards (6.0). Last year they had to replace FB Griffith (#4 DC ATL) but had basically everyone else back including Fred Reid who rushed for 338 yards (3.5) in 2002. Turner set school records for all-purpose yards in a game with 344 and in a single season (1,664). He led the team in rushing with 696 yards averaging a super 5.7 ypc, had 19 rec's (4.9) and added 875 return yards. Norwood had 642 yards rushing (5.3) in 8 starts. Reid rushed for 157 yards (4.9). They were able to redshirt Jason Jude (5-11 229 rFr, PS#106). Adding depth at TB are Carlton Rice (6-0 217 rFr, PS#116LB) and Gerrod Rivers (5-9 203 Fr). I list the FB's below. Turner was kicked off the team in the offseason, but everyone else is back. As long as Norwood stays healthy this unit should be as strong as the 2003 version.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its leading WR as well as a TE who was a 5th round DC. In 2003 all of the top TE's missed time due to injury and starter Aaron Lumpkin (10 sts, 18 rec, 9.8, PS#25) played despite a slight fracture of his ankle. His backup at the beginning of the year was Blake Pettit but he played in just one game after suffering an elbow injury and Tommy Ferrill had just 2 rec's. The WR's also suffered some injuries. Ray Ray Bivines, who was the #2 receiver at the time, missed the last 2 games with a hamstring injury and Justin Jenkins played with a slightly dislocated shoulder. Jenkins led the SEC in rec's and yards for most of the year but finished third with 62 (14.2) and was 2nd Tm SEC. He had the most receiving yards at Miss St since 1982. Jenkins, Lumpkin and Ferrill all depart but everyone else returns and there are 3 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. Omarr Conner moved to QB. Not listed below are Will Prosser (6-3 205 So, 1 rec), Joey Sanders (6-1 205 rFr, PS#149), Damon Berry (6-0 175 rFr) who is a member of the track team and Tyler Threadgill (5-10 187 rFr, PS#111QB). Jenkins went from 8 TD rec's in 2001 to zero in 2002 but re-emerged in 2003 setting the school record with 9 TD rec's. They hope for a similar performance from Bivines who had 40 rec's in 2002 but just 26 (12.5) last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jackie Sherrill liked big OL's and if you look at this year's MSU O-line roster, you see plenty of 300 pounders with 3 topping 350 lbs. The Bulldogs surprisingly averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing in 2002 while allowing 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 20 starts due to graduation but then lost starting LG Brad Weathers to injury prior to the season. The unit paved the way for 3.8 ypc while allowing 36 sacks. During the season they lost starting RG Otis Riddley (5 sts) who suffered a broken fibula and C Chris McNeil who had a foot injury in 2002 was not 100% last year. This year the only loss is C Blake Jones (11 sts, 3 yr st'r). Seven players are back with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Rusty Holloway (6-5 368 Sr, Alcorn St trans). Croom clearly has some excellent talent to work with up front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Joe Lee Dunn who was fired at the end of the 2002 season, the Bulldogs played a 5 man defensive front but they moved to a 4 man front last year and will stay in that scheme this season. For years Sherrill relied on JUCO's up front but lately has been playing a lot of freshmen, so the unit has good depth. Last year they had to replace three players including one starter but looked solid up front. In Dunn's last season the team allowed 3.9 ypc rushing which was high for his defense and recorded just 10 sacks. Last year the defense surprisingly yielded 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 13 sacks. It was the first time since 1995 that the defense allowed over 4.0 ypc. This year they must replace DE Tommy Kelly (11 sts, 60 tkls, 12 tfl), DT Lennie Day (4 sts, 26 tkls, 1 sk) and DT Kamau Jackson (3 sts, 34 tkls, 5 tfl). Everyone else returns and there are some solid rFr added. I expect more out of DE Deljuan Robinson (PS#9) who got in 5 starts as a true frosh last year. I look for improved play from the Bulldogs' defensive front this year.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs switched to a 4-3 defense last year and only had to replace one starting LB but it was 2002's leading tackler. Naturally it was a disappointing year for the defense overall as they allowed 39.3 ppg. This year they must replace MLB TJ Mawhinney (12 sts, HM SEC, #1 tkl'r) and SLB Jason Clark (12 sts, 61 tkls, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC in '02). They have two VHT's in the LB corps, bring in some solid recruits this year, and four players are back with starting experience. Despite the loss of two top-notch starters, this unit could be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs usually fared well in my pass D rankings under former DC Joe Lee Dunn including four consecutive Top 25 finishes. In 2002 they had one of his lower finishes at #66. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters and two backups who combined for five starts. It was a fairly young unit with four freshmen seeing significant action including 14 starts. They finished very poorly at #114 in my pass D rankings allowing 62.2% with a 31-6 ratio. This year they must replace CB Odell Bradley (12 sts, 68 tkls, 2 int) as well as CB Demetric Wright (7 tkls) and CB Bernard Vinson (2 sts, 16 tkls). I list a very talented 2 deep below including a pair of PS#2 DB's in Quinton Culberson and Darren Williams who are now a soph and junior respectively. Overall six players are back with starting experience, and I think Miss St could have the most improved secondary in the NCAA this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jackie Sherrill had three Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings since 1996 but surprisingly in 2002, they slipped to #88 including kickers. Brent Smith hit 16 of 20 FG's with a long of 53. Smith returned last year and had another fine season hitting 8 of 10 FG's with his only two misses from 50+ and a long of 47. His replacement this year will be Keith Andrews who set a Louisiana state HS record with a 59 yard FG. P Jared Cook returns for his fourth season. Last year he split the time with Robert Wallis who averaged a stronger 43.3 but Cook averaged 42.2 in 2002 and 41.5 last year. Last year the Bulldogs improved to #52 in my rankings highlighted by the dangerous Nick Turner on returns. Fred Reid, who averaged 24.5 on KR's in 2002, averaged 23.1 last year including a TD. Reid returns this year, but Turner must be replaced. Replacing Smith, Turner and Wallis will not be easy, but this has the makings of a good special teams unit.

COACHES - Jackie Sherrill's final season did not go the way he had planned with the team not winning another game after the announcement of his pending retirement. There is a new energy at MSU as Sylvester Croom, who was the Green Bay Packers' RB coach over the last 3 years, takes over. He is the first African American coach in the SEC. Croom coached at Alabama under Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins from 1976-1986. The OC is Woody McCorvey who has been the RB coach at Tennessee over the last five years. He has 13 years experience in the SEC. The DC is Ellis Johnson who has been the HC at The Citadel the last three years with a 12-22 record (6-6 in 2003) and prior to that he was the DC at Alabama from 1997-2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2001 the Bulldogs had the best record of all the SEC West schools over the previous 4 years. The last 3 seasons did not go well as the Bulldogs have managed just an 8-27 overall record including 3-21 in SEC play. 2002 was a strange year for the Bulldogs as they actually outgained their opponents on the year by an average of 337-324 ypg but somehow finished 3-9. Last year they had 12 starters returning but suffered through an agonizing year that included losses to Tulane and Houston, and surprisingly after Jackie Sherrill announced he would retire at the end of the season, the team was blown out in its final six games. Thanks to the season ending blowouts, the Bulldogs were actually outgained by 182.9 ypg in league play and outscored by an average of 41 to 12 in SEC play. That is a lot of ground to make up, but questionable attitudes down the stretch should be resolved with the new head coach this season as Sylvester Croom has the players excited again. He inherits an athletically talented team with experience as 13 starters are back and just 20 lettermen lost. The Bulldogs have 7 home games this year and get both Vanderbilt and Kentucky out of the SEC East. They were -21 in turnovers last year (see page 312) so better things should be in the offing. MSU will definitely top last year's 2 win total and I give them a solid shot at not only escaping the SEC West basement for the first time in 4 years, but achieving a winning record. MSU makes my most improved teams list (page 19) which gives them a good shot at actually making a bowl game after last year's 2-10 finish.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Omarr Conner So. 6-0 203 **PS#20QB**. 4.5 spd. 3 sts at WR as true, 14 rec (15.1). **Kyle York** (6-0 207 Jr) PS#103. 2 sts, 966 yds (48.5%), 5-14 ratio, 58 rush, 2 years.
HB JERIOUS NORWOOD JR. 6-0 192 **PS#6**. 394 yds (6.0) as true. 8 sts LY, 642 yds (5.3). Fred Reid (5-9 184 Sr) 5 sts, 3Y, 603 rush (3.9). Jason Jude (5-11 229 rFr) PS#106.
FB DARNELL JONES SR. 5-11 247 PS#135LB. 7 sts in '01. 1 st in '02, 8 sts LY. 52 yds rush (4.0) 18 rec (9.0) 3Y. Bryson Davis (6-1 240 So) 12 gms, 33 yds LY. Nick Signaigo (6-3 246 Sr).
WR RAY RAY BIVINES SR. 5-11 176 **PS#27**. 5 sts, 40 rec (12.8) in '02. 10 sts LY (inj) 26 rec (12.5). Tee Milons (5-9 171 Jr) PS#103. 24 rec (13.1) 2Y. Jason Husband (6-2 208 rFr) PS#99.
WR McKinley Scott Sr. 6-0 197 PS#153. 4 sts LY, 29 rec (13.5). Antonio Hargro (6-3 205 Sr) **PS#20**. 4.39 spd. 9 rec, 3Y. Brandon Wright (5-9 157 So) **PS#39** 4.27 spd.
TE Blake Pettit So. 6-4 242 PS#117. Rob Walker is PS#228JC. Dezmond Sherrod (6-3 238 rFr) PS#152. Ty Freeman (6-5 225 Sr) JC LY. Eric Butler (6-2 236 rFr).
C Chris McNeil Jr. 6-3 290 **PS#49**. 3 sts, 166 snaps as rFr, 1 st LY. Brian Anderson (6-5 309 So) PS#512OL. 7 games as TE as true LY. John Davis (6-1 269 rFr) PS#375.
RG WILL ROGERS SR. 6-4 339 PS#270. 6 gms in '02. 12 sts at LG LY. **Johnny Wadley** (6-2 341 Jr) 3 sts at LG in '02. L/3 sts at RG LY. Royce Blackledge (6-3 269 rFr).
LG DONOVAN DAVIS SO. 6-7 315 **PS#9**. 9 gms as **true**, 4 sts at RG. **Otis Riddley** (6-1 352 So) PS#133DL. 5 sts at RG LY until broken leg. David Price (6-3 315 rFr) **.PS#55**.
RT DAVID STEWART SR. 6-6 317 PS#109. 3 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03, best grade on OL. James Cochran (6-5 300 So) PS#344. Monte Collins (6-6 378 So) PS#131.
LT RICHARD BURCH JR. 6-5 315 **PS#38**. 2 sts as true (inj'd). 12 sts in '03. James Redmond (6-7 319 So) PS#115, 10 games as rFr. Avery House (6-4 308 Jr) **PS#60**.
K Keith Andrews So. 6-0 195 PS#17. LA HS rec's 220 career pts & 59 yd FG. Four 52+ yd FG's in HS. 50/55 KO's were TB's. 2 gms KO's here as rFr. Adam Carlson is PS#30.

DE Deljuan Robinson So. 6-4 295 **PS#9LB**. 5 sts as true, 18 tkls, 2 tfl. Roosevelt Tate (6-4 263 So) PS#411. 9 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Stephen Arant (6-3 262 So) PS#198.
NT RONALD FIELDS SR. 6-2 321 4.8 spd. 3 sts, 22 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 10 sts, 41 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 52 tkls, 5 tfl. Markell McKinley (6-2 302 So) PS#71, 9 tkls last year.
DT Corey Clark rFr. 6-1 310 PS#85DL. Inj'd in opener LY. 4.9 spd. Andrew Powell (6-2 309 So) PS#190. 1 st, 4 tkls as true. Devrick Hampton (6-2 307 rFr) PS#71.
ROV WILLIE EVANS JR. 6-2 255 PS#257. 5 sts as true, 38 tkls, 5 tfl. 10 sts in '03, 54 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. Michael Heard (6-2 241 So) PS#134. 4 tkls as true, injury plagued year.
WLB Brad Horton So. 6-0 225 13 tkls as true. Rico Bennett (6-0 211 Jr) PS#101. 3 sts, 18 tkls 2Y. Damien Huren is PS#189JC. Brandon Downing (6-0 247 Jr). Gabe O'Neal is PS#83.
MLB MARVIN BYRDSONG JR. 6-2 247 **PS#11**. Track. 2 sts, 17 tkls as true. 7 sts, 76 tkls. 2 tfl LY. Kenny Kern (5-11 235 Jr). PS#91. 23 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Avery Hannibal (6-1 250 rFr) PS#177.
SLB Clarence McDougal Jr. 6-1 215 **PS#29DB**. Inj'd in '01 & '02. 3 sts LY. 64 tkls, 2 tfl. Chris Swain (5-11 202 Sr) PS#151JC, 3 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl, 4.44 spd. **Rory Johnson** is PS#19.
CB KEVIN DOCKERY JR. 5-10 185 7 sts at CB as true, 29 tkls, 5 pbu. 8 sts at S, 2 at CB last year (inj) 70 tkls, 5 pbu. Eric Fuller (6-2 174 Sr) PS#147JC, 29 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu LY.
CB QUINTON CULBERSON SO. 6-0 216 **PS#2!** First 8 sts as true until broken leg, 42 tkls, 6 pbu. Adrian Griffin (5-10 170 So) PS#40, 9 tkls as true. David Heard (5-11 190 So) 10 tkls as true.
SS Jeramie Johnson So. 6-0 197 **PS#60**. 6 sts as **true**, 52 tkls. Marcus Evans (5-11 185 Jr) Trans Alcorn St. Gabe Wallace (5-11 196 Sr) 44 tkls in 3Y. Rickey Wright (6-0 201 rFr) PS#139.
FS DARREN WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 199 **PS#2!** 8 sts as true, 62 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. 8 sts LY, 61 tkls, 3 tfl. Slovakia Griffith (5-11 197 Sr) 3 sts, 37 tkl, 3 pbu in '01 & '02. 3 sts, LY. 48 tkl, 3 pbu, 1 int.
P JARED COOK SR. 5-10 188 PS#78. 60 punts in '01, 40.7 avg and net of 34.6. 48 punts in '02, solid 42.2 average, 31.4 net. 41 punts in '03, 41.5 avg, team net of 33.7.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Rory Johnson 6-2 215 PS#19
LB	Gabriel O'Neal 6-2 215 PS#83
DL	Anthony Strauder 6-4 285 PS#110
OL	Jeffrey Farr 6-3 305 PS#109
RB	Brandon Thornton 5-10 185 PS#113
OL	Roland Terry 6-7 260 PS#146
DB	Fred Akines 6-3 195 PS#160
LB	Damien Huren 6-1 215 PS#189JC
DB	Mario Bobo 6-1 170 PS#180
TE	Rob Walker 6-3 288 PS#228JC
LB	Anthony Littlejohn 6-3 215 PS#201
DB	Corey Spells 6-0 185 PS#257
WR	Ken McClellan 5-11 175 PS#220
WR	Keon Humphries 5-10 165 PS#238
K	Adam Carlson 6-3 175 PS#30

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#47

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Bulldogs are 3-13 ATS against conference opponents the L2Y. Miss St is just 6-10 ATS prior to a bye L/16 gms. Bulldogs have a -40 turnover margin the past 3 seasons combined.
Sep. 4	Tulane	G						Mississippi St is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 vs TU, 3-0 SU & ATS at Starkville outscoring Tulane 141-29.
Sep. 11	Auburn	G						MSU is 4-7 ATS the L/11 in this series & have lost their L/4 SEC openers SU & ATS. The favorite is 9-3 in this series since 1992.
Sep. 18	Maine	G						The Division IAA Black Bears were 6-5 (4-4 Atlantic 10) in 2003. Mississippi St is 10-1 since 1980 in unlined games.
Sep. 25	at LSU	G						MSU is 1-11 SU & ATS in this series S/'92, & 1-5 ATS in Baton Rouge. The average score in the past 3 meetings has been 38-7.
Oct. 2	at Vanderbilt	G						Miss St is 5-0 ATS the last 5 in this series. MSU has outscored Vandy 114-35 (38-12) the last 3 meetings.
Oct. 9	UAB (HC)	G						This will be Miss St's first meeting ever with UAB. The Bulldogs are 5-1 SU, but just 1-4 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games.
Oct. 16								
Oct. 23	Florida	G						Miss St is 4-12 SU & 6-9-1 ATS the last 16 in this series. Mississippi St is 1-7 ATS after a bye week since 1999.
Oct. 30	Kentucky	G						The road team is 5-1 ATS in this series the last 6 years. The Bulldogs are 4-1 ATS the last 5 after Florida.
Nov. 6	at Alabama	G						Mississippi St is 10-3 ATS the last 13 vs Alabama. Croom is a former player & coach at Alabama & lost the HC job to Shula.
Nov. 13								Bonus: The Bulldogs are 0-9 SU & 2-7 ATS the last 2 years in November.
Nov. 20	Arkansas	G						The Bulldogs are 1-5 SU, but 4-2 ATS the last 6 vs the Razorbacks. Miss St is 3-7 ATS the last 10 home finales.
Nov. 27	at Mississippi	A						The Bulldogs are 1-4 ATS the last 5 in this series. They have played every yr S/'44 & Ole Miss leads all-time series 57-37-6.

SYLVESTER CROOM (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Mississippi State

Croom's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

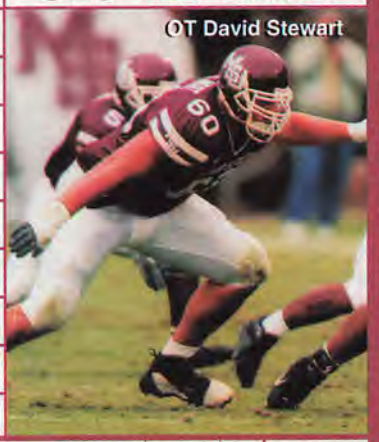
2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (26,24,4)
Lost: 20 (7,10,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,667

SEC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-4	9-2	7-4	3-8	3-9	2-10	39-41
ATS	5-6	8-3	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-8	2-10	34-44
Home Fav	2-3	3-0	2-5	2-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	12-14
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-3	0-4	6-9
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	5-8
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	3-1	2-4	0-4	11-13
Favorite	2-4	4-1	3-6	5-5	1-3	0-1	2-2	17-22
Dog	3-2	4-2	1-1	1-0	5-2	3-7	0-8	17-22
Grass	5-6	7-2	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-7	2-9	33-41
Artificial	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	4-4	8-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-7	26-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	8-13
Off SU Win	4-3	4-3	3-5	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	19-18
Off SU Loss	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-2	3-4	2-5	1-8	12-22

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nick Turner	123	745	49	696	7	5.7
Jerious Norwood	**121**	**675**	**33**	**642**	**2**	**5.3**
Fred Reid	**32**	**166**	**9**	**157**	**1**	**4.9**
Kevin Fant	70	132	281	-149	2	-2.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Fant	351	186	53.0	2151	14	21
Kyle York	**42**	**20**	**47.6**	**273**	**1**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Justin Jenkins	62	880	14.2	9	70
McKinley Scott	**29**	**391**	**13.5**	**1**	**60**
Ray Ray Bivines	**26**	**324**	**12.5**	**1**	**43**
Omarr Conner	**14**	**211**	**15.1**	**0**	**33**
Aaron Lumpkin	18	177	9.8	2	26
Nick Turner	19	93	4.9	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Cook	**41**	**1701**	**41.5**	**1**	**33.7**	**2**	**10**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Smith	19-19	2-2	4-4	2-2	0-2	8-10	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
TJ Mawhinney	110	0	4	2	0
Marvin Byrdsong	**76**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Kevin Dockery	**70**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Odell Bradley	68	0	0	5	2
Clarence McDougal	**64**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Jason Clark	61	0	6	5	0
Darren Williams	**61**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Tommy Kelly	60	4	8	3	0
Willie Evans	**54**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Jeramie Johnson	**52**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Ronald Fields	**52**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Slovakia Griffith	**48**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Quinton Culberson	**42**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Turner	28	310	11.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Turner	24	565	23.5	0
Fred Reid	**25**	**577**	**23.1**	**1**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Peach	-1'	N Carolina	17-21	L
94	Peach	-6	NC State	24-28	L
98	Cotton	+6'	Texas	11-38	L
99	Peach	+3	Clemson	17-7	W
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41	W

MISSISSIPPI ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	18.8	16	119	3.8	202	52.4	17.1	-21	2003	7	39.3	24	190	4.3	283	62.2	12.1
5	18.9	18	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	-15	2002	7	28.3	18	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5
7*	17.8	17	129	3.6	215	52.7	19.3	-4	2001	5	26.2	20	157	3.9	215	54.7	14.2
6*	32.5	18	198	4.7	182	54.8	11.7	+10	2000	3	25.5	19	107	3.1	233	49.2	13.3
2*	21.3	17	102	3.0	217	51.7	15.0	+4	1999	7	13.0	15	68	1.9	168	50.9	18.2
8*	26.9	16	165	4.2	155	46.0	11.9	+3	1998	4	19.7	19	154	3.5	170	51.3	16.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oregon	21	22-124	5.6	23-40	285	3	27	51-198	3.9	22-29	358	1	-1
at Tulane	23	37-225	6.1	16-33	246	3	26	31-112	3.6	29-47	349	1	-3
at Houston	19	32-112	3.5	24-42	360	2	24	49-198	4.0	20-29	321	2	-3
LSU	18	30-31	1.0	21-39	208	5	17	35-163	4.7	14-25	191	1	-2
Vanderbilt	22	44-203	4.6	18-30	215	3	26	39-95	2.4	22-35	295	2	+1
Memphis	18	37-136	3.7	16-34	245	2	29	28-170	6.1	32-61	398	1	+1
at Auburn	15	29-102	3.5	15-30	192	4	25	56-405	7.2	12-19	148	0	-1
at Kentucky	12	32-150	4.7	14-25	155	3	20	47-154	3.3	16-28	256	2	-1
Alabama	10	20-24	1.2	16-31	128	4	19	50-190	3.8	10-16	211	2	-1
at Tennessee	16	32-96	3.0	19-32	192	4	28	37-177	4.8	22-36	358	1	-3
at Arkansas	15	31-120	3.9	11-28	107	0	29	63-322	5.1	14-21	254	0	-8
Mississippi	7	25-101	4.0	14-31	91	3	20	39-99	2.5	19-27	260	0	0
TOTALS	196	371-1424	3.8	207-395	2424	36	290	525-2283	4.3	232-373	3399	13	-21
AVERAGES	16.3	31-119	3.8	17-33	202	3.0	24.2	44-190	4.3	19-31	283	1.1	-1.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-33'	40-7	L
Memphis	-13'	13-10	L
Oklahoma St	-3	29-11	W
S Carolina	-13'	17-0	W
at Vanderbilt	-5'	42-14	W
at Auburn	-3	18-16	L
LSU	-15'	17-16	L
Kentucky	-6'	23-22	L
at Alabama	+6	7-19	L
at Arkansas	+7'	9-14	W
Mississippi	-3'	23-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	-5	17-3	W
at BYU	-2	44-28	W
at S Carolina	-1	19-23	L
Florida	+7	47-35	W
Auburn	-1	17-10	W
at LSU	-6	38-45 OT	L
Middle Tenn	-27'	61-35	L
at Kentucky	-6'	35-17	W
Alabama	-7	29-7	W
Arkansas	-17	10-17 OT	L
at Mississippi	-5'	30-45	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-18'	30-10	W
S Carolina	-3	14-16	L
at Florida	+18	0-52	L
at Auburn	+2'	14-16	W
Troy St	-24	9-21	L
LSU	+3	0-42	L
Kentucky	-7'	17-14	L
at Alabama	+11	17-24	W
at Arkansas	+7'	21-24	W
Mississippi	+3	36-28	W
BYU	+4	38-41	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	+13	13-36	L
Jacksonville St	NL	51-13	–
Auburn	+3	14-42	L
at LSU	+13'	13-31	L
at S Carolina	+4'	10-34	L
Troy St	-11	11-8	L
at Memphis	+2'	29-17	W
Kentucky	+5	24-45	L
at Alabama	+21'	14-28	W
Tennessee	+7	17-35	L
Arkansas	+11'	19-26	W
at Mississippi	+8	12-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	+3'	34-42	L
at Tulane	-3	28-31	L
at Houston	-4'	35-42	L
LSU	+13'	6-41	L
Vanderbilt	-4'	30-21	W
Memphis	-4	35-27	W
at Auburn	+21	13-45	L
at Kentucky	+10	17-42	L
Alabama	+10'	0-38	L
at Tennessee	+23'	21-59	L
at Arkansas	+27	6-52	L
Mississippi	+19	0-31	L

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001's season opener Arkansas used five different QB's including four in a span of 11 plays. JUCO transfer Ryan Sorahan (PS#54) won the starting job for the first two games but got injured. Matt Jones (PS#43) and Zak Clark split most of the duties the rest of the year. Clark was the passing QB with over 1,000 yards passing while Jones threw for just 275 (43%). Jones, who is 6-6, has deceptive 4.4 speed and rushed for 666 yards as a true frosh. In 2002 Jones took over the bulk of the duties with 14 starts and threw for 1,592 yards (52.1%) with a 16-8 ratio while rushing for 822. Last year Nutt went back to alternating QB's with a passer (Sorahan) throwing for 545 yards (48.6%) with a 2-2 ratio while starting six games. In Sorahan's starts he usually played a couple of series, but Jones would play the bulk of the game. Jones had an impressive year despite being bothered by a shoulder injury for the second straight season and was #3 in the SEC in pass efficiency throwing for 1917 yards (57.4%) with a 18-7 ratio while rushing for 845 yards. He also split time at WR in the spring and summer while weighing a position change. Jones also plays on the basketball team. Sorahan departs and this year's backups are Robert Johnson (6-2 205 rFr, PS#35) who, like Jones, is a run/pass threat, Landon Leach (6-2 190 rFr, PS#45) who has a cannon for an arm, but missed spring (shoulder) and Rhett Lashlee (6-2 201 So, PS#53) who is an invited walk-on that has played in two games. As long as Jones stays healthy, he should be one of the best QB's in the SEC.

QB Matt Jones

RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Cedric Cobbs (PS#5) rushed for 767 yards (5.9) and was the MVP of the bowl game. He was hyped on and off as a Heisman Trophy candidate over the next four years, but due to injuries and suspensions, had just 1,029 yards rushing in 2000, 2001 and 2002 combined. Last year he trimmed 20 lbs while working out with the track team and finally lived up to his potential. Despite missing one game and seeing limited action in 3 others (hamstring) he still rushed for 1,320 yards (5.8) and was 1st Tm SEC. This year Cobbs departs (#4DC NE) as does FB Mark Pierce (6 sts, 255 ttl yds). At one point with both Cobbs and #25RB Howard out, the team was forced to move WR DeCori Birmingham back to TB as well as LB Brandon Holmes. Holmes was injured vs Miss St and missed the rest of the year. De'Arrius Howard (PS#7) had a Cobbs-type of year being a little overweight and rushing for just 267 yards (2.8) after having 595 yards (4.5) in 2002. He worked with the same track coach that Cobbs did this offseason and should have a fine junior year. Birmingham (5-11 200 Sr, PS#77, 4.41 spd) rushed for 549 yards (6.2). Dedrick Poole (5-10 200 Jr, PS#29) took a medical redshirt after playing in 3 games. I list the FB's below. There is solid talent in this unit but it looks weaker with a player like Cobbs now in the NFL.

RECEIVERS - The Hogs were in good shape at this position last year. George Wilson set an Arkansas frosh record with 41 rec (14.0) and led the team in receiving 3 straight seasons. Richard Smith, who was a long jumper on the track team, was the #2 receiver for 4 straight years had 30 rec last year with an impressive 19.1 ypc. Wilson was named 2nd Tm SEC and averaged 18.0 ypc on 50 rec. Unfortunately both of them depart along with TE Jason Peters (13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 21 rec). The leading returning receiver this year is Steven Harris who had 19 rec (16.6) but he missed spring (shoulder). I list the 2 deep below and they do have a potential go-to man in Chris Baker (PS#25, 4.27 spd). Baker was hampered by a hamstring injury last year and had just 4 rec. Not listed below are Walter Andrews (6-4 207 rFr), Blake Miller (5-9 173 rFr) and this year's true frosh, many who could play immediately. Even if Baker emerges, this is an underwhelming group and far less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Arkansas has led the SEC in rushing for two straight years for the first time in school history. A big part of their success was the O-line which returned 4 starters including RT Shawn Andrews who won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy (SEC's top blk'r) in 2002 and 2003. After averaging 4.8 ypc rushing in 2002 the Hogs improved to 5.0 last season while allowing just 11 sacks. This year the O-line suffers some massive losses with all 5 starters departing. Gone are RT Andrews who was a 1st round DC of PHI as well as a 1st Tm AA, RG Mark Bokermann (13 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Jerry Reith (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Dan Doughty (13 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Bo Lacy (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, #6DC PIT) and backup OT Caleb Perry. There is some talent in the 2 deep I list below including VHT's, but this unit is clearly less experienced than last year's outstanding group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing in 2002 and the defense had 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 30 starts. They moved starting MLB Jeb Huckeba to DE so basically they had 3 starters returning despite the losses. Projected starting DT Elliott Harris (12 sts at DE in '02) reported underweight and moved back to DE and lost his starting job. Arkansas' defensive numbers slipped to 4.0 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. This year they must replace NG Scott Davenport (12 sts, 40 tkl), DE Justin Scott (13 sts, 47 tkl, 3 sks) and DE Brandon Holmes (12 tkl before moving to RB). Four freshmen, including two true saw significant action last year, and this unit is a little more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hogs appeared to return all of their LB's but moved starting MLB Huckeba to DE and starting WLB Tony Bua to FS. MLB Clarke Moore started the first 3 games but suffered a fractured tibia and was thought to be out for the year so the unit was inexperienced. Moore was actually forced back into action in the last 3 games because of the massive depletion in the LB corps. Within days of each other, 2 starting LB's (Sam Olajbutu and Jimarr Gallon) had some off-field problems and Olajibutu was suspended for 1 game and Gallon was dismissed. This year they must replace SLB Caleb Miller (13 sts, 133 tkl, 2nd Tm SEC, #3DC CIN) and WLB Gallon (9 sts, 50 tkl). They get Moore back at the MLB spot as well as 3 other LB's who have started, and I list the 2 deep below. Despite losing two starting LB's, this unit still looks solid especially if John Jackson is reinstated.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hogs were #44 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace just one starter, a 2nd round DC, but had plenty of NFL caliber talent. They finished #27 in my rankings allowing 53.4% with a 17-17 ratio. This year they may have more losses than any other secondary in the country as 7 of the top 8 depart. Gone are CB Lawrence Richardson (11 sts, 39 tkl, 5 pbu, PS#6), FS Tony Bua (12 sts, 126 tkl, 1st Tm SEC, #5DC MIA) who is Arkansas' career tackle leader, CB Ahmad "Batman" Carroll (13 sts, PS#8, 7 pbu, 1st Tm SEC, #1DC GB), SS Jimmy Beasley (13 sts, 69 tkl, 5 tfl), CB Eddie Jackson (2 sts, 10 pbu, 39 tkl), CB Marvin Jackson (40 tkl, 3 tfl) and S Bo Mosley (35 tkl, 2 int). This is one area where I expect freshmen to make an immediate impact and I list some in the 3 deep below. Naturally, this unit will drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to 2001 Arkansas finished in the lower half of my special teams rankings for 7 straight years but over the last three seasons have recorded finishes at #14, #51 and #20. The team had to replace their punter last year but got back 2001's outstanding PR man, Marvin Jackson. Jackson had a slow start for the season and at one point was even replaced by DeCori Birmingham who averaged 12.2 on PR's in 2002. Jackson won back his starting PR job and finished with 12.7 ypr. The KR's were below par last year. True frosh P Jacob Skinner (PS#94) did a solid job with a 36.7 net. David Carlton began the year as the starting kicker. He was injured in the opener and then missed two FG's against Alabama and Chris Balseiro (PS#57) took over the duties and hit 11 of 15 FG's with a long of 40 and one of his misses was from 50+. The Hogs have blocked 7 punts in the last two years. The only loss this year is Jackson who will be missed but Birmingham has plenty of experience. The Hogs look poised for another Top 25 finish in my special teams rankings.

COACHES - Houston Nutt has the best overall record in the SEC West in his six years here and was the SEC Coach of the Year in 2001. Nutt is a native of Little Rock and his teams are now 16-0 SU in games played there. His run game coordinator on offense is OL coach Mike Markuson. The passing game coordinator is Roy Wittke who was the OC at E Illinois for the 13 years prior to his arrival last season. Dave Wommack enters his third year as the DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arkansas' six consecutive bowl appearances matches a school record set by Lou Holtz (1977-'82) and Ken Hatfield ('84-'89). The Hogs are very tough at home under Nutt going 34-7 SU. For the second straight year Arkansas led the SEC in rushing with 242 ypg. In 2002 Arkansas was pegged for 5th in the SEC West preseason poll, but I called for them to win the title and they did just that getting to the SEC Title game. The defending SEC West Champ had 17 starters back last year, but were picked 4th in the West and that is precisely where they finished. The Hogs had their moments as they beat #6 Texas and went from being unranked to #14 in the polls, the highest a team has debuted since the AP poll expanded to 25 teams (14 years). After they beat N Texas they moved up to #9, the first time they had been in the Top 10 since Nutt's first year (1998). They trailed Bama 31-10, but won in OT and moved to #7, their best ranking in 14 years. Two tough holding calls vs Auburn cost them the game in their 3 point loss. RB injuries then took a toll as they dropped to 4-3 but they won 4 of their last 5 including a 7 OT epic vs Kentucky and then whipped Missouri in the bowl game 27-14 as my Bowl Play of the Year. Clearly, Arkansas was a more talented team than their 4-4 SEC record indicated as you can tell by their win over Texas and in SEC games, they outgained foes by an averaged of 81.9 ypg, the 3rd best mark in the league. After the season, Nutt entertained a job offer from Nebraska, but opted to stay, in what will be a rebuilding season in 2004. The fewest amount of starters Nutt has had returning was nine in 2000, a year they pulled upsets in the final two games to get to 6-5 in the regular season but lost their bowl for a 6-6 finish. This year they have just 4 starters returning. QB Jones and RB Howard are among the best in the league but how quickly the completely rebuilt O-line develops is the key to how far the offensive production will drop from the 33.5 ppg of '03. With 4 offensive starters back in 2000, they averaged just 23.2 ppg. Defensively the entire secondary is gone and just 3 of the front 7 return, so they will clearly be weaker vs both the run and pass. The schedule is not easy as they pull Georgia, Florida and S Car from the SEC East. Throw in the fact that the Hogs benefitted from +11 in turnovers last year (see page 312) and Nutt will have to do one of his best coaching jobs yet to have this team finish above .500.

2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

QB MATT JONES SR. 6-6 237 PS#43. 4.4 spd. 666 rush. 275 pass as true. 14 sts, 1592 yds (52%), 16-8, 822 rush in '02. 1917 pass (57.4%), 18-7 ratio, 845 rush LY.

RB De'Arrius Howard Jr. 6-0 225 **PS#7**. 595 yds (4.5) as rFr. 267 (inj) LY. **DeCori Birmingham** (5-11 200 Sr) 7 sts, 815 rush (6.2) 3 yrs. **Dedrick Poole** (5-10 200 Jr) **PS#29.**

FB Brandon Kennedy Jr. 6-0 230 PS#243. 1 st, 16 ttl yds, 2Y. **Peyton Hillis is PS#9**. Farod Jackson (6-0 243 rFr) PS#61. Kyle Dickerson (5-9 202 Jr) PS#55. 183 rush, 2Y.

WR Steven Harris Sr. 5-11 182 1 st, 19 rec (16.6) in 2003. **Anthony Brown** (6-6 215 Jr) **PS#71JC**. David Thompson (6-2 201 So) PS#72. Caleb Ceasar (6-0 191 Jr).

WR Chris Baker So. 6-1 185 **PS#25**. 12 gms LY. 4.27 spd. **Cedric Washington** (6-0 186 So) PS#78QB. **4.3 spd**. 1 rec, 497 ret yds. **Carlos Ousley** (6-0 186 Jr) PS#116.

TE Jared Hicks Jr. 6-6 271 2 sts, 1 rec in '02. 2 starts LY, 4 rec, 41 KD's. Mason Templeton (6-7 252 rFr) PS#119. Jonathan Barry (6-6 265 rFr) PS#417DL. 4.6 spd.

C Kyle Roper Jr. 6-2 297 PS#114TE. 4 games in '02. 2nd string C in '03. Skye Peterson (6-2 295 So) PS#285OL. Originally signed with Kansas. JUCO in 2003.

RG Gene Perry Sr. 6-3 298 PS#170JC. 1 game in '02, RS. 6 games, 2nd string in '03. Robert Felton (6-4 335 rFr) PS#114. Tyler Morgan (6-5 284 So) PS#159.

LG James Johnson Jr. 6-5 287 **PS#61DL**. 5.1 speed. 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Moved to OL in '03. Stephen Parker (6-3 312 So). Ivora Hall (6-2 297 rFr) PS#280DL.

RT Zac Tubbs Jr. 6-6 358 PS#167. 1 st as true, 14 games. 1 start (bowl) in '03, 13 games. Nate Garner (6-6 324 rFr) PS#130. 5.0 spd. Ryan Young is PS#65OL.

LT Tony Ugoh Jr. 6-5 288 **PS#44**. 2 games as true. 8 games in '03, 5 KD's vs Miss St. #11 SEC discus. Matt Gilbow (6-6 299 rFr) PS#164. Cody Green is PS#161.

K CHRIS BALSEIRO JR. 6-1 215 PS#57K. Hit 11 of 15 FG's here LY, L/40, 1 miss from 50+. David Carlton (6-1 189 Sr) 12 of 16 FG's in '02, L/47. **#3 in SEC FG %**, 2 of 5 LY.

DEFENSE

DE JEB HUCKEBA SR. 6-5 248 **PS#14WR**. 8 sts in '02, 60 tkls, 5 tfl. 13 sts LY, 70 tkls, 14 tfl. Wes Murphy (6-3 260 Jr) PS#169. 23 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Anthony Gray (6-2 233 rFr) PS#105.

DT ARRION DIXON SR. 6-4 293 **PS#52**. 9 sts, 32 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 64 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Keith Jackson (6-0 286 So) PS#114. 12 tkls as true. Titus Peebles (6-2 295 Sr) 10 tkls.

NG Jeremy Harrell So. 6-2 291 PS#112OL. 1 st, 25 tkls as true, 2 tfl. **Chase Pressley** (6-3 300 So) **PS#32**. 1 st, 6 tkls as true (inj). Lucas Jackson (6-1 258 So) PS#31LB.

DE Elliott Harris Sr. 6-4 267 PS#124. **12 sts** in '02, 31 tks, 4 tfl. 53 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl LY. Reggie Banks (6-4 275 Jr) PS#103. 5 tkls. Derek Moore (6-4 250 rFr) PS#70. 4.7 spd.

WLB Marcus Whitmore Sr. 6-0 224 **PS#45JC**. 25 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Michael Robinson (6-2 220 Jr) PS#95WR. 11 tkls LY. John Jackson (6-1 211 Jr) PS#96WR. 2 sts, 17 tkls susp, ? for fall.

MLB CLARKE MOORE JR. 6-2 246 **PS#35**. 6 sts, 61 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 3 sts LY (inj), 15 tkl. Sam Olajubutu (5-9 224 Jr) PS#205. 2 tkls in '02 then inj. 8 sts in '03, 85 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int.

SLB Desmond Sims So. 6-2 225 PS#112WR. 3 sts as rFr, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. **Pierre Brown** (6-0 226 Jr) **PS#60DL**. 25 tkls, 2 sks in '02. 1 st in 2003, 35 tkls, 1 tfl. 4.5 speed.

CB Chris Houston rFr. 5-11 180 PS#96. 4.3 speed. **Michael Coe** (6-1 177 So) PS#192. 4 tkls, 1 pbu. Cedric Logan (6-1 170 Fr) **PS#61**. Shedrick Johnson is PS#262.

CB Darius Vinnett Jr. 5-9 175 PS#436JC. Solid cover CB. **John Johnson** (5-10 192 So) PS#64WR. 4.39 spd. Moved from RB in spring. Randy Kelly (6-0 180 Jr) PS#101JC.

SS Lerinezo Robinson Jr. 6-0 191 **PS#56DB**. 19 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu in '02. 1 st in '03, 18 tkls, 2 int. Dionis Harvey (6-0 190 Jr) PS#440RB. Rick Culbert (6-0 180 Fr) is PS#125.

FS Vickiel Vaughn Jr. 6-0 202 **PS#7**. 3 tkls as true. 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int, 1 pbu in '03. Kevin Woods (5-10 191 rFr) PS#503. 4.6 speed. Desmond Williams is PS#43.

P JACOB SKINNER SO. 6-3 202 PS#94. 43.5 average as senior in HS. 52 punts as true, 39.9 avg, and **net of 36.7**. Josh Dennis (6-1 175 Sr). Rusty McEntire could handle KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Peyton Hillis 6-2 240 PS#9
QB	Alex Mortensen 6-2 194 PS#24
DL	Freddie Barnett 6-2 300 PS#44
RB	Korey Sutton 5-10 193 PS#40
DB	Desmond Williams 6-2 205 PS#43
DL	Michael Tate 6-4 245 PS#55
DL	Ernest Mitchell 6-2 290 PS#67
OL	Ryan Young 6-7 320 PS#65
WR	Cedric Logan 6-1 170 PS#61
RB	Weston Dacus 6-2 230 PS#79
DB	D'Nerian Wrighter 6-1 205 PS#63
WR	Jamaal Anderson 6-7 220 PS#60JC
WR	Anthony Brown 6-6 215 PS#71JC
WR	Marcus Monk 6-6 205 PS#85
LB	Zach Snider 6-3 225 PS#94
DB	Randy Kelly 6-0 180 PS#101JC
DB	Rick Culbert 6-0 180 PS#125
OL	Cody Green 6-6 295 PS#161

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 4	New Mexico St	G						
Sep. 11	Texas	G						
Sep. 18	UL Monroe (Little Rock)	A						
Sep. 25	Alabama	G						
Oct. 2	at Florida	G						
Oct. 9								
Oct. 16	at Auburn	G						
Oct. 23	Georgia (HC)	G						
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	at S Carolina	G						
Nov. 13	Mississippi	G						
Nov. 20	at Mississippi St	G						
Nov. 27	LSU (Little Rock)	A						

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Arkansas is 1-5 SU, but 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings with Tennessee.
Razorbacks are 3-8 ATS in their 1st road game since 1993.
Arkansas is 9-0 SU & 6-3 ATS vs Tulsa since 1984.

Arkansas is 4-0 SU & 2-1 ATS vs NMSU outscoring the Aggies 188-54.
Razors are 3-6 ATS the last 2 years as a double digit favorite.

Arkansas is 7-2 ATS as a home dog under Nutt.
The Razorbacks are 4-8-1 ATS vs Texas since 1980.

The Hogs are 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 years before playing the Tide.
Arkansas is 4-2 ATS the last 6 games in Little Rock.

The Razorbacks are 8-4 ATS in SEC openers.
The home team is 4-2 ATS the last 6 years (0-2 ATS the L/2).

Ark is 0-4 SU & ATS vs Florida since 1995, being outscored by 165-45.
The Hogs are 2-10 ATS after Alabama since 1992.

Arkansas is 4-1 ATS the last 5 years vs Auburn.
Tuberville is 3-6 SU in his career vs Arkansas.

Arkansas is 1-4 SU & ATS in this series since 1992.
The home team is just 1-3 ATS in this series in regular season games.

The Hogs are 5-2 SU & ATS the last 7 November road games.
Arkansas is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 meetings with the Gamecocks.

The Hogs are 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 vs the Rebels.
The home team is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 years.

Razorbacks are 5-1 SU, but 2-4 ATS the last 6 vs the Bulldogs.
Arkansas is 2-4 ATS the last 6 road finales.

Ark is 4-1 ATS when a dog in their home finale going back to '86.
The dog is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series.

HOUSTON NUTT (Career 84-49)
7th Year at Arkansas

Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

48-27	Straight Up	16-14	Home Favorite
36-31	Vs The Spread	7-2	Home Underdog
10-8	Off A SU Loss	5-8	Away Favorite
26-23	Vs Conference	8-7	Away Underdog
10-8	Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 1*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (16,20,6)
Lost: 28 (13,12,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,588

SEC - WEST DIVISION

FL DeCori Birmingham

STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) GRASS
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) AstroPlay

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	9-2	7-4	6-5	7-4	9-4	8-4	50-30
ATS	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	6-7	6-6	41-36-1
Home Fav	0-2	4-1	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-5	3-4	16-16
Home Dog	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	10-3
Away Fav	0-1	1-3	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	5-9
Away Dog	2-1-1	1-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	10-8-1
Favorite	0-3	5-4	5-5	1-1	1-2	4-6	5-4	21-25
Dog	5-2-1	2-0	1-0	4-4	5-2	2-1	1-2	20-11-1
Grass	5-5-1	7-4	6-5	5-5	6-4	5-4	4-5	38-32-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-1	3-4
vs Conf	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-4	5-3	4-5	4-4	31-25-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	3-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	10-11
Off SU Win	1-3	6-2	3-4	2-3	6-1	2-7	5-3	25-23
Off SU Loss	4-1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	0-2	3-0	1-2	14-9-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Cobbs	227	1346	26	1320	10	5.8
Matt Jones	**96**	**845**	**138**	**707**	**8**	**7.4**
DeCori Birmingham	**88**	**581**	**32**	**549**	**3**	**6.2**
De'Arrius Howard	**95**	**293**	**26**	**267**	**6**	**2.8**
Mark Pierce	38	179	2	177	4	4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Jones	**230**	**132**	**57.4**	**1917**	**18**	**7**
Ryan Sorahan	72	35	48.6	545	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
George Wilson	50	900	18.0	6	56
Richard Smith	30	573	19.1	7	50
Steven Harris	**19**	**315**	**16.6**	**1**	**43**
Jason Peters	21	218	10.4	4	26
DeCori Birmingham	**17**	**186**	**10.9**	**2**	**53**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Skinner	**52**	**2074**	**39.9**	**7**	**36.7**	**1**	**16**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Balseiro	**40-41**	**7-7**	**3-4**	**1-3**	**0-1**	**11-15**	**40**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Caleb Miller	133	1	14	5	0
Tony Bua	126	1	2	7	2
Sam Olajubutu	**85**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**2**
Jeb Huckeba	**70**	**0**	**14**	**1**	**0**
Jimmy Beasley	69	0	5	0	0
Arrion Dixon	**64**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Elliott Harris	**53**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Jimarr Gallon	50	1	2	0	2
Justin Scott	47	3	2	0	0
Ahmad Carroll	43	1	5	7	3
Marvin Jackson	40	2	1	2	1
Scott Davenport	40	0	0	0	0
Eddie Jackson	39	1	0	10	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marvin Jackson	26	329	12.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cedric Washington	**25**	**497**	**19.9**	**0**
DeCori Birmingham	**11**	**203**	**18.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Cotton	+5'	Texas	27-6	W
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31	L
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma	3-10	W
02	Music City	-7'	Minnesota	14-29	L
03	Independence	-2'	Missouri	27-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	33.5	21	242	5.0	189	54.9	12.9	+11	2003	8	23.5	19	157	4.0	187	53.4	14.7
7	26.4	18	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	+17	2002	7	19.8	19	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6
6	24.5	17	166	3.7	136	48.0	12.3	+4	2001	8	23.3	18	139	3.7	223	55.8	15.6
4	23.2	18	147	3.9	175	50.0	13.9	-8	2000	5	24.1	16	149	3.9	158	48.6	12.8
6*	29.4	18	141	4.3	231	54.8	12.6	+5	1999	7	17.8	17	92	2.7	203	53.8	16.5
10*	32.5	20	148	3.8	242	51.5	12.0	+12	1998	9	18.9	18	105	2.9	213	52.5	16.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tulsa	17	37-294	7.9	11-20	188	1	21	39-212	5.4	16-36	159	1	+1
at Texas	21	60-265	4.4	9-18	173	1	22	29-62	2.1	21-40	264	1	+2
N Texas	16	38-143	3.8	14-23	183	0	10	40-116	2.9	6-14	81	2	+3
at Alabama	28	61-289	4.7	16-27	202	1	17	31-158	5.1	15-32	226	0	-2
Auburn	17	39-173	4.4	13-28	168	1	13	42-160	3.8	10-18	118	0	0
Florida	26	34-186	5.5	24-45	343	1	19	35-142	4.1	20-34	269	1	-2
at Mississippi	13	32-82	2.6	13-32	155	2	18	41-130	3.2	17-32	145	2	0
at Kentucky	29	71-334	4.7	17-28	271	2	29	52-180	3.5	28-51	326	2	0
S Carolina	21	48-248	5.2	11-15	148	0	17	29-123	4.2	21-36	181	0	+1
New Mexico St	23	56-308	5.5	12-17	192	2	19	37-136	3.7	19-27	214	4	+1
Mississippi St	29	63-322	5.1	14-21	254	0	15	31-120	3.9	11-28	107	0	+8
at LSU	14	40-201	5.0	4-12	100	0	24	50-250	5.0	12-20	186	0	-4
† Missouri	19	47-300	6.4	9-18	85	0	25	49-252	5.1	17-31	155	1	+3
TOTALS	273	626-3145	5.0	167-304	2462	11	249	505-2041	4.0	213-399	2431	14	+11
AVERAGES	21.0	48-242	5.0	13-23	189	0.8	19.2	39-157	4.0	16-31	187	1.1	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-14	26-0	W
UL Monroe	-35	44-6	W
at Alabama	-2	28-35	L
at Kentucky	-8'	20-31	L
Middle Tenn	-35'	58-6	W
S Carolina	-22'	48-14	W
Auburn	-7'	34-10	W
at Mississippi	-1	16-38	L
Tennessee	+8	28-24	W
Mississippi St	-7	14-9	L
at LSU	-11	10-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	38-0	–
Boise St	-13'	38-31	L
Alabama	+2'	28-21	W
Georgia	+3'	7-38	L
UL Monroe	-34'	52-6	W
at S Carolina	+7	7-27	L
at Auburn	+9'	19-21	W
Mississippi	+1'	24-38	L
at Tennessee	+13'	20-63	L
at Mississippi St	+17	17-10	W
LSU	+3	14-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-5	14-10	L
Tennessee	+13	3-13	W
at Alabama	+10	10-31	L
at Georgia	+10	23-34	L
Weber St	NL	42-19	–
S Carolina	+9	10-7	W
Auburn	+1	42-17	W
at Mississippi	+6	58-56 7OT	W
UCF	-5'	27-20	W
Mississippi St	-7'	24-21	L
at LSU	+9'	38-41	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-7'	41-14	W
S Florida	-13'	42-3	W
Alabama	-6'	12-30	L
at Tennessee	+11	38-41 6OT	W
at Auburn	+5'	38-17	W
Kentucky	-10'	17-29	L
Mississippi	-8	48-28	W
Troy St	-24	23-0	L
at S Carolina	-4'	23-0	W
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-17	L
at Mississippi St	-11'	26-19	L
LSU	-5	21-20	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-37'	45-13	L
at Texas	+13'	38-28	W
N Texas	-21	31-7	W
at Alabama	-1'	34-31 2OT	W
Auburn	-6	3-10	L
Florida	-4'	28-33	L
at Mississippi	+1	7-19	L
at Kentucky	-4'	71-63 7OT	W
S Carolina	-7'	28-6	W
New Mexico St	-30	48-20	L
Mississippi St	-27	52-6	W
at LSU	+9'	24-55	L

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 David Greene (PS#31) won a three way battle for the QB spot. He led the team to a TD with :05 left to give them their first win in Knoxville since 1980 and cemented the job. Greene set UGA frosh pass yardage record throwing for 3,077 yards (59.1%) with an 18-11 ratio and he was the SEC Frosh of the Year. The team signed DJ Shockley (6-1 194 Jr, PS#3, 4.55 spd) in 2001 and redshirted him against his wishes. Richt placated him by promising that he would play in every game in 2002, so he stayed. Greene finished as the top rated QB in the SEC throwing for 2,924 yards (57.5%) with a 22-8 ratio in 2002. That was more yards in his first two years than any other QB in Georgia history. Shockley threw for 415 yards (61.5%) with a 5-2 ratio while rushing for 175 in '02. Last year they added Joe Tereshinski (6-3 217 So, PS#21). Greene was hampered by an O-line that allowed an SEC worst 47 sacks. Heading into the bowl game he had a negative ratio of 10-11. He did have an outstanding bowl vs Purdue hitting 27 of 37 for 327 yards and 3 TD's tying a Bulldog bowl record and finished with 3,307 yards (60.3%) with a 13-11 ratio. Shockley played in just six with 133 rush yards and 88 yards passing before suffering a season ending ankle injury. Tereshinski got in 11 games as an upback on the punt team but had no pass attempts (3 rush att). This year they add Blake Barnes (PS#19) who graduated HS early and joined the team during bowl preparations. With a more stable O-line, I look for Greene's passing numbers to be vastly improved this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace Musa Smith (PS#14) who was the first 1,000 yard back here at Georgia since 1992 (Garrison Hearst). Smith was the #3DC of BAL and they also lost FB Wall (#7DC PIT). Of course, the Denver Broncos have taken a couple of Georgia RB's in the middle rounds in the draft and they prospered with both Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary. Last year there was plenty of talent in the backfield but the most experienced was Tony Milton who had 314 yards (3.8) in '02. Thanks in part to a young O-line and also to an injury plagued season, not a single Dawg RB topped 100 yards rushing in a game last year for the first time since 1972. True frosh Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) was the team's #2 rusher with 523 yards (4.7) and started in the bowl. Michael Cooper (PS#32) had 8 starts and led the team with 673 yards (4.3) but he has considered transferring and missed practice time in spring with migraines. Milton (PS#17) started the first 3 games but then was lost for the season with a leg injury. He is the best blocker of the RB's. Diminutive Tyson Browning (5-8 167 Jr, PS#85) had a 93 yard screen pass for a TD vs LSU and had 286 rush yards and 258 receiving on the year. Browning moved to WR in the spring. Ronnie Powell had 276 yards (5.4) in 8 games, but departs. Albert Hollis (PS#2) has been injured and has yet to play but could be available. This unit has a lot more experience and should be far more productive.

RECEIVERS - Georgia had to replace their career leader in receptions last year in Terrence Edwards who also became the first Dawg to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season. They had plenty of talent returning but for the second year in a row the receiving corps suffered through an injury plagued year with only WR Damien Gary playing in all 14 games. This year they must replace Gary (PS#27, 43 rec, 11.5), WR Michael Johnson (PS#24, 5 sts, 27 rec), TE Benjamin Watson (10 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 23 rec, #1DC NE) and TE Robert Brannon (3 sts, 4 rec, PS#31). Fred Gibson and Reggie Brown are a potent combo at WR as both have size & speed and there are 4 VHT's backing them including AJ Bryant (PS#10QB). They lose three of their top five receivers, but this still looks like a dangerous group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Georgia had five senior OL starters for the first time since the school began keeping records (1960), but surprisingly only averaged 3.6 ypc rushing while the team allowed 31 sacks. Naturally everyone departed last year and the losses included 1st & 2nd round DC's. Last year the O-line was comprised completely of underclassmen and as you would expect they struggled. They allowed an SEC high 47 sacks while paving the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing which was the lowest ypc here since 1993. Everyone returns with the exception of G Reggie Weeks (5 gms) whose career ended prematurely with a knee injury. Last year's starting OG's Josh Brock and Bartley Miller sat out spring practice with shoulder injuries and Miller may be forced to redshirt in 2004. They add Darrius Swain (PS#20TE) who had 4 starts and 70 tackles on the D-line the last two years. Naturally the unit is bigger, stronger and far more experienced, and should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country.

MLB Odell Thurman

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace one starting DT who was a 1st round DC but then lost starting DE Will Thompson to injury prior to the season and starting DT Kedric Golston for six games. Golston (PS#3) was the first true frosh NT to start at UGA since 1994. David Pollack set UGA's single season record with 14 sacks in 2002 and won the Ted Hendricks Award despite constant double teams in 2003. The surprising news this year is that Pollack turned down a sure 1st round DC to return for his senior season. The only losses from this unit are NT Ken Veal (9 sts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Robert Geathers (14 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sks, #4DC CIN). Georgia allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing while the D accounted for 30 sacks, and this looks to be one of the top DL's in the country in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Last year's LB corps took some big hits as they had to replace the first Bulldog ILB to lead the team in tackles for three straight years and basically all three starters including 2nd & 6th round DC's. Basically everyone was expected to return this year except for 3rd string LB Derrick Holloway (4 tkl), but they suffered a big loss when WLB Tony Taylor (12 sts, 82 tkl) suffered a torn ACL in spring. Taylor will redshirt. I list the 2 deep below and they have some solid rFr and even a VHT true frosh to plug in. This unit is more experienced and includes a 1st Tm SEC LB in Odell Thurman.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Georgia normally fares well in my pass D rankings with their lowest finish being #51 in 2001. In 2002 they finished #46 despite having to replace their #2, #3 and #5 tacklers. Last year almost everyone returned but they did lose starting ROV Kentrell Curry prior to the season to injury and then starting CB DeCory Bryant missed the last 6 games after a neck injury. Georgia moved up to #11 in my pass D rankings allowing 54.4% with a 12-17 ratio. This year they must replace CB Bryant (8 sts, 28 tkl), CB Bruce Thornton (13 sts, 54 tkls, 8 pbu, #4DC DAL), ROV Sean Jones (11 sts, 1st Tm AA, 121 tkls, 5 int, #2DC CLE) and CB Kenny Bailey (1 st, 23 tkl). I do like the talent that they have at the four DB positions, but this unit is less experienced than 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mark Richt inherited a top-notch special teams unit that finished #13 in 2001 and followed that up with a Top 10 finish (#5). Last year they had their top PR and KR back as well as K Billy Bennett but did have to replace their punter who had a net of 36.1. Surprisingly the unit slumped to #56. Bennett finished his career as the NCAA's all-time leader in FG's made (87) beating out Jeff Jaeger of Washington. His 79% career FG accuracy rate breaks Kevin Butler's school record. He hit 31 of 38 FG's with a long of 52 but did miss 3 crucial kicks vs LSU in the regular season and 2 vs Florida. P Gordon Ely-Kelso had a decent debut season with a net of 35.5 and should improve. The KR game was below average (18.2) but all of the top guys are back. Fred Gibson, who struggled with injuries last year, only returned two kicks after averaging 26.8 in '01 and 24.2 in '02. Career PR leader Damien Gary must be replaced. One reason for the drop in the rankings was that they moved from +7 in the TD/Blk category in '02 down to +3 last year. Overall I see improvement in UGA's special teams but they are weaker in the FG kicking department.

COACHES - Jim Donnan was fired after four consecutive bowl victories mostly because of his failure to beat rivals Tennessee, Florida and Georgia Tech. Mark Richt, in his first year, managed two wins vs the big 3. In 2002 he guided the team to a phenomenal season and recorded the most wins by a Georgia coach in his first two years here (21). He was given a new contract through 2010 and was the 2002 SEC Coach of the Year. OC Neil Callaway is in his 4th year and was previously at Alabama from 1997 to 2000 and at Houston in '93-'96. DC Brian VanGorder is now in his 4th year and in 2002 he was the first repeat DC here in the previous four years. In 2002, UGA was #3 in the NCAA in scoreless quarters by the defense with 29. His halftime adjustments limited teams to just 31 2H points over the final seven games of 2002. Last year VanGorder won the Broyles Award as the NCAA's top assistant.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Richt is doing an incredible job here. In 2002 Georgia won their first SEC Title in 20 years setting a school record with 13 wins and finished #3 in the AP poll. Last year they suffered some heavy graduation losses with just 9 starters back and then went through a serious spate of injuries and suspensions but somehow lost just 3 games all year including two to eventual National Champ LSU. UGA outgained their SEC foes by 121.8 ypg which was the best mark in the conference. The team did benefit from +11 in turnovers. This year they have Richt's most veteran squad yet with 15 starters back including QB Greene. They only lose 16 lettermen, which is the 2nd fewest in the conference and a lot less than last year's 24. Georgia finished in the Top 10 in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1982-'83 and has Richt's best squad yet this year. Georgia does not have an easy schedule this year facing S Carolina, Florida and Auburn, all away from home while also hosting Tennessee and LSU. However, two of my seven sets of power ratings call for UGA to go undefeated this year. The Dawgs could be favored in all 11 games so they are legitimate National Title contenders.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DAVID GREENE SR. 6-3 230 PS#31. 12 sts as rFr. 3077 (59%) 18-11 ratio, **1st Tm SEC** in '02, 2924 yds (58%) 22-8. 14 sts LY, 3307 yds (60%) 13-11. DJ Shockley PS#3. 503 pass 2Y.
RB KREGG LUMPKIN SO. 6-1 211 **PS#3**. 1 st as true. #2 w/523 yds (4.7). **Michael Cooper** (5-11 215 So) PS#32. 8 sts, 673 yds (4.3). **Tony Milton** (5-11 200 Jr) PS#17. 4 sts, 396 rush 2Y.
FB Jeremy Thomas Sr. 5-11 238 First 7 starts in '02 (inj). 7 sts LY, 62 rush & 174 rec yards. Des Williams (6-1 245 So) **PS#26LB.** Brannan Southerland (6-0 210 Fr) PS#61.
WR FRED GIBSON SR. 6-4 196 **PS#29**. 39 rec in '01. 8 sts, 42 rec in '02. 11 sts LY (inj). 36 rec (15.4). **Sean Bailey** (6-1 170 So) **PS#6**. 6 rec as true. Mario Raley (6-0 177 Jr) PS#18, 1 st, 8 rec.
WR REGGIE BROWN SR. 6-1 195 **PS#1**. 5 sts, 23 rec (12.9) in '02. 11 sts, 49 rec (13.5) LY. Bryan McClendon (5-11 180 Jr) PS#52. 2 sts, 11 rec. TJ Gartrell (6-1 180 rFr) PS#58.
TE Leonard Pope So. 6-7 250 **PS#7**. 1 rec, 12 games as true. Martrez Milner (6-4 249 Jr) 1 rec, 13 games LY. Coleman Watson (6-1 260 rFr) PS#17. Trahern Holden (6-5 237 rFr) PS#58.
C RUSS TANNER JR. 6-4 290 **PS#31**. 7 gms as rFr. 14 sts LY (9@C L/5@G). Ironman Award. Trey Chandler (6-6 255 rFr) **PS#66**. Chris Abbott (6-0 266 Jr).
RG JOSH BROCK JR. 6-3 295 **PS#70**. 3 sts as true. 12 sts LY. Miss spg. Darrius Swain (6-2 318 Jr) PS#20TE. 4 sts, 70 tkls 2Y. Fernando Velasco (6-4 327 So) PS#163.
LG BARTLEY MILLER JR. 6-4 301 **PS#41**. Lettered as true. 9 sts LY. Miss spg, may redshirt. **Nick Jones** (6-3 272 So) PS#159. 5 sts as true. Ryan Schnetzner (6-3 300 Jr) 2 sts LY.
RT DENNIS ROLAND JR. 6-9 317 PS#157. 14 games as rFr. Last 2 sts in '03. **Daniel Inman** (6-7 321 So) **PS#69**. 12 sts in '03. James Lee (6-5 270 rFr) PS#153.
LT MAX JEAN-GILLES JR. 6-4 340 **PS#25**. 1 st, 14 games as true. 14 sts in '03, **2nd Tm SEC**. 60 dominator blks. Ken Shackleford (6-5 306 So) PS#98, 10 games as true.
K Andy Bailey rFr. 6-2 215 PS#28K. 8 of 16 FG's, long of 53 in HS. Gordon Ely-Kelso PS#66, all state K in HS. Brandon Coutu (6-0 176 rFr) 9 of 9 FG's in HS.

DE Will Thompson Sr. 6-3 240 PS#104. 7 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 12 sts in '02, 59 tkls, 6 sks. Inj'd LY. Quentin Moses (6-5 249 So) PS#142. 37 tkls, 4.5 tfl LY. Richard Cook (6-4 270 rFr) PS#4TE.
NT GERALD ANDERSON JR. 6-2 318 PS#172. 26 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. Last 9 starts in 2003, 55 tkls, 8 tfl. Marquis Elmore (6-4 259 So) **PS#5**. Jeff Williams (6-1 265 So) former OL.
DT KEDRIC GOLSTON JR. 6-4 300 **PS#3**. 3 sts as true, 34 tkls, 2.5 tfl. 6 sts LY (miss 6 inj) 17 tkls. Ray Gant (6-2 268 So) PS#215, 3 sts, 39 tkls. Dale Dixson (6-2 280 So) PS#85.
DE DAVID POLLACK SR. 6-3 276 **1st Tm AA in '02 & '03!** 14 sts, 14 sks, 9 tfl in '02. 92 tkls, 7.5 sks LY. Turned down NFL 1st round pick. Marcus Jackson (6-2 261 So) **PS#23**, 5 tkls.
SLB ARNOLD HARRISON SR. 6-3 225 19 tkls in '02. 10 sts LY, 48 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 pbu. Danny Verdun-Wheeler (6-2 235 So) PS#61, 2 sts. 14 tkls as true. Marcus Howard (6-2 210 rFr) PS#49.
MLB ODELL THURMAN JR. 6-1 230 **1st Tm SEC**. 4.47 spd. 13 sts in '03, 121 tkls, 6.5 sks, 12 tfl. Jarvis Jackson (6-2 208 So) PS#144, 19 tkls as true. Josh Johnson is **PS#17**.
WLB Derrick White Jr. 6-2 233 PS#163, 3 sts, 37 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Jamario Smith (5-10 217 Jr) 50 yards. Tony Taylor torn ACL will RS TY, 12 sts in '03, 82 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int.
CB DeMario Minter Jr. 6-0 185 **PS#35**. 19 tkls as true, 4 pbu. 1 st in '03, 16 tkls (susp 1st 2). Paul Oliver (6-0 185 rFr) **PS#7**. Thomas Flowers (5-10 183 rFr) PS#107.
CB Tim Jennings Jr. 5-8 172 PS#160. 3 sts as true, 32 tkls, 3 int. Last 7 sts in '03, 45 tkls, 1 int, 11 pbu. Mike Gilliam (5-7 180 Jr) PS#78RB. 71 yds in '01. 8 tkls last year.
ROV Greg Blue Jr. 6-2 200 PS#81. 42 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. 3 sts, 42 tkls, 3 pbu (miss 1st 4). Tra Battle (5-11 170 So) 4 tkls as true. Chris Burgett (5-11 185 Jr) 15 tkls last year.
FS THOMAS DAVIS JR. 6-1 220 4 sts in '02, 61 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **1st Tm SEC**, #1 w/138 tkls, 4.5 sks, 4 tfl LY. Olaolu Sanni-Osomo (6-1 211 So) PS#141, 3 tkls LY, ? to return.
P GORDON ELY-KELSO SO. 6-2 227 PS#66. 66 punts, 39.0 avg & net of 35.5 with 20 inside the 20. Lee Jackson (5-9 179 Jr). Andy Bailey (6-2 215 rFr) PS#28.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Thomas Brown 5-8 177 PS#3
QB	AJ Bryant 6-2 185 PS#10
DL	Charles Johnson 6-2 237 PS#13
LB	Josh Johnson 6-2 225 PS#17
QB	Blake Barnes 6-3 218 PS#19
OL	Seth Watts 6-4 300 PS#31
WR	Jamar Bryant 6-2 195 PS#35
DB	Michael Grant 5-1 189 PS#32
WR	Derniko Goodman 6-2 210 PS#56
RB	Brannan Southerland 6-0 222 PS#61
DL	Brandon Lang 6-4 205 PS#84
RB	Ramarcus Brown 5-11 162 PS#73
DB	Dannell Ellerbe 6-2 196 PS#87
RB	Danny Ware 6-1 210 PS#97
DL	Jeremy Lomax 6-4 203 PS#191
OL	Chester Adams 6-4 317 PS#237
WR	Kenneth Harris 6-3 196 PS#158
LB	Antonio Sims 6-0 177 PS#200
LB	Kelin Johnson 6-1 180 PS#309

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Georgia is 11-5 SU & ATS in November road games since 1995. The Bulldogs are 11-5 ATS off a SU loss since 1997. Georgia is 11-3 ATS their last 14 games as single digit favorites.
Sep. 4	Georgia Southern	G						Tms have met twice S/'80 with the Bulldogs winning 29-7 in 2000 & 34-7 in '92. GA is 8-0 in unlined gms S/'80 winning by an avg score of 40-8 & held 6 of 8 opp to 7 pts or less.
Sep. 11	at S Carolina	G						Only road trip in 1st 6 games for Bulldogs. Georgia is 6-3 SU & ATS the last 9 in this series.
Sep. 18	Marshall	G						The Bulldogs are 8-0 SU, but only 2-5 ATS in non-conf HG's under Richt. Georgia is 2-6 ATS the L/8 gms before a bye & 6-2 ATS S/'00 after a bye.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	LSU	G						The straight up winner is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1997. Georgia is 2-6 ATS the last 8 vs the Tigers.
Oct. 9	Tennessee	G						The Bulldogs are 4-0 SU & ATS the last 4 vs Tennessee. Georgia trails in this series. 14-17-2 SU lifetime.
Oct. 16	Vanderbilt (HC)	G						Only 1 of GA's 21 SU wins over Vandy S/'80 has been by less than DD's. The visitor is 10-2 ATS in this series since 1992, 0-2 the last 2.
Oct. 23	at Arkansas	G						The Bulldogs are 4-1 SU & ATS in this series since 1992. GA is 2-0 SU & ATS the L/2 in Fayetteville outscoring the Razors 65-10.
Oct. 30	† Florida *(Jacksonville)*	G						Georgia is 1-13 SU & 3-11 ATS the last 14 in this series. The dog has covered 3 straight.
Nov. 6	at Kentucky	G						The Bulldogs have been favored 26 straight times over Kentucky. Georgia leads this series 45-10-2.
Nov. 13	at Auburn	G						The visitor is 8-3 ATS since 1993 in this series. Not including SEC Championship gms, GA is 10-3 ATS S/'91 in away finales.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	Georgia Tech	G						Georgia leads this series 55-38-5 going back to 1893! The Bulldogs are 10-3 SU & ATS L/13 gms (3-0 SU & ATS the L/3) vs GT.

MARK RICHT (Career 32-8)
4th Year at Georgia

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

32-8	Straight Up	9-8	Home Favorite
22-14	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
4-2	Off A SU Loss	8-3	Away Favorite
17-9	Vs Conference	5-2	Away Underdog
		5-5	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (26,22,3)
Lost: 16 (8,7,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,058

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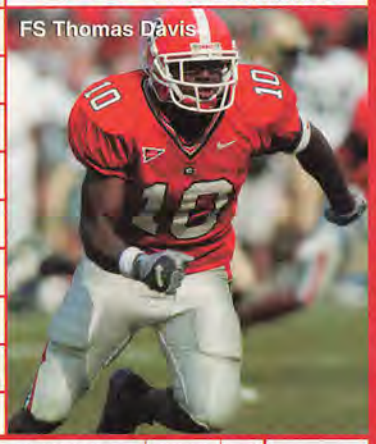

STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,058)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	12-1	10-3	61-20
ATS	6-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	9-3	7-6	43-36
Home Fav	3-3	1-5	3-3	3-1	1-4	4-2	4-2	19-20
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Fav	2-1	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	4-1	3-2	15-6
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-2	4-0	1-0	0-2	9-8
Favorite	5-4	4-5	4-3	4-3	2-4	8-3	7-4	34-26
Dog	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-3	4-1	1-0	0-2	9-10
Grass	5-5	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	8-3	7-5	41-35
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	7-2	5-4	33-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	10-11
Off SU Win	4-4	3-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	9-1	4-6	29-28
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	11-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Cooper	156	709	36	673	6	4.3
Kregg Lumpkin	112	566	43	523	6	4.7
Tyson Browning	78	314	28	286	2	3.7
Ronnie Powell	51	303	27	276	3	5.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
David Greene	438	264	60.3	3307	13	11
DJ Shockley	21	9	42.9	88	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Brown	49	662	13.5	3	36
Fred Gibson	36	553	15.4	3	56
Damien Gary	43	494	11.5	1	43
Michael Johnson	27	361	13.4	2	39
Ben Watson	23	324	14.1	2	39
Tyson Browning	19	258	13.6	1	93

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Gordon Ely-Kelso	66	2571	39.0	19	35.5	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Billy Bennett	38-39	12-12	8-11	9-13	2-2	31-38	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Thomas Davis	138	4.5	4	2	1
Odell Thurman	121	6.5	12	2	2
Sean Jones	121	1	4	5	5
David Pollack	92	7.5	6	9	2
Tony Taylor	82	1	3	1	2
Gerald Anderson	55	2	6	0	0
Bruce Thornton	54	0	3	8	2
Arnold Harrison	48	0	2	4	0
Tim Jennings	45	0	1	11	1
Ken Veal	43	0	2	1	0
Greg Blue	42	0	0	3	0
Ray Gant	39	0	0	0	0
Quentin Moses	37	2.5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Gary	30	281	9.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyson Browning	9	143	15.9	0
Kregg Lumpkin	6	122	20.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Outback	+5'	Purdue (OT)	28-25	W
00	Oahu	-9'	Virginia	37-14	W
01	Music City	-4	Boston College	16-20	L
02	Sugar	-8	Florida St	26-13	W
03	Capital One	-3'	Purdue (OT)	34-27	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	26.5	20	135	3.4	245	59.4	14.4	+11	2003	6	14.5	15	102	3.1	175	54.4	19.1
8*	32.1	21	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	+8	2002	5	15.1	17	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0
7	27.6	22	159	4.1	272	57.8	15.6	-3	2001	7	19.0	20	116	3.2	241	59.1	18.8
8*	27.6	19	134	3.8	217	53.8	12.7	+1	2000	7	17.7	17	114	3.2	204	57.5	18.0
5*	28.0	22	159	4.0	256	56.9	14.8	+9	1999	5	25.8	20	108	3.4	286	55.4	15.2
4	24.3	20	153	4.2	247	59.8	16.4	+1	1998	5	18.5	20	142	3.7	217	56.8	19.4

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Clemson	18	49-197	4.0	13-21	214	3	14	24-35	1.5	20-37	164	1	+3
Middle Tenn	25	36-150	4.2	25-35	317	2	13	27-67	2.5	18-25	173	2	+1
S Carolina	19	34-165	4.9	17-29	213	2	19	37-111	3.0	16-36	239	2	+2
at LSU	23	31-97	3.1	20-46	314	4	16	43-105	2.4	14-29	180	1	-1
Alabama	21	44-96	2.2	24-43	274	4	12	31-94	3.0	11-29	115	2	0
at Tennessee	19	45-186	4.1	22-28	228	2	15	27-61	2.3	13-27	187	2	+3
at Vanderbilt	18	40-135	3.4	19-30	208	6	15	39-116	3.0	11-21	102	2	+1
UAB	20	34-116	3.4	20-33	221	2	12	37-101	2.7	12-21	97	1	-1
† Florida	24	48-202	4.2	18-33	188	4	17	34-89	2.6	13-23	235	1	-1
Auburn	17	45-123	2.7	12-25	208	3	13	25-81	3.2	20-33	178	2	+3
Kentucky	26	46-153	3.3	24-38	289	4	12	28-75	2.7	21-36	137	2	+1
at Georgia Tech	16	38-106	2.8	16-22	235	2	20	41-146	3.6	21-38	255	3	+3
† LSU	14	25-50	2.0	17-41	199	6	17	46-293	6.4	14-22	151	4	-2
† Purdue	23	47-113	2.4	27-37	327	3	15	29-59	2.0	20-35	230	5	-1
TOTALS	283	562-1889	3.4	274-461	3435	47	210	468-1433	3.1	224-412	2443	30	+11
AVERAGES	20.2	40-135	3.4	20-33	245	3.4	15.0	33-102	3.1	16-29	175	2.1	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-28	38-7	W
S Carolina	-14'	24-9	W
UCF	-27'	24-23	L
LSU	-9	23-22	L
at Tennessee	+10'	20-37	L
at Vanderbilt	-7'	27-17	W
Kentucky	-4	49-34	W
† Florida	+14	14-30	L
Auburn	-10	21-38	L
at Mississippi	+5'	20-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	48-51 OT	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
GA Southern	NL	29-7	–
at S Carolina	-10	10-21	L
New Mexico St	-30	37-0	W
at Arkansas	-3'	38-7	W
Tennessee	-4'	21-10	W
Vanderbilt	-22	29-19	L
at Kentucky	-9'	34-30	L
† Florida	+9	23-34	L
at Auburn	+2'	26-29 OT	L
Mississippi	-7	32-14	W
Georgia Tech	+1'	15-27	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-35	45-17	L
S Carolina	+2	9-14	L
Arkansas	-10	34-23	W
at Tennessee	+11	26-24	W
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-14	W
Kentucky	-22	43-29	L
† Florida	+19	10-24	W
Auburn	-7'	17-24	L
at Mississippi	+3	35-15	W
at Georgia Tech	+2'	31-17	W
Houston	-31'	35-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Clemson	-8'	31-28	L
at S Carolina	-5'	13-7	W
Northwestern St	NL	45-7	–
New Mexico St	-27	41-10	W
at Alabama	+4'	27-25	W
Tennessee	-4	18-13	W
Vanderbilt	-25'	48-17	W
at Kentucky	-5	52-24	W
† Florida	-1'	13-20	L
Mississippi	-15	31-17	L
at Auburn	-2'	24-21	W
Georgia Tech	-9	51-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-3	30-0	W
Middle Tenn	-29	29-10	W
S Carolina	-13'	31-7	W
at LSU	+1'	10-17	L
Alabama	-12	37-23	W
at Tennessee	-2'	41-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-25	27-8	L
UAB	-29	16-13	L
† Florida	-2'	13-16	L
Auburn	-6'	26-7	W
Kentucky	-19	30-10	W
at Georgia Tech	-8'	34-17	W

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Clausen took over the starting QB job at midseason as a true frosh and in four years won the second most (Peyton Manning #1) games as a starter in Tennessee history with a 34-10 record. He leaves without an SEC or National Title. Last year he set the school record with 143 consecutive passes without an interception and threw for 2,968 yards (56.6%) with a 27-9 ratio. He was 14-1 as a starting QB on the road including last year when they stopped Miami's 26 game home winning streak. He shockingly went undrafted and signed as a free agent with Kansas City. CJ Leak (PS#8) played as a true frosh at Wake Forest in 1999 and in 2000 started the first three games until suffering a severe knee injury. After missing 2001 due to a transfer, he had one start here in two years. Leak has really built himself back up physically. He benches 450 lbs, has 4.5 speed and in 8 games the last two years has thrown 22 passes (50%) for 122 yards with a 1-0 ratio. Rick Clausen, Casey's brother (6-2 210 Jr, PS#38), originally signed at LSU but struggled there. With just one start he hit 5 of 12 for 35 yards in 2002. He transferred and walked-on here last spring. WR James Banks (PS#6) can also play QB, but the team needs his athleticism at WR. This year they signed Brent Schaeffer (PS#20) and Erik Ainge (PS#22). Also in the mix is Bo Hardegree (6-5 200 rFr, PS#207). There is some talent at this position but replacing a four year starter usually means the statistics will drop.

RUNNING BACKS - Tennessee had a great streak of producing top-notch backs. In 2000 they had to replace NFL star Jamal Lewis. Travis Henry took over and rushed for 1,494 yards (5.5) and left as the school's all-time leading rusher and was a #2 DC. Travis Stephens then stepped in and passed Henry's UT record for rushing with 1,502 yards while fighting off three VHT true frosh for the starting job. In 2002 those three VHT's split time with Cedric Houston (6-0 220, PS#11, 4.3 spd) topping the team with 779 yards (5.1) and Jabari Davis (PS#2, 4.6) rushing for 569 yards (4.6). Derrick Tinsley (PS#13) rushed for 202 yards (4.5) and true frosh Gerald Riggs (PS#3) missed most of the year with injury (49 yds). Last year those four all returned as did Corey Larkins (5-8 205 Sr, PS#45) who had 655 return yards in '02 and has 4.27 speed. Cedric Houston looked to be on his way to a great season, rushing for 161 and 160 yards in the first two games but finished with just 744 (5.0) getting 9 starts and missing a good portion of the 2H of the season with injuries. Jabari Davis rushed for 565 yards (4.6) and Riggs, who missed 3 games with an ankle injury, had 207 yards (4.5). Tinsley, who has 4.37 speed, spent some time at WR and had 67 yards rushing while Corey Larkins added 114. All 5 return and they add solid true frosh. This year they must replace FB's Troy Fleming (13 sts, 360 ttl yds, #6DC TEN) and William Revill (43 yds). I list Fleming's replacements at FB below including true frosh Holbert (see Hardcore pg 319). This is a very talented RB corps that has underachieved the past 2 seasons and should finally live up to its potential.

RB Cedric Houston

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has the reputation of being "WR U" as they've produced plenty of NFL WR's. Last season they had to replace their TE and top WR (both 3rd rd DC's, as well as two other WR's who combined for 32 rec's. They have plenty of VHT's in the mix including 3 from last year's recruiting class. Robert Meachem (6-3 210 rFr, PS#5) was making quite an impression in August with his size, 4.28 speed and leaping ability, but suffered a season ending injury and could emerge as one of the top WR's this year. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Derrick Tinsley (PS#13) who should see playing time at RB and WR, Bret Smith (6-3 200 So, PS#10) who had 5 rec's as a true frosh, Jomo Fagan (6-2 195 Jr, PS#73, 7 rec) and Bill Grimes (6-4 200 rFr, PS#143). This year they lose WR Mark Jones (PS#15, 13 sts, 36 rec, #7DC TB). Fulmer has bemoaned the lack of a play-making WR the last couple of seasons, and this group will probably have its best overall performance in the past three years despite breaking in a new QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Vols lost two starters to the NFL, were banged up and only averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while yielding 41 sacks. Last year four starters returned and they cut the sack total down to 31 while averaging 3.9 ypc. This year they must replace C Scott Wells (13 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 4 yr st'r, #7DC GB), RT Sean Young (12 sts, PS#10), LG Anthony Herrera (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and RG Chavis Smith (4 sts). LT Michael Munoz is another year removed from his major knee surgery in 2001 and all 5 projected starters are VHT's including JUCO Albert Toeaina (PS#2) who was in for the spring. This is a very talented group and despite being less experienced, they may match or surpass 2003's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Vols had arguably the top D-line in the NCAA in 2001 but had to replace all four starters including a pair of 1st round picks and a 3rd rounder in 2002. They did have four players returning with starting experience and the unit was injury plagued but allowed 3.4 ypc rushing (2.7 in '01) while recording just 29 sacks. Once again last season the team had to replace all four starters including three DC's and two backups. The defense allowed 3.7 ypc rushing, the highest since 1994 and they recorded just 28 sacks. For the 3rd consecutive year the losses are heavy. Gone are DT Mondre Dickerson (8 sts, 42 tkl, 5 tfl), DE Constantin Ritzmann (13 sts, 52 tkl, 3.5 sks), DT Terriea Smalls (3 tkl) and DT JT Mapu (11 sts) who opted to go on a Mormon mission this year. They do have four players back with starting experience and plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep including JUCO Jesse Mahelona who was in for the spring. This group actually has more experience than last season and despite the loss of 3 starters, should be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Vols had to replace two starters who were 2nd and 5th round DC's as well as one backup. Four players did return with starting experience and the unit produced 3 of the top 4 tacklers. This year they lose MLB Robert Peace (13 sts, 103 tkl, 13 tfl), but everyone else is back. I list a very solid 3 deep below including Jason Mitchell (PS#14) who has 5 starts in two years. Not listed below are Jared Hostetter (6-5 265 rFr, PS#44DL) who may also see time at DE and two VHT true frosh. Kevin Simon and Kevin Burnett were both 2nd Tm SEC last year, and this looks like one of the best LB corps in the SEC in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vols finished #17 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters including a 3rd round DC. They did have 3 players back who had 7 or more starts. The Vols finished #9 in my pass D rankings in 2003 allowing 55.6% with a 10-15 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are CB Jabari Greer (13 sts, 58 tkl, 6 tfl), SS Gibril Wilson (13 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 114 tkl, 12 pbu, #5DC NYG) and FS Rashad Baker (10 sts, 2nd Tm SEC, 71 tkl, 5 pbu). Naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the 3 deep I list below and this has the makings of a pretty good unit especially if players like Jonathan Wade (4.19 spd) or Robert Boulware (PS#4) live up to their potential, but it is less experienced than 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dustin Colquitt fixed some mechanical flaws in 2001 at midseason and has been superb ever since. He improved his average from 38.9 in 2001 to 43.6 (38.1 net) in 2002 and was named to the 2nd Tm SEC. Last year he averaged 45.3 (38.9 net). He returns for his senior season and was 1st Tm AA last year, and looks like possibly the best punter in the country. His brother, Britton (PS#21), will likely redshirt. The top PR the last two years has been Mark Jones (15.1 LY). The top KR has been Corey Larkins (23.5 in '02) but he dipped to 20.4 last year. K James Wilhoit (PS#2) is also one of the best in the country. He hit just 1 of his first 4 FG's last year but then went on to hit 16 of his last 20 with a long of 51 and had 29 TB's on his 58 KO's. UT finished #24 in 2002, and #26 in 2003 in my special teams rankings. This year the only loss is Jones. With the Colquitt/Wilhoit combination giving them the best kicking combo in the country, they should contend for top honors this season.

COACHES - Phil Fulmer currently has the third best winning percentage of all active coaches (5 yrs min) with a 113-28 mark (80%). The team went through its first five loss season in Fulmer's eleven years in 2002. Interestingly, the team was 45-5 under Fulmer from 1995 to 1998 but is "just" 46-17 with zero SEC Titles and only one Top 10 finish in the last five years. The UT staff has remarkable stability with Randy Sanders entering his sixth year as the OC, and John Chavis entering his tenth year as the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

It's interesting to see how Tennessee fans view their program since Phil Fulmer won them a National Title in 1998. You would think the Vols have had two straight horrendous seasons the last two years based on the amount of pressure Fulmer is under. It's true, in their last two bowls they have been noncompetitive getting blown out by both Maryland and Clemson. Tennessee has not been as dominant as their National Title team but has now been to 15 straight bowl games, a school record and the longest streak in the SEC. They did have a streak of 7 straight Jan 1 bowl games snapped in 2002. Over their last nine years the Vols are 59-16 in conference play (best in the SEC). Last season they tied for first in the SEC East and finished the regular season #6 in the AP poll and still did not get to a BCS game. They ended Miami's 26 game home win streak, but somehow fell all the way down to the SEC's #5 bowl. Last year they had to replace 8 NFL DC's which tied Miami for the most and had just 11 starters back. This year they have just 9 starters back. On defense they lose 4 of their top 6 tacklers, while on offense, QB Clausen must be replaced. The difference between Tennessee appearing in the SEC Title game and finishing in the #5 bowl slot was probably one play against Georgia (see Hardcore pg 321). This Vol team, despite only having 9 starters back, could be one of the surprise teams in the country as most of their SEC road games are winnable and they have 7 home games. The key could be Oct 9th on the road vs an extremely loaded Georgia team. Despite this clearly being a rebuilding year for the Vols, I feel they've underachieved the last two seasons and they have 14 players on my all-conf team which is the most in the league. There is a possibility they could be favored in ten of their 11 games this year and should have a better season than most people will forecast.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CJ Leak Sr. 6-4 220 **PS#8**. 3 sts, 506 yds, 2 yrs @ W Forest. 1 st here, 137 yds, 2Y. 450 bench. Rick Clausen (6-3 210 Jr) PS#38. Brent Schaeffer is **PS#20**.

RB CEDRIC HOUSTON SR. 6-0 220 **PS#11**. 8 sts, 779 yds (5.1) in '02. 9 sts, 744 (5.0). 2nd Tm SEC. Gerald Riggs Jr (6-0 220 Jr) **PS#3**, 207 yds (4.5). Corey Larkins (5-8 205 Sr) PS#45DB.

FB Jabari Davis Sr. 6-0 230 **PS#2**. 5 sts at RB in '02, 569 yds (4.6). 565 yds (4.6) LY. David Holbert is PS#33. Robert Williams (6-3 245 Jr) PS#370LB. Cory Anderson (6-3 270 So).

WR TONY BROWN SR. 6-2 200 **PS#21**. 10 sts in '02, 39 rec (12.2). 12 sts, 24 rec (15.7) LY. Chris Hannon (6-4 195 Jr) 4.37 spd, 21 rec (15.2). CJ Fayton (6-2 195 Jr) **PS#12**, 26 rec, 2Y.

WR James Banks Jr. 6-3 205 **PS#6QB**. 1 st at QB 5 at WR 2Y. 277 pass, 201 rush, 42 rec (14.8). Jayson Swain (6-1 210 So) **PS#7**, 21 rec (12.6) as true. **Robert Meachem** (6-3 210 rFr) **PS#5**.

TE VICTOR McCLURE SR. 6-4 310 **PS#48DL**. 13 games at TE in '02. 7 sts LY, 1 rec. Jake Finlayson (6-5 265 Jr) 1 st LY. Justin Reed (6-7 275 Jr) **PS#11**. Brad Cottam (6-8 260 rFr) PS#33.

C Jason Respert Sr. 6-3 305 **PS#5**. 3 sts as rFr (inj). 6 sts at LG in '02, 1 st LY. Richie Gandy (6-5 315 Jr) PS#87 in '01. 8 games L/2Y. No L's. Chuck Prugh (6-3 310 Sr) PS#257.

RG CODY DOUGLAS JR. 6-4 325 **PS#20**. 9 games as true. 450 bench. 9 sts at RG LY. David Ligon (6-5 285 So) **PS#45**. Knee inj & surgery LY. Moved from DL to OL in spg TY.

LG Rob Smith So. 6-4 308 **PS#8**, 9 games as true, 465 bench. Aaron Sears (6-4 315 So) **PS#23**. 1 st, 6 games as true. All SEC Frosh Tm despite ankle inj.

RT Albert Toeaina Jr. 6-6 350 **PS#2JC** in for spring. 500 lb bench. Eric Young (6-4 300 rFr) **PS#4**. DL in RS yr. Tyler Williams (6-3 305 Sr). Ramon Foster is PS#106.

LT MICHAEL MUNOZ SR. 6-6 315 **PS#3**. 12 sts at RT as **true**. Knee inj in '01 RS. 12 sts at LT in '02. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. 450 bench. Steven Jones (6-4 310 rFr) **PS#51**.

K JAMES WILHOIT SO. 5-10 190 **PS#2**. 58 yd FG in HS, 78% TB's. Hit 17 of 24 FG's as rFr, long of 51. 7 of 10 from 40+. 50% TB's. Ryan Fusco (5-10 195 Jr) PS#215JC.

DE Karlton Neal Sr. 6-4 260 **PS#15LB**. 4 sts, 31 tkls, 5.5 tfl in '02. 3 sts, 15 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Turk McBride (6-4 260 So) **PS#3**. 1 tkl in 8 games as true. Xavier Mitchell is PS#35.

DT Greg Jones Jr. 6-6 300 **PS#53**. 10 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 5 sts LY, 33 tkls, 1 tfl. Demonte Bolden is **PS#6**. Tony McDaniel (6-7 300 So) PS#139. LaRon Harris (6-3 300 So) PS#105.

DT Jesse Mahelona Jr. 6-2 300 PS#27JC, in for spg. Justin Harrell (6-4 300 So) **PS#52**. 10 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr until broken ankle. Matt McGlothlin (6-1 290 So) 2 sts, 7 tkls LY.

DE PARYS HARALSON JR. 6-2 255 **PS#28**. 25 tkls, 1 sk as true. 10 sts LY, 44 tkls, 4.5 sks, 1 tfl. Jason Hall (6-3 265 Jr) PS#163, 21 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Antonio Reynolds (6-3 245 Fr) **PS#38LB**.

SLB Jason Mitchell Jr. 6-1 225 **PS#14**. 5 sts, 76 tkls, 6 tfl 2Y. Omar Gaither (6-2 255 Jr) **PS#35**. 40 tkls, 3 tfl in 2 years. Ovince Saint Preux (6-3 240 Jr) PS#186DL. 6 tkls, 2Y.

MLB KEVIN SIMON JR. 5-11 255 **PS#2**. 3 sts, 29 tkls until inj as rFr. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 115 tkls, 4.5 sks. Marvin Mitchell (6-3 240 r) PS#120, 28 tkls, 3 tfl, 2Y. Jon Poe (5-11 235 Jr) PS#38JC.

WLB KEVIN BURNETT SR. 6-3 235 PS#65. 2 sts, 55 tkls, 4.5 sks in '01. RS in '02. 4.42 spd. 12 sts, **2nd Tm SEC**, 90 tkls, 7.5 tfl LY. Daniel Brooks (6-4 235 So) **PS#6**. 4 tkls as true.

CB Jonathan Wade So. 6-0 185 PS#50, **4.19 spd.** 3 sts, 162 yds @ WR in '02. Inj LY. Robert Boulware (5-10 185 Jr) **PS#4**, 5 tkls LY, track tm. Antwan Stewart (6-0 185 So) Torn ACL in spg.

CB JASON ALLEN JR. 6-2 200 **PS#17RB**. 5 tkls as true. 8 sts in 2003, 57 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. Roshaun Fellows (6-0 185 rFr) PS#94. Antonio Gaines (5-9 185 So) PS#143RB.

SS Brandon Johnson Jr. 6-1 200 PS#115JC. 15 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu, All SEC Fr Team LY. Jarod Parrish (6-3 195 So) PS#211. 5 games as true. Ellix Wilson (6-0 205 Fr) PS#77.

FS Corey Campbell So. 6-3 190 **PS#24**. 3 sts as true. 35 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 8 games. Chris Heath (6-0 190 Jr) PS#80, 6 tkls in 2Y, 4.5 spd. Ben Greene (6-0 205 rFr).

P DUSTIN COLQUITT SR. 6-2 196 65 punts in '02, 43.6 average, net of 38.1. 68 punts in '03, 45.3 average, net of 38.9. **1st Tm AA**. Britton Colquitt (6-3 195 Fr) PS#21.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Demonte Bolden 6-5 294 PS#6
LB	Robert Ayers 6-3 229 PS#14
RB	Ja'Kouri Williams 5-11 185 PS#15
QB	Brent Schaeffer 6-2 195 PS#20
LB	Jerod Mayo 6-2 215 PS#22
OL	Albert Toeaina 6-6 350 PS#2JC
QB	Erik Ainge 6-6 200 PS#22
DL	Xavier Mitchell 6-3 248 PS#35
RB	David Holbert 6-2 235 PS#33
DL	Jesse Mahelona 6-2 295 PS#27JC
OL	Cameron Mayo 6-4 265 PS#74
OL	Ell Ash 6-5 273PS#83
DB	Ellix Wilson 6-0 205 PS#77
WR	Sinclair Cannon 6-3 190 PS#74
OL	Ramon Foster 6-7 285 PS#106
TE	Chris Brown 6-3 235 PS#30
RB	Arian Foster 6-1 208 PS#143
OL	Anthony Parker 6-4 290 PS#171

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51-47-1	Vs Conference	7-6-1	Away Underdog
	21-17 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: **(10-3)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (22,26,5)
Lost: 25 (11,12,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,038

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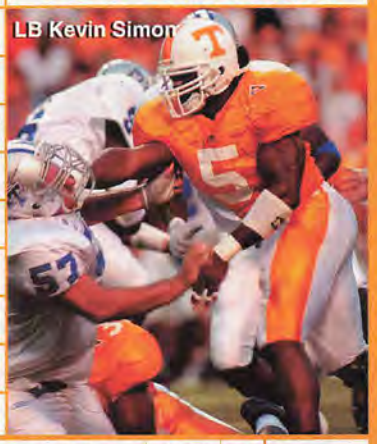
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#13

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Vols are 47-13 SU vs SEC East opponents under Fulmer (4-8 SU vs Fla). Tennessee is 42-13-1 SU on the road under Fulmer. The Vols are 19-7 SU yet 12-13-1 ATS the week after a bye.
Sep. 5	UNLV (Sun)	G						UT is 10-0 SU, but just 4-6 ATS (0-4 L/4) as non-conf home fav since 2000. The Vols are 7-2 ATS the last 9 home openers.
Sep. 11								
Sep. 18	Florida	G						Tennessee is 3-8 SU & 3-7-1 ATS the last 11 in this series. The dog is 5-2-1 ATS the last 8 in this series.
Sep. 25	Louisiana Tech (HC)	G						Vols are 14-1 SU vs the WAC & have met LT just once before in '93 winning 50-0. Tennessee is 9-1 SU yet only 3-7 ATS their last 10 Homecoming games.
Oct. 2	Auburn	G						The favorite is 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this series. The Vols are 5-1-1 SU & ATS the last 7 home games vs Auburn.
Oct. 9	at Georgia	G						The favorite is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series. Tennessee is 0-4 SU & ATS the last 4 years vs Georgia.
Oct. 16	at Mississippi	A						The underdog is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this series. This will be only the 3rd meeting ever in Oxford ('51 46-21 & '88 20-12 +3 W).
Oct. 23	Alabama	G						Vols have been favored the L/10 in this series but not by more than 3 the L/5. Tennessee is just 3-9 ATS the last 12 vs the Tide at Old Rocky Top.
Oct. 30	at S Carolina	G						The Vols have won & covered their last 3 visits to Columbia. The L/4 matchups have been decided by 21 pts & those matchups have only avg'd 32 ppg.
Nov. 6	Notre Dame	G						The Vols are 4-1 SU & ATS vs the Irish since 1979. Pending 9/4: Tennessee is 1-6 ATS the week prior to a bye game.
Nov. 13								
Nov. 20	at Vanderbilt	G						Tenn is 21-0 SU vs Vandy S/'83 outscoring the Commodores 707-229. Vols have shutout Vandy 4 of the L/6 & VU has scored 10 or less in 9 of the L/10.
Nov. 27	Kentucky	G						Tenn is 12-0 SU & 10-2 ATS the last 12 vs Kentucky. Vols are 13-0 SU & 11-2 ATS in home finales, all vs Vandy & Kentucky.



STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	12-0	9-2	8-3	10-2	8-4	10-2	68-14
ATS	5-7	8-4	7-3-1	5-6	5-7	6-6	6-6	42-39-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	5-2	4-1	2-4	3-4	2-4	21-21
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3
Away Fav	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	2-0	15-11
Away Dog	0-1	2-0	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	5-4-1
Favorite	5-6	5-4	7-3	5-4	4-7	6-4	4-4	36-32
Dog	0-1	3-0	0-0-1	0-2	1-0	0-2	2-2	6-7-1
Grass	5-6	6-3	7-3-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	6-6	40-36-1
Artificial	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	3-6	6-3	5-2-1	4-4	3-6	4-4	5-3	30-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	12-11
Off SU Win	4-6	7-4	5-2-1	3-4	3-7	3-4	5-4	30-31-1
Off SU Loss	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	7-6

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Houston	149	766	22	744	2	5.0
Jabari Davis	124	593	28	565	8	4.6
Gerald Riggs	46	216	9	207	1	4.5
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Clausen	412	233	56.6	2968	27	9
CJ Leak	8	5	62.5	66	1	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
James Banks	42	621	14.8	6	50	
Mark Jones	36	556	15.4	5	90	
Tony Brown	24	376	15.7	3	40	
Chris Hannon	21	319	15.2	7	38	
Jayson Swain	21	265	12.6	0	35	
Troy Fleming	36	262	7.3	2	23	
CJ Fayton	15	165	11.0	1	29	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dustin Colquitt	68	3081	45.3	4	38.9	0	21
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
James Wilhoit	41-41	3-3	7-11	6-8	1-2	17-24	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Simon	115	4.5	2	2	1
Gibril Wilson	114	3	5	12	3
Robert Peace	103	2	11	2	0
Kevin Burnett	90	1.5	6	3	0
Rashad Baker	71	0	2	5	1
Jabari Greer	58	1	5	3	0
Jason Allen	57	0	1	11	2
Constantin Ritzmann	52	3.5	2	1	0
Parys Haralson	44	4.5	10	1	0
Mondre Dickerson	42	3	2	2	0
Corey Campbell	35	0	0	2	2
Jason Mitchell	34	1	1	0	0
Greg Jones	33	0	1	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Mark Jones	20	303	15.1	1	
Rashad Baker	11	122	11.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Corey Larkins	19	387	20.4	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Fiesta	+4	Nebraska	21-31	L
00	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	21-35	L
01	Citrus	-3	Michigan	45-17	W
02	Peach	+1	Maryland	3-30	L
03	Peach	-4'	Clemson	14-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.1	20	138	3.9	233	56.4	13.2	+3	2003	3	18.4	19	138	3.7	186	55.6	17.6
5*	22.8	19	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	+2	2002	5	17.5	16	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3
7*	30.8	19	150	4.0	260	65.1	13.3	+5	2001	7	19.3	17	87	2.7	220	53.3	15.9
4	31.7	20	164	4.3	203	57.8	11.6	+3	2000	5	20.6	18	93	2.8	219	53.2	15.2
6*	30.8	20	179	4.4	219	54.0	13.0	+3	1999	7	16.2	17	109	3.1	203	54.9	19.3
8	33.2	19	204	4.7	195	57.1	12.0	+16	1998	5	14.5	17	95	2.7	204	51.9	18.0

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Fresno St	20	44-274	6.2	18-31	159	1	4	24-(-1)	0.0	13-24	118	4	-2
Marshall	22	40-223	5.6	21-33	235	2	22	31-88	2.8	23-34	294	6	0
at Florida	20	50-139	2.8	12-24	235	3	19	27-73	2.7	25-44	281	2	0
S Carolina	13	36-117	3.3	13-22	149	2	21	44-217	4.9	12-30	154	1	+1
at Auburn	22	16-4	0.3	30-47	355	5	26	57-264	4.6	11-18	157	1	-1
Georgia	15	27-61	2.3	13-27	187	2	19	45-186	4.1	22-28	228	2	-3
at Alabama	24	41-209	5.1	23-43	283	2	27	61-258	4.2	21-38	215	2	-2
Duke	18	31-147	4.7	16-27	208	2	21	48-180	3.8	12-21	119	1	+1
at Miami, Fl	16	40-89	2.2	11-18	81	3	16	25-108	4.3	22-35	213	1	+4
Mississippi St	28	37-177	4.8	22-36	358	1	16	32-96	3.0	19-32	192	4	+3
Vanderbilt	20	37-162	4.4	17-31	290	0	13	37-125	3.4	9-27	66	1	0
at Kentucky	16	38-160	4.2	11-27	110	2	14	25-51	2.0	19-43	136	2	+2
†Clemson	28	26-38	1.5	31-56	384	6	25	34-153	4.5	22-40	246	1	0
TOTALS	262	463-1800	3.9	238-422	3034	31	243	490-1798	3.7	230-414	2419	28	+3
AVERAGES	20.2	36-138	3.9	18-32	233	2.4	18.7	38-138	3.7	18-32	186	2.2	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-24	42-17	W
at Florida	+2	21-23	T
Memphis	-30'	17-16	L
Auburn	-19	24-0	W
Georgia	-10'	37-20	W
at Alabama	-3	21-7	W
S Carolina	-33'	30-7	L
Notre Dame	-9'	38-14	W
at Arkansas	-8	24-28	L
at Kentucky	-12'	56-21	W
Vanderbilt	-23	38-10	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Mississippi	-9	19-16	L
Florida	+3'	23-27	L
UL Monroe	-36'	70-3	W
at LSU	-9'	31-38 OT	L
at Georgia	+4'	10-21	L
Alabama	-3	20-10	W
at S Carolina	-1'	17-14	W
at Memphis	-11	19-17	L
Arkansas	-13'	63-20	W
Kentucky	-19'	59-20	W
at Vanderbilt	-18	28-26	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-15	33-9	W
at Arkansas	-13	13-3	L
LSU	-10	26-18	L
Georgia	-11	24-26	L
at Alabama	-2	35-24	W
S Carolina	-7'	17-10	L
at Notre Dame	-8	28-18	W
Memphis	-24	49-28	L
at Kentucky	-18	38-35	L
Vanderbilt	-25'	38-0	W
at Florida	+17'	34-32	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-30'	47-7	W
Middle Tenn	-22	26-3	W
Florida	-5	13-30	L
Rutgers	-41	35-14	L
Arkansas	-11	41-38 6OT	L
at Georgia	+4	13-18	L
Alabama	-2	14-34	L
at S Carolina	-1'	18-10	W
Miami, Fl	+9	3-26	L
at Miss St	-7	35-17	W
at Vanderbilt	-17'	24-0	W
Kentucky	-8'	24-0	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-20	24-6	L
Marshall	-19'	34-24	L
at Florida	+3'	24-10	W
S Carolina	-16	23-20 OT	L
at Auburn	+1	21-28	L
Georgia	+2'	14-41	L
at Alabama	-3	51-43 5OT	W
Duke	-24	23-6	L
at Miami, Fl	+12'	10-6	W
Mississippi St	-23'	59-21	W
Vanderbilt	-21	48-0	W
at Kentucky	-11'	20-7	W

FLORIDA GATORS

QB Chris Leak

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Rex Grossman opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC CHI). Ingle Martin (PS#10) was a surprising recruit by Spurrier as he ran the Nebraska style option in HS rushing for 935 yards and passing for just 964 (45.2%) as a senior. He played in all 12 games as a rFr but attempted just 10 passes. Gavin Dickey (5-10 195 So, PS#9) does not have the size of a typical Florida QB, but QB Coach Zaunbrecher called him a dropback passer with athletic skills. Martin, due to his experience, began the year as the starter and after two games was #2 in the SEC in pass efficiency with zero int's (43 passes). He suffered a concussion vs Miami with the Gators up 33-10 and backups Chris Leak (PS#2) and Dickey struggled as Florida blew their big lead. Martin hit 10 of 12 for 139 yards vs Florida A&M but then was 16 of 32 for 205 yards vs Tennessee. Leak was given the starting job the next week vs Kentucky and took all but one snap the rest of the year. In the first four games (splitting action with Martin), Leak hit 69.4% with 2 int, but in his first two starts completed just 54.8% with 5 int. Over his last 7 starts, Leak had a 10-4 ratio and was probably the top freshman QB in the country with 2,435 passing yards (59.4%) and a 16-11 ratio while rushing for 187 yards. Martin opted to transfer to Furman and there is a possibility that Dickey could move to another position. Justin Midgett (6-3 199 rFr) was PS#14 and is a pure dropback QB with an excellent arm. Matt Kynes (6-2 197 So, PS#210) is in the mix as is true frosh Cornelius Ingram (PS#9). As long as Leak stays healthy, he should have a great year.

RUNNING BACKS - When former OC (now QB coach) Zaunbrecher came in he promised that the Gators would be more efficient at running the football but despite returning their leading rusher, Earnest Graham (PS#1), the team's ypc dropped from 4.4 to 3.8 in 2002. Last year Graham departed (1,085 yds) and the leading returning rusher was Ran Carthon who had 563 yards (5.4). Ciatrick Fason (PS#4) was one of two true frosh to play in '02 but had just 27 yards rushing. Carthon had 10 starts last year and led the team with 595 yards (5.0). Fason had just 3 attempts vs Tennessee and then sat out the next two games after protesting to Zook. He returned vs LSU with a 92 yard effort, added 98 vs Arkansas, then had 190 vs S Car finishing with 583 yards (6.9). DeShawn Wynn (PS#8) redshirted in 2002 and had 540 yards (4.7) in 2003. Jimtavis Walker (5-9 207 So, PS#64) had 105 yards (5.5) and Skyler Thornton (5-11 210 So, PS#19) had 80 yards rushing as a true frosh. When the team uses a FB they have Billy Latsko (5-11 223 So, PS#326). This year the only losses are Carthon and Walker and I look for more production from this group.

RECEIVERS - Florida had at least one WR named to the All-SEC Tm every year since 1989, but that streak was snapped in 2003. They had to replace their leading receiver, Taylor Jacobs (#2DC of WAS), but returned Carlos Perez (PS#4) who had 58 rec in '02 despite missing the final three games with a broken leg. They also had to replace their starting TE (#5 DC). Perez went from a possession receiver to the team's game breaker and his ypc improved from 10.2 to 15.0, but his rec's dropped to 36. The star of the unit was TE Ben Troupe (#2DC of TEN) who had some spectacular plays and was named 2nd Tm AA leading the team with 39 rec and an impressive 16.4 ypc. Unfortunately Perez and Troupe depart as does Kelvin Kight who had 13 starts and 39 rec (15.2). I list the 2 deep below and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the mix including a couple of JUCO TE's. With a more experienced QB, I expect the production from the receivers to increase but this unit is less experienced than last year's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Florida had to replace a pair of 1st Tm SEC OL's and two others who combined to start 8 games so basically two starters returned. The team averaged just 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. Seven OL's rotated that year and 6 were back last season, but returning starter Jonathan Colon lost his starting job after being suspended over the summer (academics) and had just 3 starts. Also, Mo Mitchell who had four starts at RG in '02 moved to DT. The Gators' OL paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks thanks in part to having a more mobile QB. This year they must replace LT/RG Max Starks (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC, 3 yr st'r, #3DC of PIT) and LG Shannon Snell (13 sts, 3 yr st'r). Three full-time starters return plus they get both Colon and Mitchell back and Zook is very high on last year's JUCO transfer Tavares Washington who he says should come into his own this year. There are plenty of VHT's in the unit and they are more experienced, so this should be the best O-line so far under Zook.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite returning 6 of their top 8 DL's in '02, UF allowed 4.0 ypc rushing, their worst total since 1995 and the defense had just 20 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace all 4 starters and 3 backups with 3 DC's in that group. They moved OT Mo Mitchell to the D-line for experience. The Gators allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. This year they must replace DE Darrell Lee (12 sts, 55 tkl, 4 sks) and DE Bobby McCray (8 sts, 50 tkl, 9.5 sks, 2nd Tm SEC, #7DC of JAX). Six of the top 8 return and the unit is much deeper so they felt comfortable moving Mitchell back to the OL. Also, Jarvis Moss (PS#3) was dominating as a true frosh until injured and should have a big year as a rFr. They add two VHT's, a JUCO and a true frosh who were in for the spring, so I look for the Gators' defensive front to be much stronger than the first two years of the Zook era.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gators had to replace two starters who were simply #2 and #4 in the SEC in tackles in 2002. They also suffered through an injury plagued season as three LB's were out vs Ole Miss. This year they must replace WLB Matt Farrior (9 sts, 51 tkl), MLB Reid Fleming (8 sts, 68 tkl) and Dwright Jackson (1 st, 5 tkl). They do get back Todd McCullough who had 4 starts and 333 plays in 2002 but redshirted last year (injury). The 3 starters that I project below all had 5 or more starts last season with Earl Everett and Travis Harris both being VHT's and Channing Crowder is an AA candidate. Five freshman saw significant action last year, so this year's group is more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators had a very experienced secondary in 2001 and finished #6 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 3 starters in 2002 and dropped to #42. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 4th round pick yet moved up to #16 allowing 55.1% completions with a 12-20 ratio. This year the losses are extremely heavy as all 4 starters, CB Johnny Lamar (13 sts, 90 tkl, 11 pbu), CB Keiwan Ratliff (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 9 int, 6 pbu, #2DC of CIN), SS Guss Scott (12 sts, 91 tkl, 2nd Tm SEC, #3DC of NE), FS Daryl Dixon (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 2nd Tm SEC) and backup CB Matt Jackson (11 tkl) depart. Cory Bailey and Jarvis Herring both have a lot of experience at S while Demetrice Webb and Reynaldo Hill could be a good combo at CB, but this unit is less experienced and will likely drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 the Gators finished #6 in my special teams rankings, but had to replace most of the key components in Zook's first year and plummeted to #91. QB Ingle Martin handled the bulk of the punting duties down the stretch in '02 and the team had a net of just 30.3. True frosh Eric Wilbur predicted he would average 50 ypp and while he did not reach that goal, he did have a solid year as a true frosh averaging 44.8 with a team net of 36.4. Zook has a lot of confidence in K Matt Leach and after hitting 9 of 15 FG's with a long of 48 in 2002, Leach improved to 21 of 27 with a long of 50 and one miss from 50+ last year. Andre Caldwell led the team in KR's (20.6) and is back, but they must replace PR Keiwan Ratliff (11.1). Overall the Gators allowed four return TD's last year which is the main reason they only finished #81 despite some impressive performances. KO man Matt Piotrowicz (PS#3) is also back for his 4th year as is LS Casey Griffith. After the team allowed 18.1 yards per KR return in 2002, they dropped to 23.1 last year, but should return to 2002's form. This should be one of the most improved special teams in the country, and is a Top 25 contender.

COACHES - Ron Zook had the unenviable job of taking over for the genius Steve Spurrier. Zook is a workaholic and very time conscious, which is something I respect and Spurrier even admitted that he left the cupboard somewhat bare in 2002. Although Zook has had 5 losses in each of his first two seasons here, and there are rumors about the possibility Spurrier would return now that he is no longer at Washington, I think Zook will do a fine job here. The last two years the OC has been Ed Zaunbrecher, but he has been moved to QB coach. They promoted Larry Fedora who is in his 3rd year on the Gator staff and was Middle Tennessee's OC from 1999-2001. Last year the new DC was Charlie Strong who came here after being S Carolina's DC the previous four years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UF had some amazing accomplishments under Steve Spurrier as they were one of just two schools to have 9 wins or more for 12 straight years and appeared in 7 of the first 10 SEC Title games. They had ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years and just missed out on playing for the National Title in 2001, finishing #3 in the polls. They beat SEC champ LSU and ACC champ Maryland by a combined 100-38 that year. In Zook's first year UF was fortunate to get 8 wins with 3 close victories but did manage to beat SEC Champ Georgia and another Top 5 team to go 5-0 in the SEC East. They also outgained SEC foes by an average of 73 ypg, the second best mark in the league. Last year UF had just 9 starters returning and was not ranked in the preseason AP poll for the first time since 1990. They were an amazing 14 point dog to Miami but actually led that game 33-10 with 6:10 left in the 3Q but unfortunately lost. They opened up the season just 3-3 but won in Baton Rouge vs eventual National Champion LSU and the next week beat #11 Arkansas (also on the road) and later #4 Georgia, putting together a streak of 5 straight wins. Perhaps a sign of poor recruiting in Spurrier's final 2 years was the fact that for first time since the 1996 season, Florida didn't have to worry about any underclassmen leaving early for the NFL draft. UF tied for the SEC East Title at 6-2 but were actually outgained in SEC play by 24.9 ypg! This year they are young again with just 9 starters returning. Despite the graduation losses they have an experienced QB, Chris Leak, who is very talented, so the offense is in better shape than they were heading into '03. I like the fact that Zook is an extremely hard worker and he has been doing an outstanding job recruiting. They have a tough schedule facing Tenn, Georgia and Florida St all away from home as well as taking on the defending champ LSU in "The Swamp". This is Zook's best team yet. Despite a tough schedule, UF should have another solid season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS LEAK SO. 6-0 200 **PS#2**. 9 sts as true, 2435 yds (59%) 16-11 ratio, 187 rush. Justin Midgett (6-3 199 rFr) PS#14. Gavin Dickey (5-10 195 So) PS#9, 1 st (WR) LY.
RB Ciatrick Fason Jr. 6-0 212 **PS#4**. 3 sts LY, 583 yds, 6.9 ypc, 11 rec (12.9). **DeShawn Wynn** (5-11 224 So) **PS#8**. 540 yds (4.7). Skyler Thornton (5-11 210 So) **PS#19**.
WR Andre Caldwell So. 6-1 190 **PS#1**. 19 rec (9.2) as true. 22 KR (20.6). Dallas Baker (6-3 194 Jr) PS#54. 13 rec (16.1) in '03. Michael McIntosh (6-2 180 Fr) is PS#42.
WR Chad Jackson So. 6-1 206 **PS#4**. 3 rec as true, 144 plays. Jemalle Cornelius (5-11 177 So) **PS#14**. 7 rec, 222 plays as rFr. Derrick McPhearson is **PS#23**.
WR OJ SMALL SR. 6-1 232 PS#59QB. 1 st, 18 rec (13.1) in '02. 13 sts, 35 rec (10.8) LY. Reggie Lewis (5-10 193 So) PS#32QB, 2 rec. Kenneth Tookes (6-2 202 So) PS#57.
TE David Kenner Sr. 6-3 246 **PS#9JC**. 3 gms, 22 plays LY. Markell Thompson PS#69JC. In for spg. Brian Crum (6-2 225 So) PS#115, 64 plays @ LB LY. Tate Casey is **PS#9**.
C MIKE DEGORY JR. 6-5 314 **PS#11**. 13 sts as rFr, 967 plays, SEC Frosh Tm. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm SEC**. Billy Griffin (6-3 290 Sr) PS#86JUCO. 4 games in 2003.
RG LANCE BUTLER JR. 6-7 311 **PS#33**. 3 games, 16 plays as rFr. 10 sts LY, 860 plays. Steve Rissler (6-3 302 So) PS#95. 1 st, 70 plays as true. Todd Bunce (6-3 284 So) PS#170.
LG Mo Mitchell Sr. 6-7 367 **PS#27DL**. 4 sts at RG in '02. 6 sts at DT in '03, 28 tkls, 2 tfl. Anthony Guerrero (6-1 334 Sr) **PS#19JC**. Jonathan Marvin (6-3 330 Jr) **PS#46**.
RT RANDY HAND JR. 6-6 305 **PS#30**. 4 sts, 370 plays as true. 12 starts last year, 809 plays. Carlton Medder (6-5 330 rFr) PS#129. Drew Miller (6-6 305 Fr) is PS#8.
LT Tavares Washington Sr. 6-4 307 **PS#24JC**. 2 sts, 65 plays here LY. Zook high on him TY. **Jonathan Colon** (6-7 316 Sr) **PS#47**. 10 sts at RT in '02, 723 plays. 3 sts, 319 plays LY.
K MATT LEACH SR. 6-1 197 **PS#8**. 28 punts as true (41.1). 9 of 15 FG's in '02, long of 48. 21 of 27 FG's LY, long of 50. Matt Piotrowicz (5-10 204 Sr) PS#3. KO's 3 yrs.

DE Jeremy Mincey Jr. 6-3 258 PS#76JC. In for spg. Joe Cohen (6-2 266 So) **PS#4RB**, 165 plays at RB as true. Brandon Daniel PS#58 in for spg. Julian Riley (6-3 276 rFr) PS#122.
DT KENNY PARKER JR. 6-2 306 PS#99OL. 6 sts LY, 37 tkls, 2 tfl. **Marcus Thomas** (6-4 274 So) **PS#35**. 2 sts as true, 47 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Eric Holcombe (6-2 304 Sr) PS#15JC, 15 tkls.
NT RAY McDONALD SO. 6-3 280 **PS#37**. 12 sts as rFr, 711 plays, 54 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. Ronald Dowdy (6-4 288 Sr) PS#48TE, 8 tkls. Michael Hill (6-2 286 rFr) PS#161.
DE Jarvis Moss rFr. 6-6 221 **PS#3LB**. 5 tkls, 40 plays as true until inj. Steven Harris (6-4 267 So) 8 tkls, 163 plays LY. Derrick Harvey is PS#4. Tranell Morant (6-6 256 rFr) PS#115.
WLB CHANNING CROWDER SO. 6-2 241 PS#128. 9 sts as true, **1st Tm SEC**. #2 w/106 tkls, 816 plays. Howard Lingard (6-2 210 So) PS#82. Brandon Siler (6-5 215 Fr) PS#20.
MLB Earl Everett So. 6-2 223 **PS#12**. 5 sts as true, 460 plays, 52 tkls, 3 sks. Taurean Charles (6-1 234 So) **PS#42**. 5 tkls, 78 plays as rFr. Javier Estopinan is **PS#25**.
SLB TRAVIS HARRIS SR. 6-2 251 **PS#13**. 4 sts, 24 tkls as true. 18 tkls in '02. 6 sts at DE LY, 34 tkls, 545 plays, 3.5 sks. **Todd McCullough** (6-5 229 Jr) **PS#49** 4 sts in '02, RS LY.
CB Reynaldo Hill Sr. 5-11 187 10.3 in 100m. 22 pbu at JC in '02. 1 st here LY, 15 tkls, 251 plays. Deshawn Carter (6-0 210 Jr) PS#33. Tremaine McCollum (5-8 170 So) PS#57.
CB Demetrice Webb So. 5-11 187 **PS#13**. 11 tkls, 1 pbu, 198 plays as true. Vernell Brown (5-8 155 Jr) PS#136WR. Jermaine McCollum (5-8 184 So) PS#82. 2 tfl last year.
SS Cory Bailey Sr. 5-11 190 **PS#9**. 6 sts in '02, 43 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 6 sts in '03, 569 plays, 40 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Terrence Holmes (5-10 195 So) PS#62WR. 6 tkls last year.
FS Jarvis Herring Jr. 5-11 198 **PS#46**. Med RS in '02. 29 tkls, 2 tfl, 328 plays in '02. 294 plays LY, 24 tkls. Nick Brooks (6-0 207 So) PS#119, 1 tkl. Kyle Jackson is **PS#5**.
P ERIC WILBUR SO. 6-1 195 **PS#10**. 48.0 avg in HS & 78% TB's on KO's. 66 punts as true. 44.8 avg and net of 36.4. **2nd Tm SEC**. Jason Hunter (5-9 179 Sr) 14 punts (35.7) in '02.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

TE	Derrick Harvey 6-5 235 PS#4	
OL	Drew Miller 6-6 305 PS#8	
QB	Cornelius Ingram 6-5 215 PS#9	
DB	Kyle Jackson 6-1 190 PS#5	
DL	Brandon Siler 6-3 215 PS#22	
RB	Markus Manson 6-1 190 PS#16	
WR	Derrick McPhearson 6-1 185 PS#23	
LB	Javier Estopinan 6-3 235 PS#25	
OL	Phil Trautwein 6-7 310 PS#32	
WR	McIntosh Nicolas 6-2 190 PS#27	
DL	Michael Brown 6-5 265 PS#40	
OL	Jim Tartt 6-4 320 PS#38	
OL	Jason Watkins 6-9 300 PS#48	
TE	Tate Casey 6-7 225 PS#9	
WR	Michael McIntosh 6-2 180 PS#42	
DB	Tony Joiner 6-2 190 PS#45	
DL	Brandon Daniel 6-3 300 PS#58	
TE	Dane Guthrie 6-3 230 PS#15	
DL	Michael Mangold 6-3 250 PS#93	

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1-4	Off A SU Loss	0-4	Away Favorite
6-10	Vs Conference	6-1	Away Underdog
	3-4 Vs Non-Conference		

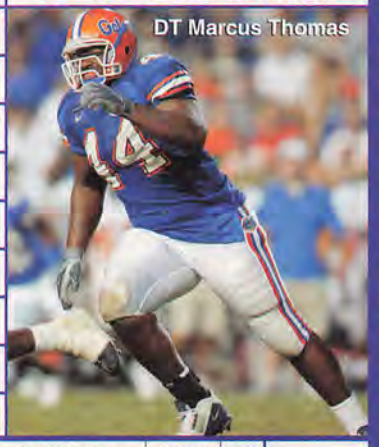
2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,18,4)
Lost: 23 (19,12,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,177

SEC - EAST DIVISION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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#32

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Middle Tennessee	G						Gators are 76-10 SU S/'90 in the Swamp but are 3-10 ATS their L/13 HG's. Florida is 14-6 SU & 12-8 ATS since 1994 after a bye. This will be the 4th straight yr Fla will play all its reg season gms on grass.
Sep. 11	E Michigan	G						First meeting since Gator's 55-0 whitewash in 2000. Florida's new offensive coordinator was OC at Middle Tenn from '99-'01.
Sep. 18	at Tennessee	G						Florida is 5-0 SU but just 1-4 ATS vs current MAC teams since 1999. UF is 11-3 SU, but just 5-8 ATS at home vs non-conf opposition S/'99.
Sep. 25	Kentucky	G						Florida is 5-0 ATS the last 5 road openers. The Gators are 5-2 SU & ATS the last 5 years in September road games.
Oct. 2	Arkansas	G						The visitor is 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series. The Gators are 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS vs UK the last 10.
Oct. 9	LSU	G						Gators are 4-0 SU & ATS vs Arkansas S/'95 outscoring the Hogs 165-45. Fla has lost 5 straight ATS in the 2nd game of a 2 game homestand S/'01.
Oct. 16								Florida has only been a home dog 2 times in the last 6 years, 0-2 ATS. The visitor is 17-6-1 ATS the last 24 in this series.
Oct. 23	at Mississippi St	G						
Oct. 30	† Georgia (Jacksonville)	G						Florida is 7-2 SU with avg pt difference of 15 in each of their games S/'87. Gators shutout MSU 52-0 in their last meeting in 2001 as an 18 pt fav.
Nov. 6	at Vanderbilt	G						Florida is 13-1 SU & 11-3 ATS the last 14 in this series. The dog has covered 3 straight.
Nov. 13	S Carolina (HC)	G						Florida is 10-0 SU but 3-7 ATS vs Vandy since 1994. Gators are 3-1 SU, but 0-4 ATS (all SEC) as a road favorite under Zook.
Nov. 20	at Florida St	G						Florida is 10-0 SU & 6-4 ATS the last 10 in this series. The last Florida loss in this series, 6-0 in 1939.
Nov. 27								The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series. The Gators are 1-5 ATS the last 6 road finales.

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	9-2	9-3	10-2	9-2	8-4	8-4	62-19
ATS	7-4	3-7	4-7-1	9-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	39-39-1
Home Fav	3-2	1-4	0-4-1	5-1	4-2	2-5	1-3	16-21-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Fav	3-2	2-2	4-2	4-1	3-2	0-2	0-2	16-13
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-0	6-3
Favorite	6-4	3-6	4-6-1	9-2	7-4	2-7	1-5	32-34-1
Dog	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-1	7-5
Grass	7-4	2-7	4-6-1	8-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	37-38-1
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4-1	8-1	5-3	3-5	3-5	31-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	8-13
Off SU Win	6-2	3-6	3-5-1	7-2	6-3	3-5	3-5	31-28-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	5-8

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ran Carthon	119	626	31	595	6	5.0
Ciatrick Fason	**84**	**594**	**11**	**583**	**3**	**6.9**
DeShawn Wynn	**115**	**564**	**24**	**540**	**7**	**4.7**
Jimtavis Walker	**19**	**109**	**4**	**105**	**1**	**5.5**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Leak	**320**	**190**	**59.4**	**2435**	**16**	**11**
Ingle Martin	77	47	61.0	654	3	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ben Troupe	39	638	16.4	5	40	
Kelvin Kight	39	591	15.2	3	70	
Carlos Perez	36	541	15.0	4	69	
OJ Small	**35**	**379**	**10.8**	**1**	**52**	
Dallas Baker	**13**	**209**	**16.1**	**1**	**42**	
Ran Carthon	21	185	8.8	1	27	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Eric Wilbur	**66**	**2954**	**44.8**	**5**	**36.4**	**1**	**16**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Leach	**41-41**	**7-7**	**7-9**	**6-9**	**1-2**	**21-27**	**50**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daryl Dixon	115	0	2	7	3
Channing Crowder	**106**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Guss Scott	91	1	0	9	2
Johnny Lamar	90	0	5	11	2
Reid Fleming	68	0	4	1	0
Darrell Lee	55	4	0	1	0
Ray McDonald	**54**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Earl Everett	**52**	**3**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Matt Farrior	51	0	1	0	1
Bobby McCray	50	9.5	2	2	0
Keiwan Ratliff	49	0	1	6	9
Marcus Thomas	**47**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Cory Bailey	**40**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**2**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Keiwan Ratliff	31	343	11.1	0
Vernell Brown	**7**	**95**	**13.6**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Andre Caldwell	**22**	**454**	**20.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Citrus	-2'	Michigan St	34-37	L
00	Sugar	+6'	Miami, Fl	20-37	L
01	Orange	-14	Maryland	56-23	W
02	Outback	+1	Michigan	30-38	L
03	Outback	-3'	Iowa	17-37	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	30.0	20	146	4.2	245	60.1	13.0	+7	2003	3	20.8	20	159	3.9	209	55.1	17.6
5*	25.8	23	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	-9	2002	5	21.5	16	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2
8*	44.8	27	129	4.4	409	64.7	12.0	-6	2001	8	14.8	15	100	3.1	196	55.4	20.0
4	36.0	22	113	3.8	308	55.9	11.7	+18	2000	9	21.0	19	137	3.7	217	53.6	16.9
7*	31.0	22	138	4.3	267	53.6	13.1	-5	1999	1	20.9	19	96	2.7	242	54.9	16.1
6*	31.7	21	117	3.8	343	58.0	14.5	-5	1998	6	13.8	15	94	2.6	196	51.5	21.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
San Jose St	28	34 - 155	4.6	27 - 41	357	2	11	27 - 87	3.2	19 - 37	98	1	+1
at Miami, Fl	18	39 - 178	4.6	18 - 27	219	4	23	30 - 114	3.8	27 - 41	340	1	+3
Florida A&M	27	45 - 309	6.9	17 - 22	227	0	15	46 - 175	3.8	15 - 32	93	3	+1
Tennessee	19	27 - 73	2.7	25 - 44	281	2	20	50 - 139	2.8	12 - 24	235	3	+0
at Kentucky	16	29 - 93	3.2	20 - 35	268	3	18	44 - 175	4.0	18 - 29	179	4	-1
Mississippi	18	35 - 142	4.1	14 - 27	234	1	19	36 - 223	6.2	17 - 29	262	1	-1
at LSU	18	40 - 81	2.0	18 - 30	229	6	14	24 - 56	2.3	19 - 33	231	3	+2
at Arkansas	19	35 - 142	4.1	20 - 34	269	1	26	34 - 186	5.5	24 - 45	343	1	+2
† Georgia	17	34 - 89	2.6	13 - 23	235	1	24	48 - 202	4.2	18 - 33	188	4	+1
Vanderbilt	20	34 - 194	5.7	15 - 25	179	0	21	45 - 133	3.0	18 - 39	189	2	+0
at S Carolina	18	40 - 243	6.1	12 - 20	121	2	18	49 - 199	4.1	14 - 27	132	1	+0
Florida St	21	34 - 142	4.2	23 - 37	303	2	22	43 - 134	3.1	14 - 19	256	1	+0
† Iowa	16	28 - 57	2.0	22 - 41	268	3	22	49 - 238	4.9	13 - 26	170	2	-1
TOTALS	255	454 - 1898	4.2	244 - 406	3190	27	253	525 - 2061	3.9	228 - 414	2716	27	+7
AVERAGES	19.6	35 - 146	4.2	19 - 31	245	2.1	19.5	40 - 159	3.9	18 - 32	209	2.1	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-35'	55-26	L
UCF	-36	58-27	L
Tennessee	-2	23-21	T
at Kentucky	-20	38-10	W
Alabama	-16	39-40 OT	L
at LSU	-14	31-10	W
at Auburn	-16	32-14	W
† Georgia	-14	30-14	W
Vanderbilt	-28	13-6	L
at S Carolina	-27	20-3	L
Florida St	+3	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-45	40-19	L
Middle Tenn	-39'	55-0	W
at Tennessee	-3'	27-23	W
Kentucky	-22'	59-31	W
at Mississippi St	-7	35-47	L
LSU	-14'	41-9	W
Auburn	-8'	38-7	W
† Georgia	-9	34-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-19	43-20	W
S Carolina	-14	41-21	W
at Florida St	+11'	7-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-31	49-14	W
UL Monroe	-56	55-6	L
at Kentucky	-32	44-10	W
Mississippi St	-18	52-0	W
at LSU	-13'	44-15	W
at Auburn	-23'	20-23	L
† Georgia	-19	24-10	L
Vanderbilt	-35'	71-13	W
at S Carolina	-12	54-17	W
Florida St	-16	37-13	W
Tennessee	-17'	32-34	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-32	51-3	W
Miami, Fl	-2'	16-41	L
Ohio U	-41'	34-6	L
at Tennessee	+5	30-13	W
Kentucky	-19	41-34	L
at Mississippi	-13'	14-17	L
LSU	-8'	7-36	L
Auburn	-8	30-23 OT	L
† Georgia	+1'	20-13	W
at Vanderbilt	-21'	21-17	L
S Carolina	-14'	28-7	W
at Florida St	+3'	14-31	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-24	65-3	W
at Miami, Fl	+14	33-38	W
Florida A&M	NL	63-3	–
Tennessee	-3'	10-24	L
at Kentucky	-10	24-21	L
Mississippi	-12'	17-20	L
at LSU	+10	19-7	W
at Arkansas	+4'	33-28	W
† Georgia	+2'	16-13	W
Vanderbilt	-23'	35-17	L
at S Carolina	-7	24-22	L
Florida St	+1	34-38	L

S CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the starting QB was Corey Jenkins (PS#26) who was a big, powerful runner. At midseason Jenkins was actually #25 in the nation in pass efficiency but finished with 1,334 yards (55.6%) with a 7-10 ratio and moved to safety for the final two games. When Dondrial Pinkins (PS#25) was signed, he was called "the QB of the future". He suffered an injury in August 2002 and missed the first two games. Pinkins (6-2 245 Sr) who is 20 lbs heavier than Jenkins was, threw for 431 yards (49.2%) with a 2-4 ratio. Bennett Swygert (PS#31) missed 2002 with a knee injury. Last year Pinkins beat out some pretty good candidates for the starting QB job. Syvelle Newton (6-2 196 So, PS#7) is a Tony Rice-type of QB with 4.6 speed. He played in 12 games as a true frosh with one start but his playing time was at WR as he had 22 grabs (12.6). Mike Rathe (6-2 205 Sr) was PS#91JC. Blake Mitchell (6-4 185 rFr) was PS#15 and Holtz called him a bigger Phil Petty (he's more of a pocket passer). Pinkins was plagued by dropped passes in '03 and is an unusual thrower as he does not grip the laces so some wondered if the dropped passes were due to the way the ball was thrown. The team suffered 17 drops in the first two games. Swygert had a solid game vs Georgia with 123 yards (Pinkins 116) but it was against the 2nd string. After Georgia, Holtz opened the QB job to Pinkins, Swygert and Mitchell and sent Rathe to the scout team. Pinkins held on to the job and a week later Mitchell went back to the scout team where he was very impressive all year. Rathe saw most of his action in a JV game and attempted just 8 passes on the year. They were able to redshirt Mitchell. Pinkins had a streak of 137 passes without an int but had 3 turnovers vs Florida and in the season finale 4 QB's played. The team did increase its passing total from 151.8 ypg in 2002 (#103 in NCAA) to 193.7 ypg last year (#81). Pinkins is just 5-9 as a starter and threw for 2,127 yards (50.3%) with a 10-9 ratio while rushing for 378 yards. Holtz will handle more of the play calling this year which means more option plays and that would seem to slant the job towards Pinkins or Newton although I think Mitchell could be very effective in the spread offense. The only loss from last year is Swygert (transfer) and this unit is a lot more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - The Gamecocks had to replace their top two rushers last year and the leading returner, Kenny Irons (PS#44), was bothered by an ankle injury then moved to WR in the second half of 2002 and had just 201 yards rushing (4.3). Daccus Turman broke Herschel Walker's single season Georgia HS record for rushing with 3,167 yards and started two games rushing for 179 yards (5.1). Last year those two were joined by Demetris Summers (PS#1) who broke all of former SC RB Watson's HS records and Holtz even promised Summers the first carry of the year which he ran for 10 yards. Against UAB, the team went to an offset I and Summers rushed for 161 yards. He is most effective in the I-formation which SC will switch to this year. It sort of reminds me of the Oklahoma situation with Marcus Dupree when they switched from the wishbone to the option-I. Summers runs erect, does not have outstanding speed, but is very elusive and became the first SC true frosh to record back-to-back 100 yard games since Thomas Dandy in 1982. Cory Boyd (PS#44), managed 232 yards, (4.0) and had 11 rec's as a true frosh despite practicing with the secondary at the beginning of the year. Irons got into the coaches' doghouse and would have just one rush attempt in the last 9 games and opted to transfer. Summers was bothered by a groin injury and then suffered a concussion vs Arkansas and missed the Florida game. Turman rushed for 122 yards vs Florida and actually led the team in rushing with 646 yards (4.9). Summers averaged 5.1 ypc with 638 yards. I list the 2 deep below. As long as Summers and Turman stay healthy, they should form a potent combo, and I look for improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Gamecocks had eight receivers returning with starting experience last year but lost NFL prospect TE Andy Boyd to a torn ACL. As mentioned in the QB write-up, dropped passes were a problem with 17 in the first two games. Projected starting WR Chavez Donnings was susp'd for the first two games and true frosh Whiteside did not get his first catch until Kentucky but did have 8 rec for 175 yards in the JV game and saw more action in the second half of the season. Their top WR was Troy Williamson (PS#17) but he had just 31 rec's (13.8) and did not catch a TD pass in the last ten games. The only losses this year are TE Hart Turner (12 sts, 18 rec), WR Mikal Goodman (2 sts, 11 rec), WR Chavez Donnings (3 sts, 7 rec) and WR Syvelle Newton (22 rec) who moves back to QB. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Michael Flint (6-2 203 Jr, PS#256QB), Kris Clark (5-11 188 Jr, 7 rec, 2 sts, 2Y), David Smith (6-4 205 rFr, PS#54) and true frosh Sidney Rice (PS#24). There is some solid talent and I look for improved production from the receivers in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the O-line nicknamed themselves "The Big Dogs" and they paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace four starters and a backup. The unit then suffered through an injury plagued year with returning starter Travelle Wharton being the only OL to start all 12. Surprisingly SC still averaged 4.2 ypc rushing and led the SEC with just 10 sacks allowed. This year they lose an outstanding player in Wharton (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm SEC, #3DC CAR) as well as LG Jeff Barnes (4 sts). Chad Walker (6-4 311 Sr, PS#164) started 1 game at C last year before dislocating a knee cap and Josh Malloy (6-5 310 Jr, PS#136DL) tore an ACL and it is unlikely that either will return for the fall. Six players do return with starting experience plus they add a couple of VHT true frosh and JUCO Woodly Telfort should have a bigger impact. Each of the projected starters started at least six games last year and this unit is much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SC moved from a 3-4 to a 4-3 defensive scheme last season and had to replace their top DL who was a 2nd Tm SEC player and NFL DC as well as two backups who combined for 8 starts. Two JUCO's who I expected to make an impact were DT's Randy Jackson and Charles Silas, but Jackson was not 100% and Silas was a PQ. DT Preston Thorne who started 2 of the first 4 games tore his ACL. They basically had two starters back on the front wall and SC went from allowing 4.1 ypc rushing to 4.3 ypc and the defense recorded just 15 sacks for the 2nd year in a row. This year I expect the front to be much more aggressive and tough vs the run. The only losses are DE Darel Slay (2 sts, 17 tkl, 2 tfl) and DT Randy Jackson (7 tkl). Basically 7 of the top 8 return plus they have some VHT additions in Charles Silas (now eligible) and true frosh Marque Hall (PS#10DL).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gamecocks returned 2 starters to their 3 man LB unit but none of the players were 100% healthy all year. Holtz commented in spring that the LB's looked faster and more athletic now that they are healthy and there is plenty of talent in the 2 deep that I list below. The only losses this year are #1 tackler Jeremiah Garrison (11 sts, 101 tkl), Rod Thomas (8 tkl) and Kevin Caldwell (1 st, 3 tkl). While this group is just as experienced as last year's version, I look for big-time improvement as long as they stay healthy, especially from Ricardo Hurley who had an appendectomy last May and then missed 3 of the first 4 games with an ankle sprain in 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SC finished just #76 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace both starting safeties. Much like the LB's, the unit was banged up throughout the year with only one DB getting more than 8 starts in CB Dunta Robinson (12 sts, 12 pbu, 50 tkl, #1DC HOU). Other players departing are CB's DeAndre Eiland (8 sts, 43 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu, #6DC MIN), Ted Crawford (6 sts, 39 tkl, 1 tfl), Issac Stackhouse (1 st, 8 tkl) and Andrea Gause who most likely moves to WR. They are solid at safety and there is some talent available at CB. Overall last year SC was only #88 in the pass D rankings allowing 61.9% with a 23-9 ratio. With a stronger front 7, I expect improvement in the pass efficiency numbers, but this unit does lose a #1 DC CB and may only be up a notch.

SPECIAL TEAMS - SC finished #85 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace their top PR/KR and punter. Two punters split the duties in Josh Brown and Joey Bowers and kicking was a major problem. At one point the team was 1 of 7 on FG's, but they switched Bowers to holder and Daniel Weaver hit 7 of his last 8 with a long of 43. Weaver departs and I list the kicking candidates below. Both punters are back as are the top returnmen and the team increased its PR average from the lowest in the NCAA in 2002 (4.3) to 14.4 last year. LS's Ike Crofoot (185 lbs) and Scott Morgan are also back. The net punting here has been 38.0, 38.2 and 38.0 the last three years. Walk-on Stephen Stellfox and Bowers both handled KO duties, but the KR defense has been poor under Holtz at 23.5, 22.7, 25.6 and 24.6 the last four years. Overall the team finished #67 in 2003 and should move up in my special teams rankings.

COACHES - Lou Holtz is a legend. He's taken 6 teams to bowls in his coaching career which is more than any other coach in history. Last year the team had to replace longtime DC Charlie Strong who went to Florida and replaced him with LB Coach Chris Cosh. Cosh was fired after their poor 2003 performance and Rick Minter takes over as DC this year. Minter was the HC of Cincinnati for the past 10 years and coached under Holtz at Notre Dame previously. Skip Holtz gave up his OC title, and now is the asst HC and Lou should have a bigger say in the play-calling this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SC won just one game in 1998 and 1999 combined but Holtz guided them to consecutive Outback Bowls and victories over Ohio St in 2000 and 2001. SC opened up 2002 at 5-2 but suffered through an injury plagued season with Holtz saying they lost 1,289 days to injuries. Last year they had the fewest amount of starters returning in the SEC (9) and lost the highest percentage of lettermen. SC has the misfortune of playing in the same division as Tenn and Fla and they are a combined 1-23 SU vs those two since they joined the SEC in 1992. They nearly broke through vs both last year outgaining UT 371-266 with a 21-13 FD edge but they lost in OT, and they led UF 16-14 in the 3Q, but a missed 2 pt conv in the 4Q gave them a 2 point loss. For the second consecutive year it appeared a winning record was likely as they opened 5-3 but Holtz is just 2-13 SU in November here. They lost their last 4 games including a 3 point loss to Ole Miss, the 2 pt loss to UF and then with a chance to get to a bowl in the season finale, were embarrassed by Holtz's worst loss in his 32 year coaching career, a 63-17 pounding from rival Clemson. Holtz suffered back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since 1971. SC has 9 starters back on offense, so they should have no trouble topping last year's 22.3 ppg. Injuries on the defense hurt them last year and a surprising fact is that in their 5-7 season last year, they allowed 26.2 ppg which was worse than the 1999 mark of 25.3 ppg allowed by Holtz's inaugural 0-11 team. With 8 starters back on that side, they should have one of the most improved D's in the country. I will call for SC to possibly bag a win against Tennessee or Florida. They pull two rebuilding teams (Miss & Ark) out of the SEC West, so I will call for SC to get back to the winning side of the ledger. They could be the surprise team in the SEC East as I rate them as having the #5 offense and #4 defense in the conference. SC is my 4th most improved team in the country (pg 19) which means they should be back in a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DONDRIAL PINKINS SR. 6-2 245 PS#25. 14 sts, 3Y, 2579 pass (50%) 14-13 ratio. Syvelle Newton (6-2 196 So) **PS#7**. 1 st at WR, 22 rec (12.6). Blake Mitchell (6-4 185 rFr) PS#15.

RB DEMETRIS SUMMERS SO. 6-1 200 **PS#1**. 8 sts as true (inj) 638 yds (5.1), 12 rec. **Cory Boyd** (6-1 210 So) **PS#44**. 377 ttl yds LY. Gonzie Gray (5-11 186 Sr) PS#80, 98 ttl yds 3Y.

FB DACCUS TURMAN JR. 5-11 229 GA HS single season rush rec. 2 sts as true. 179 rush (5.1). 7 sts LY. #1 w/646 yds (4.9). Brandon Schweitzer (6-3 265 Jr) PS#109, 4 tkls LY.

WR TROY WILLIAMSON JR. 6-2 200 **PS#17**. 4.32 spd. 5 sts, 17 rec (28.9) as true. 10 sts, 31 rec (13.8). Andrea Gause (5-9 207 Sr) 6 sts, 3Y. Noah Whiteside (6-0 170 So) PS#57, 5 rec.

WR MATTHEW THOMAS SR. 6-1 188 4.28 spd. 9 sts, 26 rec in '01 & '02. 9 sts LY, 24 rec (18.4). Derrick Harper (6-3 185 rFr) PS#41, 4.38 spd. D'von Hill (6-4 214 rFr) PS#67.

TE Andy Boyd So. 6-5 260 PS#44. NFL prospect, inj LY. Brian Brownlee (6-3 247 Sr) PS#87LB. 3 sts, 8 rec LY. David Laggis (6-4 230 rFr) PS#74. Robert Pavlovic (6-4 228 rFr).

C JOHN STRICKLAND SR. 6-5 304 PS#292. 5 games as rFr. 2nd string in '02, 6 games. 10 games in '03 (inj) 8 sts. Fran Person (6-6 262 Jr) 6 games at TE LY. Moved to OL.

RG JONATHAN ALSTON SR. 6-5 302 PS#109DL. 12 tkls in '01. 8 games in '02, 2nd string OL. 9 sts at RG LY. William Brown (6-5 275 rFr) PS#131. James Thompson is PS#37.

LG Chris White So. 6-4 310 PS#133OL. 370 bench. 6 sts as rFr (3 at RG, 3 at C). Stephen Sene (6-6 315 So) PS#97, 2 sts, 10 games as rFr. Josh Winchell is PS#94.

RT NA'SHAN GODDARD JR. 6-6 305 PS#80DL. 2nd string in '02, 9 games, 3 sts at C. 11 sts at RT LY. Prototypical NFL OT. Kris Mick (6-5 290 So) PS#126. 6 games LY.

LT JABARI LEVEY JR. 6-7 330 **PS#72**. 4 games as true. Took off RS late. 7 sts at LG in '03, moved to OT. Woodly Telfort (6-8 320 Jr) PS#85JC. 7 games in 2003.

K Josh Brown Jr. 6-2 190 **PS#13**. 53 yd FG in HS. 1 of 1 xp's in '02. 0 of 2 FG's last year, 4 of 4 xp's, 46 punts (40.5). Stephen Stellfox (6-1 182 So). KO's 1 game LY.

DE GEORGE GAUSE SR. 6-5 270 **PS#10**. 1 st, 24 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 11 sts, 55 tkls, 4 sks in '02. 8 sts (inj). 37 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl in '03. James Scott (6-3 260 Jr) PS#109, 2 tkls.

NG FREDDY SAINT-PREUX JR. 6-5 295 **PS#84JC**. 6 sts, 32 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Jason Capers (6-4 275 Sr) PS#17TE. 28 games, 43 tackles, 4 tfl, 3 years. **Marque Hall** is **PS#10**.

DT DARRELL SHROPSHIRE SR. 6-2 299 **PS#4JC**. 12 sts LY, 35 tkls, 4 tfl. Preston Thorne (6-0 273 Sr) 3 sts, 40 tkls, 3Y. Chris Tucker (6-2 273 Jr) PS#188. Stanley Doughty (6-2 315 rFr).

DE MOE THOMPSON JR. 6-3 280 **PS#14TE**. 11 sts as true, 52 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, 60 tkls, 5 sks, HM SEC. Charles Silas (6-6 255 Jr) PS#77JC. Eric Stroman (6-3 280 Jr) PS#262.

OLB Ricardo Hurley Jr. 6-3 233 **PS#3LB**. 1 st as true, 20 tkls, 1 pbu. 2 sts LY (inj) 15 tkls, 2 tfl. Orus Lambert (6-2 240 Jr) PS#211, 18 tkls LY. Curtis Rice (6-2 205 rFr) PS#133.

MLB MARCUS LAWRENCE SR. 6-3 236 **PS#2JC**. 11 sts here LY, 99 tkls, 11 tfl. DeAdrian Coley (6-3 240 Jr) PS#82JC. RS last year. 4.5 speed. Alonzo Middleton is PS#95.

OLB LANCE LAURY JR. 6-2 231 PS#193. 9 sts in '02, 90 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int. Ryan Brown (6-3 238 rFr) **PS#39**. Brandon Samuels (6-3 232 Fr) PS#121.

CB Taqiy Muhammad Sr. 5-11 182 **PS#40JC**. 5 sts at CB, 34 tkls, 3 pbu in '02. 5 sts LY (3 at WR, 2 SAF) 8 rec, 8 tkls. Andrea Gause (see WR). Ty Erving (5-11 175 rFr) PS#218.

CB Jonathan Joseph Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#89JC** in for spring. Tremaine Tyler (6-0 181 Jr) **PS#40QB**. 2 sts, 2 years, 24 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Ko Simpson (6-2 180 Fr) PS#84 last year.

SS JAMACIA JACKSON SR. 6-1 210 PS#58RB. 2 sts in '02, 47 tkls. 7 sts LY, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. **Corey Peoples** (6-2 212 Sr) PS#112JC. 21 tkls, LY. Fred Bennett (6-2 186 So) PS#90, 8 tkls as true.

FS JERMAINE HARRIS SR. 6-4 210 PS#104JC. 5 sts LY, 54 tkls, 2 tfl. **Rod Wilson** (6-2 217 Sr) **PS#29QB**. 4 sts, 49 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 years. Andre Hemphill (6-2 202 Jr) PS#104WR.

P Josh Brown Jr. 6-0 190 46 punts in' 03, 40.5 avg, team net of 38.0. Joey Bowers (6-0 189 Sr) 10 punts in 2001 & 2002. 21 punts LY, 39.6 avg. Also does KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Marque Hall 6-5 305 PS#10	
DL	Dorian Capers 6-6 275 PS#23	
WR	Sidney Rice 6-4 185 PS#24	
OL	James Thompson 6-4 310 PS#37	
RB	Kendrick Lynch 5-9 165 PS#55	
DB	CJ Barber 6-2 215 PS#58	
RB	Albert Ashcraft 6-3 190 PS#60	
QB	Antonio Heffner 6-3 190 PS#43	
DL	Jamon Meredith 6-6 255 PS#95	
WR	Tremel Kline 6-3 185 PS#70	
DL	Matt Raysor 6-5 275 PS#109	
OL	Josh Winchell 6-5 305 PS#94	
LB	Alonzo Middleton 6-2 235 PS#95	
DL	Kevin Mainord 6-4 265 PS#131	
RB	Jonathan Joseph 6-0 190 PS#89JC	
OL	Jeremy Burgess 6-5 265 PS#119	
LB	Brandon Samuels 6-3 232 PS#121	
OL	John Paul Gillis 6-6 285 PS#167	
RB	Antonio Lamar 6-1 240 PS#146	

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27-32	Straight Up	8-7-1	Home Favorite
25-30-1	Vs The Spread	7-8	Home Underdog
10-17	Off A SU Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
18-22	Vs Conference	7-11	Away Underdog
		7-8-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,19,4)
Lost: 20 (7,12,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,844

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#19

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Gamecocks are 4-10 ATS off a SU loss the past 3 seasons. Holtz is first in NCAA history to lead 6 teams to bowls. SC is 7-12-1 ATS at home the last 3 years.
Sep. 4	at Vanderbilt	G						S Carolina is 1-6-1 ATS the last 8 lined season openers. The Gamecocks are 9-3 ATS the last 12 vs Vandy.
Sep. 11	Georgia	G						SC is 2-3 SU vs Georgia under Holtz. LY's 24 pt loss was the worst S/'81. S Carolina is 6-1 SU but just 1-5-1 ATS the last 7 home openers.
Sep. 18	S Florida	G						First meeting between these 2 schools & SC is 11-41 SU all-time vs Fla schools. Gamecocks are 2-1 SU & ATS vs CUSA with the average score of 24-10.
Sep. 25	Troy St	G						The Gamecocks are 1-4 ATS in the 3rd game of a 3+ game homestand. S Carolina is 2-0 SU but 0-2 ATS vs the Sun Belt.
Oct. 2	at Alabama	G						South Carolina is 3-6 ATS vs the SEC West teams the last 3 years. Gamecocks are 0-2 SU & ATS in Tuscaloosa being outscored by 75-24.
Oct. 9	Mississippi	G						S Carolina is 7-4 ATS since 1996 as a SEC home favorite. The visitor has covered all 4 meetings since 1981.
Oct. 16	at Kentucky	G						Could apply: SC is 8-3 SU & 7-4 ATS as a SEC road favorite. The Gamecocks have covered the last 7 trips to Lexington (5-2 SU!).
Oct. 23								The Gamecocks are 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS the last 10 November lined HG's.
Oct. 30	Tennessee	G						Gamecocks have lost 11 straight to the Vols by an avg of 32-13. The last 4 matchups have been decided by 21 total points.
Nov. 6	Arkansas	G						Holts was HC of the Razorbacks from 1977-'83 & Nutt was his assistant. The favorite has covered 9 of the last 10 games.
Nov. 13	at Florida	G						The home team is 4-1 ATS since 1999 in this matchup. The Gamecocks have not beat Florida since their 6-0 win in 1939.
Nov. 20	at Clemson	G						The visitor is 12-3 ATS the last 15 in this series. SC is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS L/9 in this series, but 8-3 ATS L/11 trips to Death Valley.
Nov. 27								

OT Na'Shan Goddard

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	0-11	7-4	8-3	5-7	5-7	31-48
ATS	5-6	3-8	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	5-7	33-44-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-3	0-1	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	1-4	10-12-1
Home Dog	0-3	0-3	3-2	2-1	0-1	0-3	2-1	7-14
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	4-5
Away Dog	2-1	3-1	1-4	1-2	2-0	1-3	2-2	12-13
Favorite	3-2	0-4	0-1	5-0	3-3-1	2-3	1-4	14-17-1
Dog	2-4	3-4	4-6	3-3	2-1	1-6	4-3	19-27
Grass	5-6	3-7	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	4-7	32-43-1
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	25-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	3-0	0-1-1	1-3	2-2	8-13-1
Off SU Win	3-2	0-1	0-0	5-2	4-3	2-3	3-2	17-13
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-6	4-6	2-1	1-1	1-5	2-4	15-26

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Daccus Turman	132	657	11	646	7	4.9
Demetris Summers	124	685	47	638	3	5.1
Dondrial Pinkins	95	378	124	254	5	2.7
Cory Boyd	58	248	16	232	3	4.0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dondrial Pinkins	322	162	50.3	2127	10	9
Bennett Swygert	21	11	52.4	160	2	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Matthew Thomas	24	442	18.4	2	98	
Troy Williamson	31	428	13.8	2	99	
Syvelle Newton	22	277	12.6	0	44	
Hart Turner	18	207	11.5	1	27	
Demetris Summers	12	146	12.2	2	37	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Brown	46	1863	40.5	8	TM	1	10
Joey Bowers	21	832	39.6	0	38.0	0	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Weaver	25-25	3-5	3-3	2-5	0-0	8-13	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeremiah Garrison	101	0	4	4	2
Marcus Lawrence	99	1	10	1	0
Moe Thompson	60	5	5	0	1
Lance Laury	59	0	5	2	1
Jermaine Harris	54	0	2	1	0
Dunta Robinson	50	0	4	12	1
Deandre Eiland	43	0	3	5	2
Ted Crawford	39	0	1	0	0
Jamacia Jackson	39	1	1	1	0
George Gause	37	5	4	1	0
Darrell Shropshire	35	0	4	4	0
Freddy Saint-Preux	32	0	3	1	0
Jason Capers	22	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Demetris Summers	9	111	12.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matthew Thomas	22	422	19.2	0
Troy Williamson	14	268	19.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Gator	-3'	LSU	13-30	L
88	Liberty	+3	Indiana	10-34	L
94	Carquest	+2	W Virginia	24-21	W
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St	24-7	W
01	Outback	-1	Ohio St	31-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

S CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	22.3	19	161	4.2	194	49.7	15.9	+7	2003	6	26.2	19	166	4.3	203	61.9	14.1
5	18.8	17	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	-5	2002	4	21.8	19	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1
9*	25.8	19	181	4.5	178	55.8	13.9	+8	2001	7	19.2	18	138	3.6	194	57.5	17.3
8*	23.6	19	162	4.3	208	53.4	15.7	+5	2000	7	15.1	17	113	3.2	191	54.9	20.2
6	7.9	13	90	2.3	139	41.9	28.9	-4	1999	7	25.3	16	146	3.9	162	56.1	12.2
7*	18.8	21	124	3.3	231	51.9	18.9	-13	1998	5	30.0	20	179	4.5	218	59.4	13.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Louisiana-Lft	19	36 - 141	3.9	16 - 34	185	2	11	35 - 134	3.8	12 - 27	134	1	+2
Virginia	18	49 - 261	5.3	9 - 24	162	0	7	38 - 116	3.1	10 - 20	54	2	+2
at Georgia	19	37 - 111	3.0	16 - 36	239	2	19	34 - 165	4.9	17 - 29	213	2	-2
UAB	18	43 - 214	5.0	14 - 21	208	0	11	25 - 60	2.4	18 - 40	171	0	+2
at Tennessee	21	44 - 217	4.9	12 - 30	154	0	13	36 - 117	3.3	13 - 22	149	2	-1
Kentucky	20	47 - 182	3.9	17 - 29	184	1	18	30 - 117	3.9	17 - 32	210	2	+1
LSU	11	17 - 0	0.0	15 - 32	254	0	27	52 - 263	5.1	26 - 32	219	0	0
Vanderbilt	22	45 - 218	4.8	13 - 21	161	0	25	36 - 137	3.8	27 - 36	319	2	+3
at Mississippi	22	28 - 118	4.2	14 - 32	298	2	29	43 - 147	3.4	30 - 42	391	2	+2
at Arkansas	17	29 - 123	4.2	21 - 36	181	0	21	48 - 248	5.2	11 - 15	148	0	-1
Florida	18	49 - 199	4.1	14 - 27	132	1	18	40 - 243	6.1	12 - 20	121	2	0
Clemson	20	39 - 153	3.9	16 - 34	166	2	23	41 - 240	5.9	18 - 26	302	0	-1
TOTALS	225	463 - 1937	4.2	177 - 356	2324	10	222	458 - 1987	4.3	211 - 341	2431	15	+7
AVERAGES	18.8	39 - 161	4.2	15 - 30	194	0.8	18.5	38 - 166	4.3	18 - 28	203	1.3	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7'	0-10	L
at Georgia	+14'	9-24	L
E Carolina	-1	3-21	L
at Mississippi St	+13'	0-17	L
Mississippi	+6'	10-36	L
Kentucky	+7'	10-30	L
at Arkansas	+22'	14-48	L
Vanderbilt	+4'	10-11	W
at Tennessee	+33'	7-30	W
Florida	+27	3-20	W
Clemson	+14	21-31	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-9	31-0	W
Georgia	+10	21-10	W
E Michigan	-23	41-6	W
Mississippi St	+1	23-19	W
at Alabama	+9'	17-27	L
at Kentucky	-2'	20-17	W
Arkansas	-7	27-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-6'	30-14	W
Tennessee	+1'	14-17	L
at Florida	+14	21-41	L
at Clemson	+7'	14-16	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-19	32-13	T
at Georgia	-2	14-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	16-14	W
Alabama	-6	37-36	L
Kentucky	-21'	42-6	W
at Arkansas	-9	7-10	L
Vanderbilt	-16'	46-14	W
at Tennessee	+7'	10-17	W
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Florida	+12	17-54	L
Clemson	-5'	20-15	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-23'	34-24	L
at Virginia	-4'	21-34	L
Georgia	+5'	7-13	L
Temple	-16'	42-21	W
at Vanderbilt	-9'	20-14	L
Mississippi St	-4'	34-10	W
at Kentucky	+4	16-12	W
at LSU	+8	14-38	L
Tennessee	+1'	10-18	L
Arkansas	+4'	0-23	L
at Florida	+14'	7-28	L
at Clemson	+4	20-27	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-24	14-7	L
Virginia	+3	31-7	W
at Georgia	+13'	7-31	L
UAB	-14	42-10	W
at Tennessee	+16	20-23 OT	W
Kentucky	-7'	27-21	L
LSU	+4	7-33	L
Vanderbilt	-15'	35-24	L
at Mississippi	+7	40-43	W
at Arkansas	+7'	6-28	L
Florida	+7	22-24	W
Clemson	-1/E	17-63	L

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Jared Lorenzen was one of my favorite QB's to watch in college football as he was bigger than most DL's (weight hovered around 300 lbs), and he had a fine career with the Cats. In 2002 he threw for 2,267 yards (56%) with an outstanding 24-5 ratio. Last year new OC Ron Hudson came over from Kansas St where they ran the option and Lorenzen was not a good fit for that offense. Still, Lorenzen managed to throw for 2,221 yards (56.8%) with a 16-8 ratio while rushing for 276 gross yards. Lorenzen leaves as the school record holder for passing yards with 10,354. Shane Boyd is an athletic type of QB and had some solid moments including leading their comeback try vs S Carolina with 73 rush yards in the 2H. Boyd, who also played some RB and WR, threw for 205 yards (34.9%) with a 2-2 ratio while rushing for 290 yards. He will have to fend off Andre Woodson (6-5 230 rFr, PS#25) who has excellent size and a tremendous arm and was the scout team QB last year. Woodson was invited to the Elite 11 QB camp in HS. Trey Barclay (6-5 240 Sr) played in two games and in Kentucky's JV game last year hit 2 of 10 for 58 yards. Rocco Maragas (6-1 200 So) hit 4 of 8 for 35 yds in that game. Added to the mix is Billy Faulkner (6-3 200 So, PS#90) who is a transfer from Cincinnati, and this year's true frosh Joe Joe Brown (PS#62) and Ben McGrath (PS#191). Losing your career passing leader is tough, but the QB's available this year seem to fit the offense better.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Kentucky's leading returning rusher, Artose Pinner, added 17 lbs and increased his bench to 340 while maintaining 4.5 speed. He managed to rush for 1,414 yards (5.0), led the SEC in rushing, and was named SEC POY. The leading returnee last year was Arliss Beach who had just 111 yards (6.9) in 2002. Canadian Alexis Bwenge, a chiseled, muscular player that former HC Morriss says looks like an SEC FB had 81 yards (2.9) in 2002. Draak Davis had 1,846 yards (8.4) at JUCO in 2002 breaking some of O.J. Simpson's JC records. Davis joined the RB competition last fall and was supposed to be the team's homerun threat but averaged just 2.9 ypc rushing gaining 194 yards in his 12 games with 5 starts, but was tied for 3rd in receptions. Beach had 366 yards (3.6). At one point in the season the FB's combined to average 4.6 ypc rushing while the TB's were at 2.8 ypc. Center Nick Seitze said the O-line was not getting help from the RB's as they were being brought down by the first man. Bwenge rushed for 318 yards (4.4) and Rock Johnson had 84 yards (4.2). I list the 2 deep below and basically everyone is back and they have some added talent (see Top Newcomers) including VHT Rafael Little (PS#37). This unit can only improve upon 2003's paltry numbers, especially in the second year of the new offense.

RECEIVERS - Last season the team had to replace two of their top three receivers including a starting WR and TE. Derek Abney led the team with 66 rec in 2001, but his numbers dropped to 40 rec's (14.2) in 2002. Last year Abney suffered through an injury plagued season but still managed 51 rec (12.1) in just 8 starts. Tommy Cook was another starter in 2002 who was banged up last year and had just six starts and 21 rec (10.6). Abney departs (#7DC of BAL) this year as does Chris Bernard (5 sts, 33 rec, 16.1), TE Win Gaffron (5 sts, 6 rec, 16.2) and TE Bruce Fowler (2 sts, 3 rec). I list the 2 deep below, and there are some JUCO's and VHT frosh that will contend for time and five players are back with starting experience. Not listed below are TE Dominic Lewis (6-3 245 rFr, PS#169RB), Kurt Myers (6-5 245 So), WR's Gerad Parker (6-3 209 Sr, 1 st), DeMarcus Wood (6-0 193 Jr), Karl Booker (6-1 180 So, PS#203), Dominick DeVastey (6-4 205 Jr), Johnny Knight (6-0 180 So) and true frosh Dicky Lyons. Another big blow to this unit will be the loss of Cook who suffered a torn ACL this spring. With Cook and Abney gone, this unit may be down some this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Cats' O-line paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 28 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and their top OL, RT Antonio Hall (PS#4), turned down a shot at the NFL. They had to learn some blocking changes and surprisingly in a more run-oriented offense, saw the ypc drop to 3.5 while allowing 25 sacks. This year they must replace C Nick Seitze (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Sylvester Miller (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Antonio Hall (11 sts, 1st Tm SEC 2Y), C Daniel Burnett (2 gms) and LG Nate VanSickel (2 sts, 11 gms). Three players return with starting experience, but Matt Huff missed spring recovering from his broken fibula. Last year's backups did not see a lot of time like Joe Brady who was 2nd string all year but played in just one game. They bring in a VHT JUCO in Ernie Pelayo but he was injured in the spring, so this year's line did not get a lot of reps in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and this unit is a lot less experienced than last year, but the 2003 O-line did not put up great numbers, so I do not expect a dramatic dropoff.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats' DL had just one returning starter in 2002 and yielded 4.2 ypc rushing while the D had just 21 sacks. In DC Mike Archer's scheme, the DL's are supposed to be block eaters so that the LB's can make plays. Last year the team had to replace their top DT Dewayne Robertson (#1DC NYJ) as well as another starter and a backup while switching from a 4-man to a 3-man front. The Cats still allowed 4.2 ypc rushing but increased the sack total to 30 and Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns was 2nd Tm SEC for a second straight year with 18 tfl. This year they must replace DE's Jeremy Caudill (11 sts, 55 tkl, 9.5 tfl), Kareem Reid (7 tkl) and Jacob Steuber (2 tkl). Four players return with starting experience plus they add some top-notch frosh and JUCO B. Jay Parsons. This unit is even more experienced than 2003 and is now in the 2nd year of Archer's system.

LINEBACKERS - Kentucky switched from a 4-2-5 to a 3-4 last year and had to replace 3 starters and one backup and basically had zero returning starters to the 4-man unit. For two years I had been calling for VHT Chad Anderson (PS#19) to make an impact but as a rFr he played in just 7 games (1 tkl) before dislocating an ankle. Last year Anderson lived up to his potential leading the SEC in tackles per game (11.4) starting the last 8. Dustin Williams (PS#52) was the #2 tackler with 122 and seven different players earned starts. The good news this year is that almost everyone returns with the exception of OLB Deion Holts (7 sts, 52 tkl, 4.5 sks). I list a talented 2 deep below and they add some JUCO's and a rFr who will contend. UK is not known for defense, but I would rank this group in the upper half of the SEC LB units.

SS Mike Williams

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Kentucky finished #56 in my 2002 pass D rankings even though they allowed a poor 23-10 ratio because they allowed 47.2% completions. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 5 of the top 8 returning. Starting CB Leonard Burress lost his job to Bo Smith so basically four full-time starters return this year and six players have starting experience. The only losses are CB Burress (6 sts, 22 tkl, 5 pbu) and SS Randy Driver (4 tkl, 7 games). Muhammad Abdullah was 2nd Tm SEC at FS but was demoted to 2nd string at the end of the year. I don't think that NFL scouts will be hanging around this secondary, but it is very experienced and could move up again from last year's #46 finish in my pass D rankings (56.4%, 14-11 ratio).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Kentucky had my #1 rated special teams unit in 2002 but had to replace P Glen Pakulak who won the Mosi Tatupu Award and averaged 45.6 ypp (net 40.1) and was the career record holder for average. Steve Ortmayer was the new ST coach last year after being an NFL ST coach for 17 years. The team did return their kicker, Taylor Begley, who in 2002 hit 9 of 14 with a long of 49. Unfortunately he struggled last year and after two misses vs Florida, nearly lost his job. He hit just 6 of 10 FG's with a long of 48 but all 4 misses were from 40+. Sevin Sucurovic began the year as the punter but had one fumbled snap and one blocked punt both leading to points vs L'ville and was replaced by Anthony Thornton (41.8). KO man Clint Ruth had a high percentage of TB's and the team allowed just 16.8 per KR. Another reason that Kentucky dropped all the way down to #59 in my special teams rankings was the fact that Derek Abney was banged up after averaging 15.1 on PR's with 4 TD's in 2002, he averaged just 9.8 with 1 TD last year. His KR average dropped from 26.8 to 24.1. Abney did become the first player in NCAA history to have 2,000 receiving yards; 2,000 KR yards and 1,000 PR yards. He was voted 2nd Tm AA as a return specialist. While Ruth, Begley and Thornton are back, Abney departs and it may be tough for the Cats to make strides in their overall special teams rankings.

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and compiled a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams where he compiled a 13-19 record. Brooks was out of coaching for two years prior to coming to UK last year. He is the third head coach here in four seasons. His DC is Mike Archer who was the LB coach of the Steelers seven years prior to last year, and was the DC at Kentucky under Bill Curry from 1993 to 1995. He was also the head coach at LSU from 1987 to 1990. Former longtime Utah head man, Ron McBride is their LB coach. The OC is Ron Hudson who left Kansas St where he had been OC for the six years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Guy Morriss did a great job in his second year as the HC guiding UK to 7 wins which tied for the most wins by the program in 18 years. The 7 win 2002 team also was practically injury-free with the same defensive starters in 10 of the 12 games. Rich Brooks inherited just 11 starters from a UK team that was 3-5 in SEC play but was outgained by 114 ypg in league play in 2002, the second worst mark in the league. He surprisingly brought in an option oriented OC which was not a good fit for passing QB Jared Lorenzen. Last year UK dropped to 4-8 and their four wins came against teams that had a combined 10-38 record. In fact, UK has beaten just one Top 15 team since 1977. They did lead Florida 21-3 but suffered a tough loss, 24-21 and lost to Arkansas in 7 OT's. The Cats were 1-7 in SEC play and were outgained by an average of 79.3 ypg but were only outscored by a respectable 5.7 ppg in league play. Shane Boyd and Andre Woodson are a better fit for Ron Hudson's offense, but they have just 2 starters back on the O-line. Despite having a young, inexperienced defense, Mike Archer molded a group that allowed 22.8 ppg during regulation. This year he has 9 starters back. The defense could surprise some opponents this year, but I think it will be tough for the Cats to claw their way back above .500.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Shane Boyd Sr. 6-2 233 PS#43. 6 starts in 3 years, 1156 yards pass (51%), 6-8 ratio. 603 rush, 8 rec, 10 tkls. **Andre Woodson (6-5 230 rFr) PS#25.**

RB ARLISS BEACH JR. 6-0 210 PS#135. 5 sts, 477 yds (4.0) 2 yrs. **Draak Davis** (5-7 175 Jr) PS#108JC. 5 sts, 565 all-purp yards last year. **Rafael Little** is **PS#37.**

FB ALEXIS BWENGE JR. 6-1 227 Canadian. 1 st, 110 yds in '02. 5 sts LY, 318 rush (4.4), 9 rec. Ronald "Rock" Johnson (6-0 245 Jr) 2 sts, 106 ttl yds. Joe Razzano (6-0 240 rFr) PS#78.

WR GLENN HOLT JR. 6-2 195 4 sts, 14 rec (11.7). Jacob Tamme (6-5 225 rFr) PS#92. Tommy Cook (6-0 190 Sr) PS#184. 23 career sts. 63 rec (12.6) 3Y. Torn ACL, ? for fall.

WR John Logan rFr. 6-0 180 **PS#20. Keenan Burton** (6-2 190 So) PS#189. 5 sts, 20 rec (11.1) as true. Lonnell Dewalt is **PS#31**. **Scott Mitchell** is **PS#98JC**. In for spring.

TE Jeremiah Drobney Jr. 6-4 245 6 sts, 11 rec (10.1), 2 yrs. Eric Scott (6-5 265 rFr) PS#87. **Jamir Davis is PS#117JC**. Kurt Jackson (6-5 245 Jr) PS#321JC inj last year.

C Matt McCutchan Jr. 6-3 280 PS#194OL. JV team and #3 RG at Navy in '02. Travis Slaydon (6-3 270 So) PS#298OL. Casey Shumate (6-3 270 rFr).

RG MATT HUFF SR. 6-5 300 PS#104. 4 sts at LT in '01. 7 sts in '02 til MCL. 11 sts LY til broken fibula, out spg. Joe Brady (6-3 290 So) PS#187OL. 2nd string as rFr, 1 gm.

LG JASON ROLLINS SR. 6-5 285 PS#120. 6 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02, 79.5 KD's. 11 sts LY, top OL Awd. James Ferguson (6-1 310 rFr). Trai Williams (6-4 280 So) 5 gms LY, 1L.

RT Ernie Pelayo Jr. 6-5 290 PS#74JUCO. In for spring but injured. Hayden Lane (6-6 280 So) PS#314. 1 start, 7 games as rFr. Eric Klope (6-8 310 rFr).

LT Michael Aitcheson So. 6-3 285 PS#304. 2nd string in '02, but redshirted. 5 games last year, earned letter Micah Jones (6-4 317) is **PS#21.** Cody Morehead (6-5 300 rFr).

K TAYLOR BEGLEY JR. 6-0 200 PS#65. SEC Frosh Tm in '02. 9 of 14 FG's, long of 49. 6 of 10 FG's LY, long of 48, all misses 40+. Clint Ruth (6-1 206 Sr) does KO's.

DE ELLERY MOORE SR. 6-3 290 **PS#34.** 3 sts in '01 & '02, 49 tkls, 10 tfl. 5 sts LY, 50 tkls, 3 tfl. Trey Mielsch (6-3 280 Jr) PS#156LB. 9 tkls, 2 sks in '02. 1 st, 31 tkls, 2 sks LY.

NT Lamar Mills So. 6-1 280 PS#135. 7 starts, 52 tackles, 6 tfl, SEC Freshman team last year. Ricky Abren (6-2 270 rFr) PS#148OL. Richard Gray (6-1 240 Jr).

DE VINCENT BURNS SR. 6-2 268 14 tfl at N Ariz. 12 sts in '02, 65 tkls, 14 tfl. **2x 2nd Tm SEC**. 12 sts LY, 72 tkls, 18 tfl. B Jay Parsons **PS#115JC**. Travis Day (6-3 250 rFr). Nii Adjei Oninku PS#68.

OLB Joe Schuler rFr. 6-3 245 PS#96LB. **Cedric Koger** (6-4 253 Jr) PS#207JC. In spg. Keith Shelton (6-3 242 Jr) PS#149DB. Gabriel Wallace (6-1 232 Fr) PS#110.

ILB CHAD ANDERSON JR. 6-2 250 **PS#19**. #1 in SEC in tkl per gm (11.4) 125 tkls. 7 tfl. Jon Sumrall (6-2 220 Jr) PS#161. 1 st, 19 tkls, 2Y. Dennis Johnson (6-0 233 Jr) PS#402JC.

ILB DUSTIN WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 244 **PS#52.** 35 tkls in '02. 11 sts in '03, 122 tkls, 5 tfl. **Justin Haydock** (6-3 232 Sr) PS#187. 25 tkls, 2 pbu in '02. 4 sts LY, 54 tkls.

OLB DURRELL WHITE SO. 6-3 250 PS#170. ACL in '02. 10 sts as **true**, SEC Fr Tm, 43 tkls, 8 tfl. Raymond Fontaine (6-4 217 Jr) 6 sts, 33 tkls. Kamaal Ahmad (6-2 250 Sr) PS#278JC.

CB BO SMITH JR. 6-0 185 PS#268. 13 tkls as true. 6 sts in '03, 57 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Warren Wilson (5-11 176 Jr) PS#126. 12 tkls 3Y. Andre' Jones (6-0 190 rFr) PS#214.

CB EARVEN FLOWERS SR. 5-10 193 30 tkls, 5 pbu in '01 & '02. 12 sts in '03. 47 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. Antoine Huffman (6-0 170 Jr) PS#171. 4 sts in' 02 & '03. 35 tkls, 1 int, 14 pbu.

SS MIKE WILLIAMS SR. 5-11 186 12 sts in '02, 53 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts LY, 98 tkls, 5 pbu, 3.5 sks. Claude Sagaille (5-10 189 Sr) PS#100. 1 start, 62 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 3Y.

FS MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH JR. 6-0 205 13 tkls in '02. 10 sts in '03. **2nd Tm SEC**, 64 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. Dallas Greer (6-1 195 rFr) PS#209. Dane Holland (6-2 210 So) Marshall transfer.

P ANTHONY THORNTON SR. 6-1 202 65 punts in '03. 41.8 avg & net of 33.5. Sevin Sucurovic (6-2 199 Sr) 2 punts, 2 xp's in 2 years. Kris Kessler (5-11 190 So) PS#75.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Micah Jones 6-4 317 PS#21
WR	Lonnell Dewalt 6-6 220 PS#31
RB	Rafael Little 5-11 195 PS#37
DL	Nii Adjei Oninku 6-1 240 PS#68
RB	Tony Dixon 5-10 190 PS#87
OL	Ernie Pelayo 6-6 290 PS#74JC
QB	Joe Joe Brown 6-3 195 PS#62
DB	Marcus McClinton 6-2 200 PS#97
OL	Aaron Miller 6-6 295 PS#113
WR	Scott Mitchell 6-3 210 PS#98JC
LB	Gabriel Wallace 6-1 232 PS#110
DE	B Jay Parsons 6-5 245 PS#115JC
TE	Jamir Davis 6-3 250 PS#117JC
OL	Myron Pryor 6-1 295 PS#155
OL	Garry Williams 6-3 276 PS#181
LB	Tedd Bullock 6-4 230 PS#145
OL	Kane Hannaford 6-6 340 PS#203
DE	Cedric Koger 6-4 253 PS#207JC
DB	Trevard Lindley 6-0 175 PS#189

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Brooks' records AT KENTUCKY

4-8	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
6-5	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Underdog
3-3	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
		2-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (16,21,4)
Lost: 21 (13,7,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,922

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	at Louisville (Sun)	A						UK is 7-2 ATS vs the SEC West the last 3 years. Kentucky is 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 vs LSU. The Cats are 13-6 ATS the week after a bye.
Sep. 11								UK has opened each year w/Louisville S/'94 & Cats are 1-4 SU & ATS L5Y. Wildcats are 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS since '92 in road games prior to a bye.
Sep. 18	Indiana	G						UK is 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS since 1995 in this border war. Wildcats are 9-1 SU & ATS before playing Florida.
Sep. 25	at Florida	G						Kentucky has lost 16 straight SEC openers (3-7 ATS L/10). UK is 3-7 ATS vs the Gators (2-0 L2Y) with last SU win in 1986.
Oct. 2	Ohio U	G						Cats are 7-0 SU, but just 2-4-1 ATS vs the MAC since '90 (avg 27-13). UK is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in non-conference games the last 2 years.
Oct. 9	Alabama	G						The home team is 5-1 ATS in this series. Last game in Lexington produced the 1st UK win over Bama in 75 years.
Oct. 16	S Carolina (HC)	G						UK is 2-6 SU & ATS in this series since 1996. The home team is just 2-10 ATS in this series.
Oct. 23	at Auburn	G						This is the 1st meeting since '95 & the Cats are 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS S/'80. Pending Louisville & Fla, Kentucky is 8-4 ATS the L3Y as a road dog.
Oct. 30	at Mississippi St	G						The road team is 5-1 ATS in this series. The Wildcats are 1-6 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game road trip.
Nov. 6	Georgia	G						Kentucky has been a dog 26 straight times to Georgia since 1978. The Wildcats are 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS the last 6 in this series.
Nov. 13	Vanderbilt	G						Could apply: Entering 2004 UK was 10-5 ATS off a SU loss. The Cats are 5-14 ATS vs Vandy since 1985, but 5-3 ATS the last 8 yrs.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	at Tennessee	G						Kentucky is 0-12 SU & 2-10 ATS vs Tennessee. The Wildcats are 3-15 ATS in the last 18 road finales.

DE Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns

STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,606)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	6-5	2-9	2-9	7-5	4-8	33-46
ATS	6-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	5-6	8-4	6-5	36-39
Home Fav	1-0	1-3	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	9-8
Home Dog	2-3	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	8-15
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	5-3
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	2-1	0-4	3-2	3-1	2-1	14-13
Favorite	2-0	2-3	2-1	1-2	0-1	4-2	3-2	14-11
Dog	4-5	2-3	3-4	1-6	5-5	4-2	3-3	22-28
Grass	4-5	4-6	5-5	2-8	5-6	8-4	5-5	33-39
Artificial	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	4-4	1-7	5-3	5-3	4-4	25-31
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-1	11-8
Off SU Win	1-4	3-3	3-3	1-1	1-1	4-3	3-1	16-16
Off SU Loss	4-1	0-3	2-1	1-6	4-4	3-1	3-3	17-19

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Arliss Beach	103	381	15	366	8	3.6
Alexis Bwenge	72	332	14	318	2	4.4
Shane Boyd	45	290	22	268	4	6.0
Draak Davis	68	219	25	194	3	2.9
Derek Abney	11	150	2	148	0	13.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jared Lorenzen	336	191	56.8	2221	16	8
Shane Boyd	43	15	34.9	205	2	2
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Derek Abney		51	616	12.1	5	53
Chris Bernard		33	532	16.1	5	60
Tommy Cook		21	222	10.6	1	42
Keenan Burton		20	221	11.1	2	31
Draak Davis		21	151	7.2	0	18
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Anthony Thornton	65	2715	41.8	13	33.5	1	9
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Taylor Begley	40-40	2-2	2-2	2-6	0-0	6-10	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chad Anderson	125	3.5	3	1	1
Dustin Williams	122	1	4	1	0
Mike Williams	98	3.5	3	5	1
Vincent Burns	72	2.5	16	0	0
Muhammad Abdullah	64	0	0	5	4
Bo Smith	57	0	3	4	1
Jeremy Caudill	55	4.5	5	1	0
Justin Haydock	54	0	0	0	0
Lamar Mills	52	2	4	0	0
Deion Holts	52	4.5	4	0	0
Ellery Moore	50	2	1	1	0
Earven Flowers	47	0	1	7	1
Durrell White	43	2.5	5	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derek Abney	29	285	9.8	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derek Abney	32	772	24.1	0
Draak Davis	9	220	24.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Hall of Fame	+10	W Virginia	16-20	W
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin	20-19	W
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson	13-14	W
98	Outback	+7	Penn St	14-26	L
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.3	18	125	3.5	202	54.1	12.0	-1	2003	4	26.8	21	187	4.2	196	56.4	14.3
7*	32.1	18	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	+7	2002	4	25.1	21	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0
8*	23.5	20	107	4.1	276	56.5	16.3	-8	2001	5	33.4	24	178	4.4	297	60.0	14.2
7	23.1	23	110	4.0	335	57.1	19.3	-12	2000	7	34.8	21	163	4.3	243	56.8	11.7
3	27.3	21	74	2.3	300	65.1	13.7	+3	1999	6	28.6	20	159	4.5	217	52.5	13.2
9*	35.9	26	121	3.9	406	71.2	14.7	-13	1998	5	31.3	19	156	4.4	233	49.0	12.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Louisville	21	36-108	3.0	18-32	236	2	22	44-240	5.5	14-23	180	1	-1
Murray St	16	29-103	3.6	15-24	205	1	20	40-85	2.1	14-30	104	5	+1
at Alabama	11	23-26	1.1	15-24	169	2	29	53-266	5.0	14-27	198	2	+1
at Indiana	15	41-167	4.1	12-21	187	1	20	46-183	4.0	17-33	266	5	0
Florida	18	44-175	4.0	18-29	179	4	16	29-93	3.2	20-35	268	3	+1
at S Carolina	18	30-117	3.9	17-32	210	2	20	47-182	3.9	17-29	184	1	-1
Ohio U	18	42-177	4.2	11-23	144	1	16	49-148	3.0	10-18	147	2	+1
Mississippi St	20	47-154	3.3	16-28	256	2	12	32-150	4.7	14-25	155	3	+1
Arkansas	29	52-180	3.5	28-51	326	2	29	71-334	4.7	17-28	271	2	0
at Vanderbilt	25	37-168	4.5	16-38	241	4	22	41-246	6.0	14-17	175	0	-1
at Georgia	12	28-75	2.7	21-36	137	2	26	46-153	3.3	24-38	289	4	-1
Tennessee	14	25-51	2.0	19-43	136	2	16	38-160	4.2	11-27	110	2	-2
TOTALS	217	434-1501	3.5	206-381	2426	25	248	536-2240	4.2	186-330	2347	30	-1
AVERAGES	18.1	36-125	3.5	17-32	202	2.1	20.7	45-187	4.2	16-28	196	2.5	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3	28-56	L
Connecticut	NL	45-14	–
at Indiana	+8	44-35	W
Florida	+20	10-38	L
Arkansas	+8'	31-20	W
at S Carolina	-8	30-10	W
LSU	-4'	31-5	W
at Georgia	+4	34-49	L
at Mississippi St	+6'	22-23	W
at Vanderbilt	-3	19-17	L
Tennessee	+12'	21-56	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	-5'	34-40 2OT	L
S Florida	NL	27-9	–
Indiana	-4	41-34	W
at Florida	+22'	31-59	L
at Mississippi	+7	17-35	L
S Carolina	+2'	17-20	L
at LSU	+4'	0-34	L
Georgia	+9'	30-34	W
Mississippi St	+6'	17-35	L
Vanderbilt	-6'	20-24	L
at Tennessee	+19'	20-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3'	10-36	L
Ball St	-11	28-20	L
Florida	+32	10-44	L
Mississippi	+8	31-42	L
at S Carolina	+21'	6-42	L
LSU	+16'	25-29	W
at Georgia	+22	29-43	W
at Mississippi St	+7'	14-17	W
at Vanderbilt	+1	56-30	W
Tennessee	+18	35-38	W
at Indiana	+6	15-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+13	22-17	W
UTEP	-20	77-17	W
Indiana	-17'	27-17	L
Middle Tenn	-5'	44-22	W
at Florida	+19	34-41	W
S Carolina	-4	12-16	L
at Arkansas	+10'	29-17	W
Georgia	+5	24-52	L
at Mississippi St	-5	45-24	W
LSU	+5	30-33	W
Vanderbilt	-15'	41-21	W
at Tennessee	+8'	0-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	-6	24-40	L
Murray St	NL	37-6	–
at Alabama	+13'	17-27	W
at Indiana	-8'	34-17	W
Florida	+10	21-24	W
at S Carolina	+7'	21-27	W
Ohio U	-15	35-14	W
Mississippi St	-10	42-17	W
Arkansas	+4'	63-71 7OT	L
at Vanderbilt	-6'	17-28	L
at Georgia	+19	10-30	L
Tennessee	+11'	7-20	L

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OT Justin Geisinger

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman left as the school's all-time leader in attempts, completions and yards after 2001. Benji Walker was the only QB with experience in 2001 and he finished out his career with 603 yards of total offense. Bobby Johnson brought in an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman. Jay Cutler, a rFr who almost moved to WR or DB in 2001, would end up becoming the first ever rFr to start an opener at Vandy. He also became the first QB in 15 years to top 100 yards rushing and 200 yards passing in a game here since Eric Jones did it in 1987. In his first year, Cutler threw for 1,433 yards (48.6%) with a 10-9 ratio while rushing for 561 gross yards and led all SEC QB's with 9 rushing TD's. Cutler became a much more proficient passer in 2003 as he completed 57.2% for 2,347 yards with an 18-13 ratio while still rushing for 530 yards. Cutler has nice size (6-4 222) and continues to bulk up in the weight room (benches 225 lbs 22 times). Cutler finished #4 in the SEC in total offense in 2003 trailing only Manning, Clausen and Greene. He was the SEC POW in Vandy's win over Kentucky when he rushed for 129 yards and had 4 TD passes. He's like having another TB in the backfield. He is already #5 on the career list at Vandy in total offense. Steven Bright (6-4 230 So, PS#39) threw for 1,550 yards and rushed for 939 as a senior in HS. Bright unseated Walker as the #2 QB at midseason last year, appearing in 12 games throwing 14 passes and rushed 12 times for 76 yards. He gives solid depth to the position. Third string is true frosh Chris Nickson (PS#71) who was 2003's Alabama Mr Football. Cutler had a fine year in 2003 and could be one of the SEC's better QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Vanderbilt has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 and there have been just 3 in school history. They have two talented TB's who have a chance to break that barrier this year. Kwane Doster has 4.33 speed and had an outstanding rFr year rushing for 798 yards (5.0) in 2002. Much was expected last season, but he had some problems with fumbles and lost his starting job. Doster finished with only 386 yards (4.3). Norval McKenzie was the team's top RB in 2002 until suffering an injury. He is a complete back that is bigger (210 lbs) than Doster, very quick and a solid receiver. His long run of the year was just 24 yards, however, after he rushed for 326 (7.8) in an injury-shortened 2002, he had 639 yards (3.9) and 15 rec (7.3) in 2003. FB Matthew Tant is a VHT (PS#41, 500 lb bench, 4.49 spd), a solid blocker, and was the team's #4 rusher and #6 receiver with 5 total TD's. Ronald Hatcher (5-10 185 Sr) was the team's top PR and had 77 yards of total offense, but he graduated. In the mix at RB is Ron Bullock (5-11 225 So, PS#225) who had 38 yards rushing last year and FB's Paul Meadows (6-2 242 Jr, PS#303LB) and Chris Brown (6-0 240 So). Both Doster and McKenzie were more productive in 2003, so this unit has the potential for large improvement in 2004.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Vandy's receiving corps was dominated by Dan Stricker, the team's career receiving leader, and MJ Garrett, as the two combined for 72% of the rec's by the WR's. They departed last year and the leading returning receiver was Brandon Smith who had just 19 (9.1). They did have a VHT in the group. Chris Young (PS#33QB) who was suspended for 2002, did not earn a starting job last year and finished with 15 grabs (13.6). Cutler did a great job of spreading the ball around last year as nine players topped 10 or more catches, compared to just 4 in 2002. Erik Davis became the top man with 41 rec (15.6) and Brandon Smith, a possession receiver, had 39 (15.3). True frosh Marlon White (PS#141) was #3 followed by Young. White worked his way into the receiver mix because Keith Williams (6-1 185 Jr, PS#228) missed the season with a hamstring injury. Dustin Dunning took over the starting TE job in the 2H of the season and had 12 rec while Nick Getter (5 sts) had 10 (15.3). Basically everyone returns to this group with the exception of TE's Getter and Curtis Brancheau (2 sts, 9 rec). Not listed below are George Smith (6-3 195 rFr, PS#297) Jason Caldwell (6-1 202 Jr, PS#308, 2 rec) and VHT true frosh TE Brad Allen (PS#5). This unit is far more experienced than '03.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Vandy ran mostly an option-based offense so they averaged 4.3 ypc while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup due to graduation. Then projected starting C Jordan Pettit was lost for the year to a knee injury and his replacement, Steven Brent, was lost after four starts to an ankle injury but did return later in the year as a backup. Also returning starting RT Kenan Arkan injured his ankle after three games and redshirted, so basically the team had three players who combined for 24 starts in '02 and two true frosh in the starting roles. This year the unit is in great shape as the only loss is C Tom Sorensen who started the last eight and was on the SEC Frosh team but leaves to go on a Mormon mission. LT Justin Geisinger is one of the most underrated OT's in the country, not earning any SEC honors in 2003. I list the 2 deep below and this unit has good size and experience and I look for solid improvement over the 3.6 ypc they paved the way for in '03. They only allowed just 17 sacks, and could be stronger in that category this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the team switched to a 4-3 defense but was hit hard by injuries and defections and allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while only recording 15 sacks. Last year three starters returned to the front wall but none of the DT's really emerged with five different players starting at least 4 games. The star of the front wall was Jovan Haye who tied for the SEC lead (reg season) with 8.5 sacks. Haye was born in Jamaica and did not play ball until his junior year of high school and blossomed as I expected last season. DE's Chris Booker (speed) and Haye (strength) were nicknamed "Thunder and Lightning". This year they lose DE Libnir Telusca (1 st, 10 tkl) and possibly Booker who suffered a knee injury in spring that required surgery. I look for Vandy to be much tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Vandy returned four players who combined for 19 starts in this unit but had to replace the SEC's leading tackler, Hunter Hillenmeyer (168). Marty Morgan, who had 7 starts in 2002, tore his ACL after 3 games and missed the rest of the season. Moses Osemwegie who suffered through an injury plagued 2002 season but was the team's most impressive LB when healthy, lived up to his billing leading the team last year with 126 tackles. Eric Byrum (PS#132) started the first four games in 2002 but then was injured and was not 100% last year. He will battle Herdley Harrison for the starting SLB spot. Otis Washington (PS#40) is a rare VHT here and he was #3 on the team in tackles. I list a solid 2 deep below and the only loss from this unit is Pat Brunner (19 tkl). Five players return with starting experience. Kevin Joyce (PS#99) was not 100% last year after being diagnosed with Bells Palsy last August but still had 41 tackles. This is one of the best Vandy LB corps that I have seen in a few years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Vandy finished just #101 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace three starters and two backups. CB Cheron Thompson, a projected starter, tore his ACL in August and was limited most of the year. Dominique Morris turned out to be the team's top cover corner and had teams throwing away from him most of the season. JUCO transfer Bill Alford was solid after sitting out the 2002 season. This year the only losses are SS Nick Lyle (17 tkl, 1 pbu) and CB Ian Gaines (8 tkl). Overall, Vandy moved up to #59 in my pass D rankings allowing 56.1% with a respectable 14-10 ratio. This year with everyone back plus some added depth, I look for continued improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's special teams at Furman had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts in 2001 as he puts an emphasis on the unit. In his first year here Vandy moved up from #94 to #48 in my special teams rankings. Greg Johnson was the key as he was an excellent punter (38.7 net, 4th best in NCAA), PK and did KO's at times. Unfortunately Johnson transferred to Texas just prior to the 2003 season. The new punter Abtin Iranmanesh got off to a slow start but improved as the season went on including 7 punts for an average of 44.9 yards vs Georgia and he improved every week. He finished the season with a 39.8 average and a net of 33.7. Kyle Keown (PS#97) figures to step in as a rFr. FG kicking was a major problem last year as Tolga Ertugrul and Patrick Johnson combined to hit just 6 of 12 FG's including just 3 of 9 from 30+ with a long of 38 on the year. This year Ertugrul departs. Kwane Doster led the team in KR's in 2002 with a 25.7 average and slipped some to 21.8 last year, but should return to form. Ronald Hatcher avg'd 9.4 on PR's in 2000, 7.1 in 2001, missed 2002 and averaged 8.3 on PR's in 2003, and must be replaced. Overall Vandy was #100 in my special teams ratings and even lower with the kicker included (#108), but with some improvement in net punting, this unit can move up in 2004.

COACHES - Bobby Johnson was 60-36 in 8 years at Furman and was IAA Nat'l Coach of the Year there in '01. His OC is Ted Cain who was the OC at NC State from '86-'96 and the HC at VMI for 2 years. He enters his third year here. The DC is Bruce Fowler who is now in his 3rd year here after spending 16 years as an asst at Furman (the last 3 as a DC there). Last year Fowler had to deal with the loss of his top 4 tacklers, but this year has all 11 starters back.

PHIL'S FORECAST

VU has now had 21 consecutive losing seasons with their last bowl being in 1982, the year I started Northcoast Sports. With Vandy's strict academic standards, playing in a tough conference, they have won just 5 SEC games the last 7 years, and have only had one winning SEC record in 43 years!! Vandy came into last year with a streak of 17 straight SEC losses but impressed me in the opener as they should have beaten an Eli Manning led Mississippi team but lost by 3. They led #4 Georgia 2-0 at the half but the streak climbed to 23 straight SEC losses until they beat Kentucky at home. Despite being more competitive, VU was outgained by 76.1 ypg, the 3rd worst mark in the league. Vandy has fielded very young units in each of Bobby Johnson's first 2 years and this season they have 21 starters returning and lose just 13 lettermen. Vandy was also -10 in turnovers last season (-14 in '02). Jay Cutler is now in his 3rd year of running the offense and they have a solid, veteran O-line and experienced RB's and WR's. Amazingly, VU's top ppg production since '87 has been the 22.9 they had in '99, and I will call for this year's offense to top that. This is clearly Johnson's best squad but they will have a lot of ground to make up on the rest of the SEC. Snapping their 21 year losing streak seems unlikely.

OFFENSE 2003 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JAY CUTLER JR. 6-4 222 PS#173. 11 sts as rFr. 1433 pass (49%) 10-9 ratio, 561 rush. 12 sts, 2347 pass (57%) 18-13, 530 rush LY. Benches 225 pounds 22 times.
RB KWANE DOSTER JR. 5-11 190 4.33 spd. 5 sts in '02, 798 (5.0). SEC Frosh of Yr. 386 yds (4.3) 4 sts LY. **Norval McKenzie** (5-11 210 Sr) PS#169. 326 (7.8) in '02. 8 sts, 639 (3.9) LY.
FB MATTHEW TANT JR. 5-11 236 PS#41. 500 bench, 4.49 spd. 7 sts as rFr, 326 yds (4.3) 7 rec (10.1). 9 sts LY, 140 rush (3.5), 13 rec (13.8), 5 TD's, Clark Lea (6-0 242 Sr).
WR BRANDON SMITH SR. 6-1 185 3 sts, 19 rec (9.1) in '02. Poss WR. 12 sts, 39 rec (15.3) in '03. Chris Young (6-1 190 Sr) **PS#33QB**, 14 rec as true. Susp '02. 3 sts, 15 rec (13.6) LY.
WR ERIK DAVIS JR. 6-2 185 4.4 spd. 72 yds (PR) as true. 11 sts in '03, #1 w/41 rec (15.6). Marlon White (6-4 205 So) PS#141, 21 rec (11.4) as true, All SEC Frosh team.
TE JONATHAN LOYTE SO. 6-6 252 **PS#38DL**.1 start as true, 1 rec. Dustin Dunning (6-6 240 Jr) 5 starts in' 03, 12 rec (5.5). Nick Brigham (6-4 245 rFr) PS#68.
C Steven Brent Jr. 6-3 278 PS#317. 5 games as true. First 4 sts in '03 until ankle injury. Adam Dossett (6-4 282 So) PS#295, 5 games in '03. Chris Williams (6-6 280 rFr).
RG MAC PYLE JR. 6-4 312 PS#257. 6 sts as true, All SEC Frosh Tm. 12 sts in '03, 2 letters. Nigel Seaman (6-5 315 Jr) PS#107, 3 games as rFr, 6 games in '03 (inj).
LG BRIAN KOVOLISKY SR. 6-7 290 PS#319. L/5 sts as rFr. 6 sts in '02 (ankle/hamstring inj). 12 sts LY. Gold Jersey. Josh Eames (6-5 300 rFr) PS#139. Merritt Kirchoffer (6-5 315 rFr).
RT BRIAN STAMPER SO. 6-5 290 PS#231. 9 sts as **true**, 0 sks vs Pollack (Georgia). **Kenan Arkan** (6-7 300 Jr) 11 sts in '02. 3 sts LY, ankle inj. Blake Luker (6-5 315 So) PS#396.
LT JUSTIN GEISINGER SR. 6-4 330 **600 lb bench**, 43 reps of 225, 9 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02, 12 sts in '03. Ryan King (6-7 310 Jr) PS#346. Elliott Hood (6-5 285 rFr) PS#152.
K Patrick Johnson So. 5-10 180 PS#44. Hit 7 of 11 FG's, long of 51 in HS, 87% of KO's into EZ. 1 of 2 FG's as rFr, 9 of 9 xp's. Nathan True-Daniels (6-2 198 Sr) KO's in first 3 games.

DE JOVAN HAYE JR. 6-3 280 PS#222. 11 sts, 25 tkls in '02. 12 sts, **2nd Tm SEC** LY, **8.5 sks (#1 SEC)** 76 tkls. Richard Freeman (6-4 245 So) PS#167, 10 tkls. David Carter is PS#466.
DT ROBERT DINWIDDIE SR. 6-5 280 PS#96TE. 1 st, 8 tkls, 2 tfl 2Y. 6 sts LY, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. **Ralph McKenzie** (6-4 310 Jr) 4 sts in '02, 1 sk. 7 sts LY, 9 tkls, 1.5 sks. Lamar Divens is PS#171.
DT MATT CLAY SR. 6-1 302 7 sts in '02, 23 tkls. 4 sts LY, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. **Trey Holloway** (6-2 293 Jr) PS#318. 4 sts LY, 10 tkls. Ray Brown (6-3 296 So) PS#334. 1 tkl as true.
DE AARON CARTER SR. 6-3 278 PS#282OL. 12 sts in '02, 24 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 5 sts LY, 17 tkls, 1 sk. **Chris Booker** (6-4 245 Jr) PS#229, 9 sts. 30 tkls, 2.5 tfl LY. Greg Jacobs (6-3 274 rFr) PS#166.
WLB MOSES OSEMWEGIE JR. 6-0 220 2 sts, 53 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 12 sts in '03. #1 w/126 tkls, 10.5 tfl. **Kevin Joyce** (6-3 212 So) PS#99. 41 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. Curtis Gatewood (6-4 220 rFr).
MLB OTIS WASHINGTON JR. 5-11 245 **PS#40** PQ. 11 sts in '03, 92 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 pbu. Jonathan Goff (6-4 230 rFr) PS#91. Marty Morgan (6-3 222 Jr) 7 sts, 40 tkls in '02. Inj'd LY.
SLB HERDLEY HARRISON JR. 6-3 236 PS#312. 6 sts in '02, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts in '03, 62 tkls, 2 tfl. **Eric Byrum** (6-4 235 Sr) PS#132. 4 sts, 39 tkls L/2Y. Funtaine Hunter (6-3 218 So).
CB DOMINIQUE MORRIS JR. 6- 0 195 6 sts, 38 tkls in '02. Tm DB MVP LY, 49 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. Cheron Thompson (5-11 188 Jr) 4 sts, 44 tkls, 2 pbu, 2 yrs. Tim Miller (6-2 197 So) PS#69.
CB BILL ALFORD SR. 5-9 185 4.3 spd. 13 pbu at JC. 6 sts LY, 40 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Lorenzo Parker (5-11 190 Sr) PS#119. **4.38**, 7 sts, 50 tkls, 6 pbu LY. Sean Dixon (6-0 190 So) PS#198.
SS ANDREW PACE JR. 6-0 200 24 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 85 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Ben Koger (6-1 202 So) PS#155. 14 tkls as rFr. Darnell Martemus (5-11 211 rFr) PS#331. Heaviest safety.
FS KELECHI OHANAJA JR. 6-1 200 PS#298. 12 sts LY, 99 tkls, 2.5 sks, 2 int, 3 pbu. Ronnie Swoopes (6-2 205 Jr) PS#262, 11 tkls in '03. Marcus Buggs (5-11 205 rFr) PS#220 ACL LY.
P Kyle Keown rFr. 6-0 205 PS#97. Avg 39.3 as senior in HS. 88% of KO's were TB's or returned inside the 20. 15 punts inside the 20, 26 of 41 not returned. RS in '03.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

TE	Brad Allen 6-4 240 PS#5
QB	Chris Nickson 6-1 195 PS#71
OL	Hamilton Holliday 6-4 285 PS#140
PK	Daniel Lee 6-0 183 PS#12
DL	Lamar Divens 6-4 280 PS#171
DL	Brandon Holmes 6-3 250 PS#176
WR	Sean Walker 5-11 170 PS#146
RB	Jared Fagan 5-10 180 PS#169
LB	Jeff Jennings 6-1 225 PS#188
DB	Josh Allen 5-9 170 PS#275
WR	Bryant Anderson 6-3 195 PS#226
DL	Jeremy Gales 6-3 260 PS#313
RB	Reshard Langford 6-1 205 PS#269
DL	Theo Horrocks 6-3 260 PS#355

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Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

4-20	Straight Up	0-3	Home Favorite
8-12-2	Vs The Spread	5-2-2	Home Underdog
7-8-1	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
8-7-1	Vs Conference	3-7	Away Underdog
		0-5-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 11

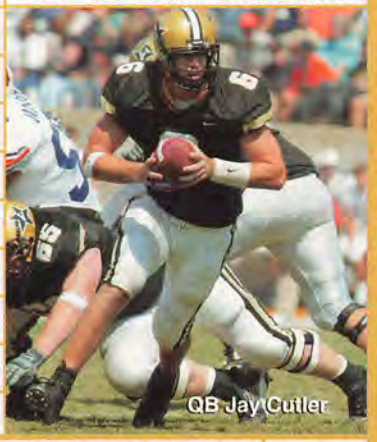
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (27,24,2)
Lost: 13 (7,3,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,290

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#34

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Commodores are 15-8-1 ATS the last 24 as a double digit home dog. The home team in the Auburn/Vanderbilt series is 8-1-1 ATS since 1986. Vanderbilt is 4-9 ATS as a double digit favorite since 1983.
Sep. 4	S Carolina	G						Coach Johnson was born in Columbia, S Carolina. QB Cutler had a career high 319 yds (27 of 35) vs SC in 2003, but Vandy trailed 28-3.
Sep. 11								
Sep. 18	at Mississippi	A						The home team is 2-7-1 ATS in this series since 1994. Vandy is 1-4 SU, but 4-0-1 ATS the last 5 vs Ole Miss.
Sep. 25	at Navy	G						The 2 HC Johnsons faced 6 times in IAA when Bobby was @ Furman & Paul @ GA Southern. Vandy is 2-8-1 ATS since 2000 in non-conference action.
Oct. 2	Mississippi St	G						Vandy is 0-4 SU & ATS since 1989 with average loss of 39-10. Pending 9/8, Vandy is 1-29 SU vs SEC West teams the last 10 years.
Oct. 9	Rutgers	G						VU is 5-10 ATS as home favorites the L10Y, 3-5 SU & 1-7 ATS the L/8. Vandy is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Rutgers ('87 & '88).
Oct. 16	at Georgia	G						GA scored on the 1st 8 possessions in last HG vs VU but trailed 2-0 LY at the half. The visitor is 10-2 ATS since 1992 in this series, 0-2 the last 2.
Oct. 23	E Kentucky	G						The EK Colonels were 7-5 (6-2 in Ohio Valley Conf) in 2003. Vandy is 5-0 SU in unlined games the L10Y average margin being 43-12.
Oct. 30	at LSU	G						First meeting since '97, Vandy is 1-5 SU & 4-2 ATS the last 6 vs the Tigers. Vandy is 0-3 SU, but 2-1 ATS the last 3 visits to Baton Rouge.
Nov. 6	Florida (HC)	G						VU is 0-10 SU, but 7-3 ATS vs the Gators since 1994. Last Vandy home win over Gators was 24-9 (+7') upset in 1988.
Nov. 13	at Kentucky	G						Win over UK LY ended Vandy's 23 game SEC losing streak. Vandy is 14-5 ATS vs the Cats since 1985.
Nov. 20	Tennessee	G						Vanderbilt is 1-27 SU with an avg score of UT-34 VU-12 S/'76 vs Tenn. VU has been shutout 3 straight years (4 out of the last 6 going 1-5 ATS).
Nov. 27								



STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	5-6	3-8	2-9	2-10	2-10	19-60
ATS	5-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	31-41-3
Home Fav	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	3-8
Home Dog	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-2-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-1-1	13-13-3
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	1-3	1-4	2-3	14-17
Favorite	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	4-11
Dog	3-5	4-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-4	3-5-1	5-4-1	27-30-3
Grass	2-2	2-3	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	26-33-3
Artificial	3-4	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-8
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	24-30-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-2-1	7-11-1
Off SU Win	0-3	1-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	0-2	7-11-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-5	1-3	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	4-3-1	21-26-2

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Norval McKenzie	162	704	65	639	5	3.9
Kwane Doster	90	419	33	386	3	4.3
Jay Cutler	115	530	231	299	1	2.6
Matthew Tant	40	143	3	140	1	3.5
Steven Bright	12	76	7	69	0	5.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jay Cutler	327	187	57.2	2347	18	13
Steven Bright	14	6	42.9	57	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Erik Davis	41	638	15.6	8	50	
Brandon Smith	39	595	15.3	2	59	
Marlon White	21	239	11.4	3	43	
Chris Young	15	204	13.6	1	33	
Matthew Tant	13	180	13.8	4	25	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Abtin Iranmanesh	69	2743	39.8	1	33.7	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tolga Erturgul	20-20	3-3	2-6	0-1	0-0	5-10	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Moses Osemwegie	126	1.5	9	1	1
Kelechi Ohanaja	99	2.5	2	3	2
Otis Washington	92	0	4	1	0
Andrew Pace	85	0	3	3	2
Jovan Haye	76	8.5	4	3	1
Herdley Harrison	62	1	1	2	0
Lorenzo Parker	50	2	1	6	0
Dominique Morris	49	0	1	8	3
Kevin Joyce	41	1	2	0	0
Bill Alford	40	0	2	5	1
Chris Booker	30	0.5	2	0	0
Matt Clay	22	0	4	0	0
Eric Byrum	18	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald Hatcher	36	298	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kwane Doster	26	568	21.8	0
Ronald Hatcher	8	154	19.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
55	Gator	NL	Auburn	25-13	–
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6	–
82	Hall of Fame	-9	Air Force	28-36	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	19.6	20	145	3.6	207	56.5	18.0	-10	2003	6	29.8	20	181	4.3	199	56.1	12.7
6	18.4	17	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	-14	2002	7	30.7	22	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2
7*	20.5	18	134	4.0	241	51.7	18.2	-2	2001	7	36.5	25	202	4.7	287	64.0	13.4
7*	17.5	18	97	3.1	224	52.0	18.3	-3	2000	9	24.8	20	178	4.6	213	51.6	15.8
8*	22.9	17	115	3.2	202	51.3	13.9	-8	1999	8	23.3	15	136	3.5	180	55.1	13.6
6	12.9	15	117	3.2	151	46.3	20.7	-11	1998	4	33.5	22	175	4.3	266	61.5	13.2

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Mississippi	19	38-101	2.7	21-33	298	1	19	33-95	2.9	22-33	275	2	-1
Tenn-Chat	29	58-284	4.9	14-23	255	0	6	23-28	1.2	12-25	65	0	+1
Auburn	13	35-97	2.8	11-23	124	4	23	54-219	4.1	17-26	264	0	-3
at TCU	17	32-90	2.8	17-36	250	2	25	55-182	3.3	15-30	227	1	-2
Georgia Tech	17	46-170	3.7	14-27	185	0	13	39-223	5.7	11-22	108	1	0
at Mississippi St	26	39-95	2.4	22-35	295	2	22	44-203	4.6	18-30	215	3	-1
Navy	22	31-146	4.7	18-30	227	1	29	65-342	5.3	9-17	160	4	-1
Georgia	15	39-116	3.0	11-21	102	2	18	40-135	3.4	19-30	208	6	-1
at S Carolina	25	36-137	3.8	27-36	319	2	22	45-218	4.8	13-21	161	0	-3
at Florida	21	45-133	3.0	18-39	189	2	20	34-194	5.7	15-25	179	0	0
Kentucky	22	41-246	6.0	14-17	175	0	25	37-168	4.5	16-38	241	4	+1
at Tennessee	13	37-125	3.4	9-21	66	1	20	37-162	4.4	17-31	290	0	0
TOTALS	239	477-1740	3.6	196-347	2485	17	242	506-2169	4.3	184-328	2393	21	-10
AVERAGES	19.9	40-145	3.6	16-29	207	1.4	20.2	42-181	4.3	15-27	199	1.8	-0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+14	17-28	W
N Illinois	-17	34-31	L
at Mississippi	+16	37-34 OT	W
at Duke	+3'	31-14	W
Mississippi St	+5'	14-42	L
The Citadel	NL	58-0	–
Georgia	+7'	17-27	L
at S Carolina	-4'	11-10	L
at Florida	+28	6-13	W
Kentucky	+3	17-19	W
at Tennessee	+23	10-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-7'	30-33	L
at Alabama	+21'	10-28	W
Mississippi	+5	7-12	T
Duke	-17	26-7	W
at Auburn	+14	0-33	L
at Wake Forest	-10'	17-10	L
at Georgia	+22	19-29	W
S Carolina	+6'	14-30	L
Florida	+19	20-43	L
at Kentucky	+6'	24-20	W
Tennessee	+18	26-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-7'	28-37	L
Alabama	+11	9-12	W
Richmond	NL	28-22	–
Auburn	+5	21-24	W
Georgia	+7'	14-30	L
at S Carolina	+16'	14-46	L
at Duke	-7'	42-28	W
at Florida	+35'	13-71	L
Kentucky	-1	30-56	L
at Tennessee	+25'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+16	27-38	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+20'	3-45	L
Furman	NL	49-18	–
at Auburn	+20'	6-31	L
at Mississippi	+21	38-45	W
S Carolina	+9'	14-20	W
Middle Tenn	-6'	20-21	L
at Georgia	+25'	17-48	L
UConn	-8	28-24	L
Alabama	+22	8-30	T
Florida	+21'	17-21	W
at Kentucky	+15'	21-41	L
† Tennessee	+17'	0-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	21-24	W
Tenn-Chatt	NL	51-6	–
Auburn	+12	7-45	L
at TCU	+11'	14-30	L
Georgia Tech	+7	17-24 OT	T
at Miss St	+4'	21-30	L
Navy	-4'	27-37	L
Georgia	+25	8-27	W
at S Carolina	+15'	24-35	W
at Florida	+23'	17-35	W
Kentucky	+6'	28-17	W
at Tennessee	+21	0-48	L

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Jason White, Oklahoma	Brad Smith, Missouri	Vince Young, Texas	Reggie McNeal, TX A&M
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	Vernand Morency, Oklahoma St	Taurean Henderson, Texas Tech	Clark Green, Kansas
RB	Darren Sproles, Kansas St	Courtney Lewis, Texas A&M	Stevie Hicks, Jr., Iowa St	Bobby Purify, Colorado
WR	Mark Clayton, Oklahoma	Nehemiah Glover, Texas Tech	Mark Simmons, Kansas	Jejuan Rankins, Oklahoma
WR	Marquis Johnson, Texas Tech	D'Juan Woods, Oklahoma St	Todd Blythe, Iowa St	**TE** Victor Sesay, Missouri
WR	Brandon Jones, Oklahoma	Terrence Murphy, TX A&M	Thomson Omboga, Missouri	**TE** David Thomas, Texas
TE	Matt Herian, Nebraska	Brian Casey, Kansas St	Billy Bajema, Oklahoma St	Lyonel Anderson, Kansas
C	Vince Carter, Oklahoma	Richie Incognito, Nebraska	Joe Vaughn, Kansas	Mike Johnson, Kansas St
G	Davin Joseph, Oklahoma	Tony Palmer, Missouri	Will Allen, Texas	Bob Whitaker, Kansas
G	Sam Mayes, Oklahoma St	Aldo De La Garza, TX A&M	Brian Daniels, Colorado	Mike Erickson, Nebraska
T	Jammal Brown, Oklahoma	Wes Sims, Oklahoma	Daniel Loper, Texas Tech	EJ Whitley, Texas Tech
T	Jonathan Scott, Texas	Quintin Outland, Baylor	Justin Blalock, Texas	Jon Doty, Kansas St
DL	Jonathan Jackson, Oklahoma	Adell Duckett, Texas Tech	Bryan Pickryl, Texas	Mike Williams, Texas
DL	Rodrique Wright, Texas	Dusty Dvoracek, Oklahoma	Le Kevin Smith, Nebraska	Atiyyah Ellison, Missouri
DL	CJ Mosley, Missouri	Marcus Jasmin, Texas A&M	Jermaine Berry, Kansas St	Johnny Jolly, Texas A&M
DL	Dan Cody, Oklahoma	Tim Crowder, Texas	Jason Berryman, Iowa St	Marque Fountain, Okla St
LB	James Kinney, Missouri	Lance Mitchell, Oklahoma	Justin Warren, Texas A&M	Nick Reid, Kansas
LB	Derrick Johnson, Texas	Gabriel Toomey, Kansas	Brock Stratton, Texas Tech	Aaron Harris, Texas
LB	Barrett Ruud, Nebraska	Dedrick Harrington, Missouri	Tyson Smith, Iowa St	Marvin Simmons, Kansas St
CB	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Chijioke Onyenegecha, Oklahoma	Sammy Joseph, Colorado	Cedric Griffin, Texas
CB	Fabian Washington, Nebraska	Byron Jones, Texas A&M	Darrent Williams, Oklahoma St	Cedrick Williams, Kansas St
SS	Donte Nicholson, Oklahoma	Michael Huff, Texas	Jaxson Appel, Texas A&M	Vernon Grant, Oklahoma St
FS	Brodney Pool, Oklahoma	Josh Bullocks, Nebraska	Nino Williams, Missouri	Vincent Meeks, Texas Tech
K	Trey DiCarlo, Oklahoma	Joe Rheem, Kansas St	Todd Pegram, Texas A&M	Mason Crosby, Colorado
P	Cole Farden, Oklahoma St	Blake Ferguson, Oklahoma	Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	Alex Reyes, Texas Tech
KR	Terrence Murphy, TX A&M	Johnnie Mack, Texas Tech	Willie Andrews, Baylor	Selvin Young, Texas
PR	Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	Darrent Williams, Oklahoma St	Charles Gordon, Kansas	Darren Sproles, Kansas St

Texas Tech
OT Daniel Loper

Texas A&M
S Jaxson Appel

Texas
RB Cedric Benson

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 NORTH 1. MISSOURI - Gary Pinkel has done a great job rebuilding this team and despite having just 4 starters back on offense, will be potent with Brad Smith returning. Their defensive front seven and the fact that they host Kansas St has me calling for Missouri to win the North. The front seven is loaded with all-conference players (4) and will give Missouri a much improved defense. The non-conf slate is soft so they should be fresh for conference play and a win over K-State on November 6th would give them the tie-breaker in the division.

2. KANSAS ST - Every year Bill Snyder returns the fewest amount of starters in the Big 12 and every year he produces a fantastic season. Heisman candidate Darren Sproles is back at RB and the Wildcats will be tough as always on defense where they amazingly finished in the NCAA's Top 6 in each of the last 7 years. KSU draws Oklahoma from the Big 12 South and has 3 tough road games with A&M, a much improved Missouri and Colorado. Still, K-St will be a prime contender for the Big 12 North Title.

3. COLORADO - At the time of this writing, it is uncertain whether Gary Barnett will be back or not, but his return appears likely. When expectations are low for a Barnett squad, he usually overachieves. Last year CU had a myriad of things go wrong and only had 9 returning starters. This year they have a veteran QB, a more experienced team and a softer non-conference schedule. I call for the Buffs to get back on the plus side of the ledger as long as Barnett returns.

4. IOWA ST - I know ISU was THE worst team in the Big 12 last year as they were outgained by 261.7 ypg and outscored by 34 ppg in league play. I think this year's ISU team will get far superior play at the QB position and I like their new OC Barney Cotton (Nebraska ly). The Cyclones should have a much improved defense and were making great strides under McCarney with 3 straight winning years and bowls before last year's downturn. The key to their 4th place finish could be the fact they host Nebraska, a game I'm sure Cotton has circled on his calendar.

5. NEBRASKA - Any time a pure option team switches to a pass-based offense, they generally struggle the next year. NU was also a ridiculous +23 in turnovers last year (see Turnovers=Turnaround) and were actually outgained in league play by 12 ypg. They have just 12 starters back (second fewest in the league) and the 34 lettermen they lose is the highest. You can see why it probably will not be a good season for the Huskers. They will struggle to keep their streak of 35 straight bowl games intact despite a manageable schedule.

6. KANSAS - What a great story KU was last year as they took on a reasonable schedule and got to a bowl for the first time since 1995. The Jayhawks are a stronger team than they were last year but the schedule is also much tougher. KU no longer plays Baylor and a weaker-than-average A&M team from the South. This year they must face Oklahoma, Texas and Texas Tech, arguably the 3 most athletically talented teams in the South division (two of which are National Title contenders). All four home games in league play are against upper echelon teams and with the tougher schedule I'll call for a drop in the Big 12 standings.

BIG 12 SOUTH 1. OKLAHOMA - The Sooners have an amazing compilation of talent and may just be the best team that ever set foot on a college football field, provided they can stay healthy this season. Last year they destroyed Big 12 foes by an average of 40.2 ppg and outgained them by 266.6 ypg and this squad is even stronger. Texas is the only team that appears to be talented enough to challenge OU and that does not even seem possible this year. I call for an 8-0 Big 12 record and a trip to the Orange Bowl.

2. TEXAS - If Texas was in any other league or any other division they would likely be the favorite and have a great shot at getting to the National Title game. Unfortunately they play in the same division as Oklahoma, a team that has become Mack Brown's albatross. Unlike past years where UT may have had the talent edge, the Sooners are the most talented team in the country. I do have UT favored in all of their other 10 games and should they somehow, someway, pull an upset of OU in the Cotton Bowl, they would be a legitimate National Title contender.

3. TEXAS A&M - Last year I called for the Aggies to finish 5th in the Big 12 South and that is precisely where they landed, despite the enormous expectations heading into Coach Franchione's first season. The Aggies defense was horrendous by A&M standards and that word probably does not fully capture the essence of a "Wrecking Crew" defense yielding 38.8 ppg. This year the defense will be vastly improved and A&M was also -11 in turnovers last year (see page 312). A&M is a more talented team and will achieve a winning record and start living up to the expectations they had when Franchione arrived.

4. TEXAS TECH - I discounted what Tech's offense would do with a new QB last season but BJ Symons was simply amazing. Leach should be able to find a capable replacement and Tech will once again be potent on offense. The defense also looks solid but Tech has a tough schedule this year in conference play. I look for yet another winning season for Tech and every year they finish higher than where most pick them in the preseason. I will pick them to finish 4th for a 2nd straight season.

5. OKLAHOMA ST - There are question marks about OSU's QB as of this writing but I think even if Josh Fields does not return (and that is most likely), they will still be solid offensively as I like the QB replacements. The Cowboys have a talented team with the best defense they've had yet under Miles. They have four tough Big 12 road games and have to host Oklahoma so it looks like OSU will drop in the Big 12 South standings although a winning season is probable.

6. BAYLOR - The Bears are going to be a much improved team in Morriss' second year and remember when he was at Kentucky, the Cats went from 2-9 to 7-5 in his second year there. Still, this Baylor team has a lot of ground to make up with the rest of the conference (outgained by 232 ypg in league play last year) and have 5 bowl-caliber teams in their same division.

Big 12 Notes: The Sooners did not just win the Big 12 South last year, they thoroughly dominated it winning their 5 games by an average of 58-10. For the third time in Big 12 Title Game history, a double digit favorite went down to defeat but it did not keep Oklahoma out of the National Title game (unlike the first two times which kept Kansas St and Nebraska from competing in the National Title game). Three of the past 6 Heisman Trophy winners have come from this league including Jason White. He is trying to become just the 2nd player in NCAA history to win 2 Heisman Trophies. The Big 12 is just 10-12 in bowls the last 3 years. In the first 5 years of the league, the North schools went 12-4 in bowls but are just 2-10 since. The South, which had been 2-12 in bowls, was 8-4 the last 3 years. After recording a 9-8 record vs other BCS conferences in 2002, the Big 12 slipped a little to 7-8 last year, which was the 4th best mark despite the fact they had a 37-12 overall non-conf mark which was the best record of the conferences. It was not a pretty postseason for the Big 12 as they were just 2-6. The Big 12 finished last year with just one team in the Top 10 which was Oklahoma. They had been #1 for the entire regular season and unlike the Big 10 and SEC which had 5 teams in the Top 25, the Big 12 only had 4 which is why they came in 3rd in my final conference rankings. The South once again looks to be the power as they have 67 members on my All-Big 12 compared with the North's 41. Oklahoma dominates the unit with thirteen 1st Teamers and 19 players overall while Texas has 15 including four 1st Teamers. The Big 12 will contend for the toughest conference in the country as I list them #2 heading into the season and I call for the Big 12 to bag another National Title this year.

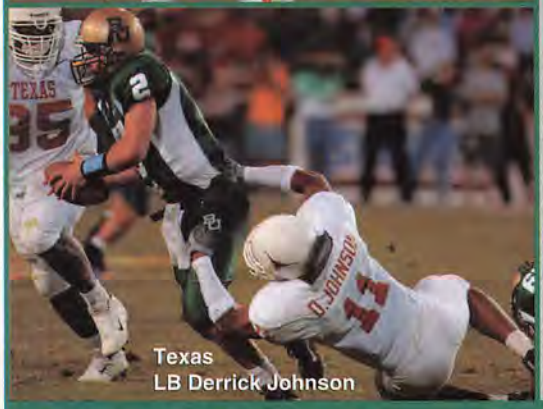
2003 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
1	Texas Tech	43.0	2	591.0	1	128.1	9	5.0	4	462.9	1	63.3	4	13.7	7	22.0	12	15.0	5
4	Oklahoma	51.5	1	493.0	2	177.1	7	4.2	8	315.9	2	65.7	1	9.6	1	10.0	2	17.0	7
5	Texas	38.5	3	455.3	3	254.8	1	5.4	2	200.5	6	59.6	5	11.8	2	19.0	9	14.0	3
9	Kansas St	36.3	4	441.5	4	244.9	2	5.0	5	196.6	7	56.8	7	12.2	3	17.0	6	8.0	1
20	Oklahoma St	30.1	6	386.8	7	212.1	5	5.0	3	174.6	8	51.5	10	12.8	5	18.0	7	14.0	3
36	Missouri	31.3	5	394.6	6	238.4	3	5.7	1	156.3	10	55.5	8	12.6	4	8.0	1	16.0	6
47	Kansas	26.1	8	377.1	8	143.6	8	3.9	9	233.5	4	63.7	3	14.4	9	15.0	4	17.0	7
52	Texas A&M	25.6	9	404.6	5	180.5	6	4.4	6	224.1	5	52.4	9	15.8	10	18.0	7	26.0	10
63	Colorado	28.5	7	375.5	9	94.0	12	2.8	11	281.5	3	64.5	2	13.2	6	19.0	9	21.0	9
66	Nebraska	23.5	10	335.4	10	237.1	4	4.4	7	98.3	12	45.1	11	14.3	8	16.0	5	12.0	2
106	Iowa St	8.9	12	246.9	12	95.5	11	2.9	10	151.4	11	42.0	12	27.8	12	20.0	11	26.0	10
107	Baylor	15.1	11	274.9	11	105.5	10	2.6	12	169.4	9	57.6	6	18.2	11	14.0	3	31.0	12

2003 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
2	Oklahoma	11.3	1	226.4	1	87.6	1	2.8	1	138.8	1	50.8	3	20.1	1	23.0	2	28.0	2
11	Nebraska	19.3	3	347.4	4	156.9	4	4.1	6	190.5	4	52.3	4	18.0	2	30.0	1	10.0	11
16	Kansas St	15.1	2	269.9	2	117.0	2	3.1	2	152.9	2	49.8	2	17.8	3	16.0	5	27.0	3
18	Texas	22.8	4	341.4	3	136.3	3	3.5	3	205.1	5	46.4	1	15.0	5	14.0	6	31.0	1
51	Missouri	24.8	5	401.1	6	180.3	6	4.1	5	220.9	6	62.3	10	16.2	4	19.0	3	14.0	9
55	Oklahoma St	32.4	8	448.0	8	191.5	7	4.5	7	256.5	8	57.5	5	13.8	6	13.0	9	17.0	6
70	Colorado	31.9	7	417.9	7	160.0	5	3.9	4	257.9	9	60.2	9	13.1	7	17.0	4	16.0	7
81	Kansas	30.9	6	385.3	5	201.9	10	4.8	8	183.4	3	58.5	6	12.5	8	13.0	9	13.0	10
89	Texas A&M	44.5	11	467.6	10	239.3	11	5.0	10	228.4	7	66.7	11	10.5	12	11.0	12	15.0	8
90	Texas Tech	37.0	9	456.1	9	195.9	8	4.8	9	260.3	10	59.2	7	12.3	9	14.0	6	24.0	4
96	Iowa St	42.9	10	508.6	12	247.3	12	5.4	12	261.4	11	69.1	12	11.9	10	14.0	6	8.0	12
98	Baylor	45.8	12	506.9	11	197.9	9	5.3	11	309.0	12	60.1	8	11.1	11	12.0	11	21.0	5

Iowa St
DE Jason Berryman


Texas
LB Derrick Johnson

2003 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St	6	2	290	121	11	4	549	244
Nebraska	5	3	188	154	10	3	322	188
Missouri	4	4	250	198	8	5	399	287
Kansas	3	5	209	247	6	7	384	396
Colorado	3	5	228	255	5	7	319	398
Iowa St	0	8	71	343	2	10	173	437
SOUTH								
Oklahoma	8	0	412	90	12	2	601	214
Texas	7	1	308	182	10	3	533	280
Oklahoma St	5	3	241	259	9	4	467	326
Texas Tech	4	4	344	296	8	5	552	442
Texas A&M	2	6	205	356	4	8	304	465
Baylor	1	7	121	366	3	9	191	455

Coach of the Year: Bill Snyder, Kansas St
BIG 12 TITLE GAME: Kansas St 35 Oklahoma 7

2002 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado	7	1	281	175	9	5	398	325
Kansas St	6	2	342	91	11	2	582	154
Iowa St	4	4	201	238	7	7	404	396
Nebraska	3	5	192	215	7	7	383	335
Missouri	2	6	214	268	5	7	360	352
Kansas	0	8	125	380	2	10	248	507
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	6	2	305	154	12	2	541	216
Texas	6	2	235	160	11	2	439	212
Texas Tech	5	3	298	286	9	5	537	439
Oklahoma St	5	3	256	230	8	5	446	356
Texas A&M	3	5	266	245	6	6	345	280
Baylor	1	7	93	366	3	9	202	496

Coach of the Year: Les Miles, Oklahoma St
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 29 Colorado 7

2001 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado	7	1	243	190	10	3	412	318
Nebraska	7	1	311	155	11	2	463	226
Iowa St	4	4	203	189	7	5	310	244
Kansas St	3	5	213	166	6	6	330	205
Missouri	3	5	180	249	4	7	240	330
Kansas	1	7	114	333	3	8	182	398
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Texas	7	1	295	78	11	2	517	207
Oklahoma	6	2	207	126	11	2	397	168
Texas A&M	4	4	130	157	7	5	402	281
Texas Tech	4	4	244	215	8	4	248	213
Oklahoma St	2	6	179	241	4	7	242	281
Baylor	0	8	109	329	3	8	205	357

Coach of the Year: Gary Barnett, Colorado
TITLE GAME: Colorado 39 Texas 37

Texas Tech
DE Adell Duckett

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kyle Larson, Nebraska	13	66	2978	45.1
Cole Farden, Oklahoma St	**13**	**52**	**2245**	**43.2**
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	**12**	**87**	**3750**	**43.1**
Alex Reyes, Texas Tech	**12**	**28**	**1203**	**43.0**
John Torp, Colorado	**12**	**63**	**2679**	**42.5**
Blake Ferguson, Oklahoma	**14**	**56**	**2346**	**41.9**
Jared Brite, Kansas St	15	68	2830	41.6
Tony Yelk, Iowa St	**10**	**73**	**3022**	**41.4**
Curtis Ansel, Kansas	13	47	1937	41.2
Richmond McGee, Texas	**13**	**46**	**1883**	**40.9**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Gabe Lindsay, Oklahoma St	26	393	1	15.1
Marcus James, Missouri	26	377	0	14.5
Charles Gordon, Kansas	**26**	**341**	**0**	**13.1**
Nathan Vasher, Texas	27	344	0	12.7
Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma	**53**	**642**	**4**	**12.1**
Jeremy Bloom, Colorado	**24**	**289**	**0**	**12.0**
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	33	385	2	11.7
Darren Sproles, Kansas St	**19**	**190**	**1**	**10.0**
Josh Davis, Nebraska	29	257	0	8.9
Willie Andrews, Baylor	**29**	**232**	**0**	**8.0**
Todd Miller, Iowa St	**24**	**167**	**0**	**7.0**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Luke Phillips, Okla St	13	16	18	88.9	53
Trey DiCarlo, Oklahoma	**14**	**19**	**22**	**86.4**	**46**
Dusty Mangum, Texas	**11**	**7**	**9**	**77.8**	**45**
Todd Pegram, TX A&M	**12**	**17**	**22**	**77.3**	**42**
Adam Benike, Iowa St	10	6	8	75.0	43
Mike Matheny, Missouri	13	10	14	71.4	44
Joe Rheem, Kansas St	**15**	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**44**
David Dyches, Nebraska	**12**	**14**	**21**	**66.7**	**41**
Keith Toogood, TX Tech	**13**	**8**	**13**	**61.5**	**47**
Johnny Beck, Kansas	**13**	**9**	**16**	**56.2**	**51**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Terrence Murphy, TX A&M	**23**	**626**	**0**	**27.2**
Josh Davis, Nebraska	23	596	0	25.9
Johnnie Mack, TX Tech	**22**	**546**	**0**	**24.8**
Willie Andrews, Baylor	**26**	**641**	**0**	**24.7**
Jeremy Bloom, Colorado	**24**	**589**	**1**	**24.5**
Selvin Young, Texas	**18**	**439**	**1**	**24.4**
Shirdonya Mitchell, Missouri	**22**	**530**	**0**	**24.1**
Greg Heaggans, Kansas	**28**	**665**	**0**	**23.8**
Lance Young, Iowa St	19	408	0	21.5
Robert Jones, Oklahoma St	**17**	**335**	**0**	**19.7**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Josh Buhl, Kansas St	15	109	75	184	12.3
Barrett Ruud, Nebraska	**13**	**78**	**71**	**149**	**11.5**
Jaxson Appel, TX A&M	**12**	**73**	**62**	**135**	**11.2**
James Kinney, Missouri	**13**	**83**	**61**	**144**	**11.1**
Maurice Lane, Baylor	**12**	**89**	**40**	**129**	**10.8**
Nick Reid, Kansas	**13**	**93**	**40**	**133**	**10.2**
Demorrio Williams, Nebraska	13	83	45	128	9.8
JaMaine Billups, Iowa St	12	86	30	116	9.7
Gabe Toomey, Kansas	**13**	**83**	**38**	**121**	**9.3**
Derrick Johnson, Texas	**13**	**76**	**45**	**121**	**9.3**
Medford Moorer, Colorado	12	77	34	111	9.2

2003 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Rashaun Woods, Okla St	13	77	1367	15	105.2	5.9	17.8
Mark Clayton, Oklahoma	**14**	**83**	**1425**	**15**	**101.8**	**5.9**	**17.2**
Carlos Francis, Texas Tech	13	75	1177	9	90.5	5.8	15.7
Wes Welker, Texas Tech	13	97	1099	9	84.5	7.5	11.3
DJ Hackett, Colorado	12	78	1013	7	84.4	6.5	13.0
Nehemiah Glover, TX Tech	**13**	**77**	**1081**	**9**	**83.2**	**5.9**	**14.0**
Roy Williams, Texas	13	70	1079	9	83.0	5.4	15.4
James Terry, Kansas St	15	64	1232	13	82.1	4.3	19.2
Mickey Peters, Texas Tech	13	78	975	12	75.0	6.0	12.5
Derek McCoy, Colorado	12	63	883	11	73.6	5.3	14.0
Lane Danielsen, Iowa St	12	46	772	5	64.3	3.8	16.8
Terrence Murphy, TX A&M	**12**	**44**	**762**	**0**	**63.5**	**3.7**	**17.3**

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Jason White, Oklahoma	**451**	**278**	**61.6**	**10**	**3846**	**8.5**	**40**	**158.1**
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	263	159	60.5	6	2385	9.1	18	154.7
BJ Symons, Texas Tech	719	470	65.4	22	5833	8.1	52	151.3
Chance Mock, Texas	**184**	**100**	**54.3**	**2**	**1469**	**8.0**	**16**	**147.9**
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	294	152	51.7	12	2545	8.7	24	143.2
Joel Klatt, Colorado	**358**	**233**	**65.1**	**10**	**2614**	**7.3**	**21**	**140.2**
Vince Young, Texas	**143**	**84**	**58.7**	**7**	**1155**	**8.1**	**6**	**130.6**
Josh Fields, Oklahoma St	**338**	**184**	**54.4**	**12**	**2494**	**7.4**	**21**	**129.8**
Santino Riccio, Missouri	23	13	56.5	1	134	5.8	2	125.5
Reggie McNeal, TX A&M	**221**	**113**	**51.1**	**7**	**1782**	**8.1**	**8**	**124.5**
Dustin Long, TX A&M	104	63	60.6	6	709	6.8	4	119.0
Brad Smith, Missouri	**350**	**211**	**60.3**	**7**	**1977**	**5.6**	**11**	**114.1**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Darren Sproles, Kansas St	**15**	**306**	**1986**	**6.5**	**16**	**132.4**
Tatum Bell, Okla St	11	213	1286	6.0	16	116.9
Cedric Benson, Texas	**12**	**258**	**1360**	**5.3**	**21**	**113.3**
Brad Smith, Missouri	**13**	**212**	**1406**	**6.6**	**18**	**108.2**
Rashad Armstrong, Baylor	12	258	1074	4.2	6	89.5
Zack Abron, Missouri	13	219	1155	5.3	14	88.8
Courtney Lewis, Texas A&M	**12**	**186**	**1024**	**5.5**	**12**	**85.3**
Vince Young, Texas	**12**	**135**	**998**	**7.4**	**11**	**83.2**
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	13	227	975	4.3	15	75.0
Clark Green, Kansas	**13**	**204**	**968**	**4.7**	**6**	**74.5**
Jammal Lord, Nebraska	13	215	948	4.4	10	72.9
Vernand Morency, Okla St	**13**	**135**	**918**	**6.8**	**8**	**70.6**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Adell Duckett, Texas Tech	**25.0**	**123**
Demorrio Williams, Nebraska	21.0	92
Greg Richmond, Okla St	20.5	108
Derrick Johnson, Texas	**20.0**	**50**
Ted Lehman, Oklahoma	19.0	47
John Garrett, Baylor	18.0	73
Dan Cody, Oklahoma	**17.0**	**93**
CJ Mosley, Missouri	**16.0**	**44**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
BJ Symons, Texas Tech	13	79	143	719	5833	5976	459.7
Bill Whittemore, Kansas	10	127	534	263	2385	2919	291.9
Ell Roberson, Kansas St	13	227	975	294	2545	3520	270.8
Jason White, Oklahoma	**14**	**42**	**-150**	**451**	**3846**	**3696**	**264.0**
Brad Smith, Missouri	**13**	**212**	**1406**	**350**	**1977**	**3383**	**260.2**
Joel Klatt, Colorado	**11**	**68**	**-91**	**358**	**2614**	**2523**	**229.4**
Josh Fields, Okla St	**13**	**37**	**-54**	**338**	**2494**	**2440**	**187.7**
Vince Young, Texas	**12**	**135**	**998**	**143**	**1155**	**2153**	**179.4**
Reggie McNeal, TX A&M	**12**	**127**	**370**	**221**	**1782**	**2152**	**179.3**
Jammal Lord, Nebraska	13	215	948	176	1305	2253	173.3
Austin Flynn, Iowa St	**11**	**124**	**396**	**212**	**1238**	**1634**	**148.5**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Adell Duckett, Texas Tech	**14.0**	**93**
Greg Richmond, Okla St	12.5	90
Demorrio Williams, Nebraska	11.0	77
Dan Cody, Oklahoma	**10.0**	**65**
John Garrett, Baylor	10.0	59
Brian Smith, Missouri	**8.0**	**55**
Andrew Shull, Kansas St	8.0	48
Rod Wright, Texas	**7.5**	**46**
Dusty Dvoracek, Oklahoma	**7.0**	**41**
Brandon Perkins, Kansas	**7.0**	**31**

Kansas
LB Nick Reid

Oklahoma
DE Dan Cody

Texas A&M
WR Terrence Murphy

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Archie Griffin (Ohio St 1974-'75). That is the answer to the question "Who is the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner in NCAA history?" Jason White (PS#40) will try to match that accomplishment this year but probably has the deck stacked against him. Last season after taking home the Heisman, he played in the Sugar Bowl with an injured right hand and hit just 13 of 37 for 102 yards and many writers across the country penned that they wished they could have recalled their vote. That will make it tough for him to repeat this year. White did have a tremendous season until the final two games and threw for 3,846 yards (61.6%). At the end of the regular season he had an amazing 40-6 ratio but in the Big 12 Title game and the bowl, had an 0-4 ratio. When he announced he would return for a 6th season, which is very surprising for a Heisman Trophy winner, many Sooner fans wished he would step aside for the younger talent. Backing White this year is Paul Thompson (6-4 202 Jr, PS#29) who threw for 224 yards (70.4%) with a 2-1 ratio and showed far more mobility rushing for 203 yards. Keep in mind, White has had numerous knee operations including another minor one in January this past year. Tommy Grady (6-6 213 rFr) was PS#6 and is former Fresno St QB Jeff Grady's brother. He had a 33-3 ratio in his junior year of HS and will catch the attention of NFL scouts. Rhett Bomar is simply PS#3 this year. This is one of the most talented QB contingents in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Quentin Griffin led OU in rushing in 2000, 2001 and 2002. His senior season was spectacular as he rushed for 1,884 yards (6.6) while also snagging 35 rec's. He departed last year and the leading returning rusher was Kejuan Jones (PS#22) who was the short yardage TB and had 613 yards (3.7) with 14 TD's in 2002. Jones led the team in rushing with 925 yards in '03 but only averaged 4.1 ypc. Renaldo Works (PS#38) had 8 starts and rushed for 716 yards (4.9) and probably would have led the team in rushing but missed 2 games due to injury. Donta Hickson (5-10 203 Jr, PS#12) was 3rd on the team with 306 yards (3.9). This year they must replace Works but have basically everyone else back including super blocker JD Runnels (PS#15TE) who Stoops said was one of the best players on the team. In 5 starts Runnels had 16 rec (6.8). Added to the mix at RB is Courtney Tennial (5-10 205 rFr, PS#40), Tashard Choice (6-1 205 rFr, PS#59), Dane Zaslaw (PS#22 rFr), Jacob Gutierrez (5-7 175 rFr, PS#129) and Adrian Peterson (PS#1) who is this year's top RB signee. OU RB's rarely fumble as last year during the regular season they fumbled just once per 100 snaps as they have to run through the blaster machine numerous times the next week anytime they put the ball on the ground. Even with the loss of Works, this unit has a little more experience than it did heading into 2003 and Peterson could take the starting job and improve the position immediately.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 Mark Clayton burst on to the scene with 46 rec's but he had arthroscopic knee surgery in 2002 and was limited to 26 rec's (16.0). Will Peoples (PS#46) led the team with 39 rec's (14.6). Last year they had to replace their starting TE as well as their #2 and #5 receivers. Mark Clayton emerged as one of the top WR's in the NCAA setting a school record with 190 yards vs Texas and his 15 TD rec, 1,425 receiving yards plus 83 rec all shattered school marks. This year they must replace TE Lance Donley (9 sts, 13 rec, 12.1 ypc), but have everyone else back and I list the talented 2 deep below which has 7 VHT's. Brandon Jones and Jejuan Rankins are both VHT's that man the other starting WR jobs. I look for even greater production in 2004 and this is one of the top receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2002 Sooner O-line paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks on 419 attempts (7.2%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and one backup but had 7 of the top 10 back. The unit was having an exceptional season allowing just 12 sacks in the first 10 games but became a weakness over the final 4 yielding 16 sacks as teams blitzed more often. OU averaged 3.8 ypc rushing and 45 rush ypg less than 2002. This year they are in solid shape as all 5 starters return as do all five backups. I look for big-time improvement in the Sooner O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks in 2002 and last year had 6 of the top 8 back including star DT Tommie Harris who had suffered through an injury-plagued sophomore season. The unit rotated 4 DE's and 4 DT's throughout the season and saw all 4 starters earn All Big 12 honors with 3 getting 1st Tm and one a 3rd Tm. Surprisingly OU allowed 3.4 ypc rushing but the defense did record 45 sacks. This year they must replace Harris (13 sts, 1st Tm AA, 10 tfl, #1DC of CHI) and DT Kory Klein (1 st, 4 tfl). Everyone else returns and naturally there are many VHT's listed below. Even with the loss of Harris, this still looks like one of the top DL's in the country.

DB Donte Nicholson

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Sooners returned a star-studded LB corps with all 3 starters back. Unfortunately, one of the stars, Lance Mitchell, who was the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 2002 and had 19 tfl's, tore an ACL in the 3rd week of the season. Another starter, Pasha Jackson got in just 4 starts as the team played the nickel defense quite often. This year they lose their top LB Ted Lehman (14 sts, 1st Tm AA, 117 tkl, 19 tfl, #2DC DET) who won both the Bednarik and Butkus Awards as well as Jackson (16 tkl). Mitchell returns and both Gayron Allen (6 sts) and Wayne Chambers (PS#35, 5 sts) have plenty of experience. They add some VHT's in Demarrio Pleasant (PS#16 rFr) and true frosh Chris Patterson (PS#6). Also expect a bigger impact from Lewis Baker (PS#5TE). This has the makings of a top-notch LB corps with the healthy return of Mitchell, but it will probably not be at last year's level with the loss of Lehman.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite having to replace Thorpe Award winner Roy Williams, OU was #4 in my pass D rankings in 2002 including 24 int's. Last year they had to replace a 1st round DC CB but had 7 of the top 8 back. OU finished #8 in my pass D rankings allowing 52% with an 11-22 ratio. Many times last year they started 5 DB's which is why despite losing two starters this year, they have 3 starters returning in the secondary. Gone are CB Derrick Strait (13 sts, Thorpe Award Winner, 1st Tm AA, 12 pbu, #3DC of NYJ), FS Brandon Everage (13 sts, 60 tkls, 4 pbu) as well as backup FS Matt McCoy (20 tkls). The three returning starters all earned all-conf honors and they add super JUCO Chijioke Onyenegecha who is 6-2 with 4.3 speed. They have plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below. Despite the loss of two top-notch starters, this will still be one of the best secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of the big reasons for OU's turnaround has been the vast improvement of the special teams unit which has gone from among the weakest in the NCAA to a strength. In 1996-1997 they finished #110 and #101 but under Stoops they have had finishes of #2, #11, #29, #13 and #11. Last year the team had basically everyone back. Trey DiCarlo was one of three Lou Groza finalists hitting 19 of 22 with a long of 46 and his booming KO's resulted in a high percentage of TB's. Something I find very surprising is that the Sooners allowed three blocked punts in 2002 and four more last year plus a KR TD. Their return game is among the NCAA's best with PR Antonio Perkins recording four PR TD's (12.1). Also last year Mark Bradley averaged an amazing 35.3 on 7 KR's. Punter Blake Ferguson averaged just 38.5 with a net of 35.0 in 2002 but improved to 41.9 and 38.3 last year. The great news for the Sooners is that all of the key players are back including Perkins and with a plethora of VHT's on the roster, they will contend for Top 10 special teams honors.

COACHES - Bob Stoops has simply done an amazing job here winning a National Title in his second season and going 55-11 with a team that had five consecutive non-winning seasons prior to his arrival. He has guided OU to double digit victory totals in four straight seasons for the first time since 1977-1980. He is 11-2 vs Top 10 teams. Their OC is Chuck Long who enters his third year in that position after being the QB coach and passing game coordinator the previous three years. The running game coordinator is Kevin Wilson who was the OC for Northwestern's resurgence in 2000. They use co-DC's in Brent Venables who is in his sixth year on the staff and Bo Pelini whose Nebraska defense forced an NCAA leading 32 interceptions last year. Pelini led the Huskers to a bowl win as the interim head coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury and benefitted from +7 in turnovers. They stunned the nation by winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the Preseason Top 20. Oklahoma actually went 6-2 in conf play in both 2001 and 2002 not even getting to the Big 12 Title game. After the regular season last year, there was talk about whether Oklahoma belonged among the NCAA's best ever. They simply destroyed foes and in Big 12 play, outscored foes by an amazing average score of 51.5-11.3 and outgained them by 266.6 ypg!!! There was talk prior to the Big 12 Title game that they could lose and still get to the National Title game. As a result the Sooners came out a little flat and were crushed by Kansas St. They then were beaten in the Sugar Bowl by LSU for a stunning 12-2 finish. When I look at this year's Sooner team my first reaction is WOW! This is the 10th edition of my preseason magazine and the Sooners are clearly the best team I have analyzed heading into the preseason. They have 17 starters back including Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and rank in the Top 20 in all 8 position categories. Showing their dominance, OU has an amazing 11 players on my 1st Team All Big 12 squad. While the Sooners have had their slip ups in past years, this year they should easily go 11-0 and then win the Big 12 Title game solidly. I see the Sooners not only getting to but winning the Orange Bowl and bringing home Stoops' second National Title.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JASON WHITE SR. 6-3 221 **PS#40**. 4 sts in '01 & '02. 842 yds (63%) inj both yrs. Heisman winner LY. 14 sts, 3846 yds (61.6%) 40-10 ratio. Paul Thompson (6-4 202 Jr) PS#29.

RB KEJUAN JONES JR. 5-9 191 **PS#22**. 613 yds, 14 TD in '02. 3 sts, 925 (4.1), 13 TD's, 18 rec (10.5) LY. **Adrian Peterson is PS#1**. Donta Hickson (5-10 203 Jr) PS#12, 306 yds LY.

WR MARK CLAYTON SR. 5-11 187 9 sts, 46 rec (11.4) in '01, 26 rec in '02. **1st Tm AA**, 83 rec (17.2) in '03. Travis Wilson (6-3 216 Jr) PS#41, 3 sts, 25 rec (11.8). Lendy Holmes is **PS#16**.

WR JEJUAN RANKINS JR. 5-11 172 **PS#7**. 11 sts, 33 rec (12.3) LY. Will Peoples (6-1 191 Sr) PS#46. 39 rec (14.6) in '02. 24 (12.5) LY. Tristen Ross (6-1 205 rFr) **PS#31**.

WR BRANDON JONES SR. 6-3 214 **PS#13**. 11 sts, 46 rec (15.4). Mark Bradley (6-2 190 Sr) 11 rec (17.6). Marcus Johnson (6-1 175 rFr) **PS#19**. Ataleo Ford (6-1 186 Sr) PS#41.

TE James "Bubba" Moses Sr. 6-3 246 **PS#6**. 2 rec in '02. 2 sts, 5 rec LY. Willie Roberts **PS#11** in 2000, PS#50JC LY. Chris Chester (6-4 253 Jr) 1 st LY. Joe Jon Finley (6-6 219 rFr) PS#23.

C VINCE CARTER SR. 6-3 289 **PS#58**. 10 sts as true. Frosh AA. 12 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm Big 12**. Antonn Reid (6-3 220 rFr). LS Jacob Rice (6-3 225 Jr).

RG DAVIN JOSEPH JR. 6-4 312 **PS#24**. 1 st (bowl) 12 games as true. 13 sts LY, HM B12, John Flynn (6-1 242 Sr). 1 letter. Stephen Tremaine (6-5 270 rFr). Walk-on.

LG KELVIN CHAISSON JR. 6-5 303 PS#205. Last 4 sts in '02. 14 sts in '03. Chris Bush (6-4 284 Jr) PS#25TE, 2 sts at C in '02. 2 sts in '03. David Walker (6-3 289 Jr).

RT JAMMAL BROWN SR. 6-6 313 **PS#68DL**. 14 sts in '02. 1st Tm Big 12. 14 sts in '03, **1st Tm AA. Turned down NFL 1st round!** Akim Millington (6-6 300 rFr) **PS#19**.

LT WES SIMS SR. 6-5 308 **PS#2**. 8 sts in '01, Frosh AA. 14 sts in '02, 3rd Tm B12. 13 sts LY. Chris Messner (6-7 270 So) PS#103. 1 st LY. Brett Rayl (6-7 304 Jr) PS#44.

K TREY DiCARLO JR. 6-0 204 55 yd FG in HS. Hit 16 of 22 FG's in '02, long of 46. 19 of 22 FG's in '03, long of 46 including 7 of 8 from 40-49. Good % of TB's on KO's.

DE JONATHAN JACKSON SR. 6-3 238 **PS#12**. 14 sts, 56 tkls, 6 sks in '02. **3rd Tm Big 12** LY, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 4.5 spd. Larry Birdine (6-4 254 So) 1 st, 4 sks LY. John Williams (6-5 233 rFr) PS#112.

DT Lynn McGruder Sr. 6-3 300 **PS#7**. Tenn trans. 2 sts in '02, 4 tfl. 25 tkls, 2 sks LY. Lawrence Dampeer (6-3 300 rFr) **PS#6**. Remi Ayodele is **PS#50JC**. Steven Coleman (6-5 275 rFr) **PS#27**.

DT DUSTY DVORACEK SR. 6-3 287 PS#86. 22 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 1 st, 22 tkls, 3 sks in '02. 14 sts, **1st Tm Big 12**, 40 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl. Carl Pendleton (6-6 277 rFr) **PS#32**.

DE DAN CODY SR. 6-5 260 **1st Tm B12**. 43 tkls, 10 sks, 7 tfl LY. Calvin Thibodeaux (6-1 248 Jr) PS#62, 10 tkls. Alonzo Dotson (6-4 235 rFr) **PS#20**. Zach Latimer (6-3 218 So) **PS#13**.

WLB LANCE MITCHELL SR. 6-3 243 **PS#23JC**. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Tm B12**, 124 tkls, 19 tfl. 3 sts LY (ACL) 17 tkls. Gayron Allen (5-10 220 Sr) 23 tkls in '02. 6 sts, 65 tkls, 12 tfl LY.

MLB Wayne Chambers Jr. 6-3 232 **PS#35**. 13 tkls as true. 5 sts LY, 37 tkls, 8 tfl. Demarrio Pleasant (6-3 210 rFr) **PS#16**.4.4 speed. Rufus Alexander (6-1 276 So). PS#133.

SLB Russell Dennison Jr. 6-3 225 PS#75. 21 tkls as rFr. 11 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Lewis Baker (6-3 200 So) **PS#5TE** 13 tkls as true. Clint Ingram (6-2 230 Jr) PS#114. Chris Patterson is **PS#6**.

CB ANTONIO PERKINS SR. 6-0 188 PS#44, 6 sts, 4 int in '02. 1st Tm B12, 51 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Jowahn Poteat (6-1 191 Jr). 4.38 spd. Brandon Shelby (5-11 185 Sr) PS#21, 40 tkls in 3Y.

CB Chijioke Onyenegecha Jr. 6-2 205 **PS#48JC**. 4.3. speed! **Eric Bassey** (6-1 197 Jr) PS#62. 14 sts at SS in '02, 60 tkls, 7 pbu. 1 st, 12 tkls last year. Marcus Walker is **PS#2**.

SS DONTE NICHOLSON SR. 6-2 210 PS#51JC. 14 sts here LY, 90 tkls, 6 tfl, **3rd Tm Big 12**. Jason Carter (6-0 187 So) **PS#28**, 7 tkls as rFr. Darren Stephens (6-3 183 Sr) PS#16.

FS BRODNEY POOLE JR. 6-3 198 PS#46. 11 tkls as true. 11 sts in '03, **2nd Tm Big 12**, 68 tkls, 9 tfl, **7 int**, 6 pbu. 40.5" VJ. **Tony Cade** (6-3 205 rFr) **PS#4**. 4.43 speed.

P BLAKE FERGUSON SR. 6-0 186 40 punts at N Car. 36.9 avg in 2000. 74 punts here in '02. 38.5 avg, net 35.0. 56 punts LY, 41.9 avg, net 38.3. 18 inside the 20 yard line.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Adrian Peterson 6-2 210 PS#1	
QB	Rhett Bomar 6-4 205 PS#3	
LB	Chris Patterson 6-3 220 PS#6	
DB	Marcus Walker 5-11 180 PS#2	
OL	Branndon Braxton 6-6 300 PS#11	
RB	DJ Wolfe 5-11 190 PS#7	
WR	Lendy Holmes 6-2 180 PS#16	
WR	Quentin Chaney 6-6 205 PS#28	
DB	Brett Bowers 6-1 192 PS#31	
DL	Alan Davis 6-2 237 PS#47	
OL	Cameron Schacht 6-5 260 PS#57	
WR	Fred Strong 6-3 188 PS#55	
DL	Cory Bennett 6-3 265 PS#61	
OL	JD Quinn 6-3 272 PS#65	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	Bowling Green	G					
Sep. 11	Houston	G					
Sep. 18	Oregon	G					
Sep. 25							
Oct. 2	Texas Tech	G					
Oct. 9	† Texas (Dallas)	G					
Oct. 16	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 23	Kansas	G					
Oct. 30	at Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 6	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 13	Nebraska	G					
Nov. 20	at Baylor	A					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Sooners are 8-2 ATS as a dog during Stoops regime.
Stoops has a .500 or better record (SU) vs all Big 12 schools.
Under Stoops OU is a perfect 19-0 SU in August & September.

Oklahoma is 9-0 SU, but 2-7 ATS their last 9 September home games.
This is the 1st time OU will play BGSU or face a MAC team.

The only time they played was the '81 Sun Bowl (OU won 40-14).
OU is 40-2 SU, but 12-29-1 ATS as a home fav of 21 or more pts S/'87.

Sooners are 6-4 SU, but 3-7 ATS at home vs the Pac 10 since 1976.
Since 2000, Oklahoma is 5-0 both SU & ATS before a bye.

Sooners are 3-9 ATS prior to their matchup with the Longhorns.
Including a bowl, OU is 9-2 SU & 8-3 ATS vs Texas Tech the last 11 gms.

The Sooners are 15-9-1 ATS in their last 25 road openers.
OU has won 4 in a row SU & ATS with the average win by 30.8 ppg.

Oklahoma is 10-6 SU, but 2-12-2 ATS since 1986 vs the Wildcats.
Stoops was DB's coach at Kansas St from '89-'90 & co-DC from '91-'95.

OU is 6-4 SU & 3-7 ATS vs Kansas since 1990.
Sooners are 3-6-1 ATS the L10Y in the game before instate rival OK St.

Oklahoma is 75-16-7 SU all-time but only 7-15 ATS the L/22 in this rivalry.
The home team is 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings.

The home team has covered 9 of the last 10 ATS in this series.
Under Stoops Oklahoma is 17-4 SU & 13-8 ATS in November (9-4 L3Y ATS).

The Sooners are 17-11 ATS in home finales since 1976.
OU is 2-10 SU & 4-8 ATS vs Nebraska since 1988.

Oklahoma is 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS vs Baylor since 1984.
Stoops' OU squads have outscored Baylor on average 44-9 per contest.

BOB STOOPS (Career 55-11)
6th Year at Oklahoma

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

55-11	Straight Up	15-13	Home Favorite
33-25-2	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
6-1	Off A SU Loss	10-10-2	Away Favorite
24-18-1	Vs Conference	6-2	Away Underdog
		9-7-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,20,3)
Lost: 11 (4,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,202

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,207)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-8	5-6	7-4	12-0	10-2	11-2	12-1	61-23
ATS	5-7	5-6	7-3	6-5-1	6-6	7-5-1	7-6	43-38-2
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-3	2-5	4-2	4-3	17-16
Home Dog	1-3	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-3
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	1-2	1-2-1	3-0	2-3-1	3-3	10-12-2
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	11-7
Favorite	1-2	1-3	4-2	3-5-1	5-5	6-5-1	7-6	27-28-2
Dog	4-5	4-3	3-1	3-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	16-10
Grass	4-5	5-5	7-2	5-4-1	4-5	6-4	6-6	37-31-1
Artificial	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1-1	1-0	6-7-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	5-3	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	5-4	30-28-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	2-2	1-2-1	2-2	13-10-1
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	4-2	5-5-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	27-28-1
Off SU Loss	4-4	3-3	3-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	13-8

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kejuan Jones	225	961	36	925	13	4.1
Renaldo Works	146	752	36	716	8	4.9
Donta Hickson	78	345	39	306	2	3.9
Paul Thompson	25	203	20	183	3	7.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jason White	451	278	61.6	3846	40	10
Paul Thompson	27	19	70.4	224	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Mark Clayton	83	1425	17.2	15	59	
Brandon Jones	46	709	15.4	8	66	
Jejuan Rankins	33	406	12.3	6	35	
Will Peoples	24	299	12.5	3	45	
Travis Wilson	25	295	11.8	4	33	
Mark Bradley	11	194	17.6	2	44	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Blake Ferguson	56	2346	41.9	10	38.3	4	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Trey DiCarlo	74-76	6-7	6-7	7-8	0-0	19-22	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Teddy Lehman	117	2	17	6	1
Donte Nicholson	90	6	4	4	2
Derrick Strait	80	0	7	12	3
Brodney Pool	68	2	7	6	7
Gayron Allen	65	3	9	2	1
Brandon Everage	60	1	3	4	1
Antonio Perkins	51	0	3	5	3
Jonathan Jackson	48	5	6	4	1
Dan Cody	43	10	7	0	0
Dusty Dvoracek	40	7	9	1	0
Tommie Harris	37	5	5	1	0
Wayne Chambers	37	1	7	0	0
Lynn McGruder	25	2	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Antonio Perkins	53	642	12.1	4
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Mark Bradley	7	247	35.3	1
Jejuan Rankins	12	244	20.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Independence	-4	Mississippi	25-27	L
00	Orange	+10	Florida St	13-2	W
01	Cotton	-13	Arkansas	10-3	L
02	Rose	-6'	Washington St	34-14	W
03	Sugar	-7	LSU	14-21	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	42.9	23	146	3.8	293	62.3	10.2	+17	2003	9	15.3	14	113	3.4	146	52.0	17.0
8*	38.6	20	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	+19	2002	7	15.4	14	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0
8	30.5	19	115	3.5	242	60.7	11.8	+9	2001	5	13.0	13	86	2.4	161	45.2	19.0
6*	37.0	21	129	3.7	288	64.2	11.3	+7	2000	7	14.9	15	102	3.1	179	49.2	18.8
7*	35.8	24	104	3.9	327	63.7	12.0	-6	1999	7	19.1	18	128	3.4	218	50.8	18.6
6*	16.7	14	184	3.8	110	43.2	17.6	-6	1998	7	20.8	15	121	3.1	158	47.2	13.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Texas	21	32-105	3.3	28-41	286	1	11	35-75	2.1	7-25	79	3	+1
at Alabama	13	27-74	2.7	22-36	281	0	19	32-108	3.4	24-42	195	5	+2
Fresno St	32	48-212	4.4	26-38	344	1	13	22-123	5.6	20-31	142	1	+1
UCLA	17	35-111	3.2	17-25	243	1	16	39-127	3.3	18-34	144	2	+1
at Iowa St	35	41-199	4.9	29-39	414	0	10	31-88	2.8	10-26	146	6	+2
† Texas	25	47-189	4.0	20-24	363	3	17	34-171	5.0	15-30	156	2	+5
Missouri	20	35-146	4.2	20-34	278	2	14	35-77	2.2	16-35	189	5	0
at Colorado	24	40-186	4.7	19-28	248	2	15	25-40	1.6	24-33	187	7	-1
Oklahoma St	25	50-221	4.4	13-29	225	1	10	37-99	2.7	9-24	62	4	+1
Texas A&M	33	61-342	5.6	18-21	297	1	3	28-22	0.8	4-14	32	4	+1
Baylor	19	29-56	1.9	22-41	308	5	10	36-75	2.1	16-30	108	0	+2
at Texas Tech	16	36-78	2.2	22-32	394	3	23	27-129	4.8	31-54	230	0	+3
† Kansas St	23	25-83	3.3	29-54	315	3	16	41-292	7.1	10-17	227	1	-2
† LSU	12	33-52	1.6	13-37	102	5	13	40-159	4.0	14-24	153	5	+1
TOTALS	315	538-2043	3.8	299-480	4109	28	190	462-1585	3.4	218-419	2050	45	+17
AVERAGES	22.5	38-146	3.8	21-34	293	2.0	13.6	33-113	3.4	16-30	146	3.2	1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	49-0	–
Baylor	-12'	41-10	W
at Louisville	E	42-21	W
at Notre Dame	+6	30-34	W
† Texas	+5	28-38	L
Texas A&M	+3'	51-6	W
at Colorado	-4'	24-38	L
Missouri	-11	37-0	W
at Iowa St	-7	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-13	28-38	L
Oklahoma St	-13'	44-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-27	55-14	W
Arkansas St	-32	45-7	W
Rice	-33	42-14	L
Kansas	-24'	34-16	L
† Texas	+2'	63-14	W
at Kansas St	+8'	41-31	W
Nebraska	+2'	31-14	W
at Baylor	-39	56-7	W
at Texas A&M	-10	35-31	L
Texas Tech	-24'	27-13	L
at Oklahoma St	-26	12-7	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	-20'	41-27	L
at Air Force	-17'	44-3	W
N Texas	-41	37-10	L
Kansas St	-4'	38-37	L
† Texas	+3	14-3	W
at Kansas	-21'	38-10	W
Baylor	-35'	33-17	L
at Nebraska	+4	10-20	L
Tulsa	-41	58-0	W
Texas A&M	-17'	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-7'	30-13	W
Oklahoma St	-27	13-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-37	37-0	T
Alabama	-12	37-27	L
UTEP	-43	68-0	W
S Florida	-28'	31-14	L
at Missouri	-13	31-24	L
† Texas	+3	35-24	W
Iowa St	-8'	49-3	W
Colorado	-13'	27-11	W
at Texas A&M	-10	26-30	L
at Baylor	-38	49-9	W
Texas Tech	-13	60-15	W
at Oklahoma St	-15	28-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-32'	37-3	W
at Alabama	-7'	20-13	L
Fresno St	-28'	52-28	L
UCLA	-19	59-24	W
at Iowa St	-21	53-7	W
† Texas	-6	65-13	W
Missouri	-26	34-13	L
at Colorado	-25	34-20	L
Oklahoma St	-15'	52-9	W
Texas A&M	-30'	77-0	W
Baylor	-53	41-3	L
at Texas Tech	-19'	56-25	W

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Last year was the first time in 5 years that Texas did not have a veteran QB returning. Chance Mock (PS#6) served as the backup to Chris Simms in '01 and '02 but appeared in 10 games hitting 6 of 9 for 65 yards. Vince Young (PS#2) was labeled as a "right-handed Michael Vick" with sub-4.5 speed and a cannon for an arm. Matt Nordgren (6-5 220 Jr) was PS#23. Mock won the starting job but Young played in the third and 6th series of each game after the loss to Ark. He took over the starting job for the final 7 games after the OU loss. In the first six games UT averaged 393 ypg and in the last six of the regular season they averaged 504. In the bowl, however, they managed just 327 yards with Mock throwing for 181 while playing the entire 2H for an ineffective Young (6-14 for 15 yds). Mock also came off the bench for an 86 yard TD drive in the final 2:00 to pull out the TT game and was the better passer throwing for 1,469 yards (54.6%) with an amazing 16-2 ratio. Young threw for 1,155 yards (58.7%) with just a 6-7 ratio but had 998 net yards rushing, almost becoming the 1st ever UT player to top 1,000 yards rushing and passing. Mock talked about possibly transferring but opted to return. The staff preferred his experience and touch in the 2 minute offense. While Young's best play was the zone-read which is an option out of the shotgun, he has worked a lot in the offseason to improve his passing. Nordgren has 2 career pass attempts. Young is one of the most dangerous players in the NCAA and in 88 drives last year, led them to 41 TD's.

RB Cedric Benson

RUNNING BACKS - Texas has had some great RB's throughout the years like Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. They also have a current outstanding streak of nine straight 1,000 yard rushers with Cedric Benson (PS#5) topping that total for three straight years. Benson became the first frosh in UT history to top the 1,000 yard barrier with 1,053 (4.7) in 2001. He rushed for 1,293 yards (4.2) as a soph. Basically everyone returned last year but FB Ivan Williams played in just three games due to injury. Benson went through a streak of seven straight games dating back to 2002 without topping 100 yards before getting 130 vs Rice. He was susp'd vs Baylor but had his best games upon returning. He rushed for 174 vs Nebraska, 180 vs Okla St, 142 vs TT and then 283 vs A&M. For the season, Benson rushed for 1,360 yards (5.3) with 21 TD's and Texas is 15-0 when Benson tops 100. He turned down the NFL and quit playing minor league baseball to concentrate for his senior season. Selvin Young (6-0 205 Jr, PS#19) had 408 yards (4.8) in 2002 and is faster, but not as powerful as Benson. He had 151 yards (4.3) in an injury plagued 2003. Anthony Johnson (5-11 195 Jr) was PS#44 and had 93 yards (4.9) and Erik Hardeman (6-1 215 rFr) was PS#17 and is a power back like Benson. When the team uses a FB they have Will Matthews (6-3 250 Sr) and VHT Albert Hardy (5-11 235 So, PS#18). With Benson's return, this is one of the top RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Brown brought in an amazing class of receivers with BJ Johnson (PS#1), Roy Williams (PS#5), Sloan Thomas (PS#12, #7DC HOU) and Brock Edwards (PS#7), all of whom played as true frosh. This year all four of those VHT's depart. Williams led the team with 70 rec's (15.4) and was 3rd Tm AA and leaves as the all-time school leader in rec's, rec yds and rec TD's. BJ Johnson had 30 rec's (18.3) in 13 starts. Sloan Thomas had 20 rec (16.8) with 12 starts and Edwards played both TE and FB. That leaves some big shoes to fill and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are TE/OT Tony Hills (6-6 270 Fr, PS#2) and TE Steven Hogan (6-5 240 rFr, PS#50 DL). Naturally there are lots of VHT's in the group (Brown signed another super class this year) but with the loss of such top-notch players, including Williams (#1DC DET), this unit is clearly weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '02 UT averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing and yielded 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 3rd round DC but Jonathan Scott started the last 6 of 2002. With the added mobility of QB Young, the team was able to greatly improve on its ypc rushing (5.1) and also cut down on sacks allowed (25). Thirteen of those came vs Kan St and Wash St (12 in the other 11 games). C Jason Glynn who was undersized and overpowered a few times in 2002, was the team's Off MIP along with RT Blalock and LT Scott. This year the only loss is LG Tillman Holloway (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, Top OL Award). Nine of the top ten are back and naturally they are all VHT's through the 3rd string. This remains one of the top O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Horns had to replace their star Cory Redding who was 1st Tm AA as well as two backups. The team allowed 153 ypg rushing, its highest total since 1997. They suffered some injuries including projected starting DE Bryan Pickryl who missed most of the season. This year they must replace DT Marcus Tubbs (13 sts, 1st Tm Big 12, #1DC SEA) DE Kalen Thornton (12 sts, 51 tkl, 4 sks) and Chase Pittman (10 tkl, 2.5 sks). Seven players return with starting experience and I list them below. They get back some of their injured players and the star looks to be DT Rodrique Wright (PS#2) who was 2nd Tm Big 12 as a soph and won the team's outstanding DL award. They move in LB Brian Robison (3 sts) and not listed in the talented 3 deep below are Tully Janszen (6-3 275 So, PS#43) and this year's talented freshmen. I feel last year's D-line underachieved so even with the loss of two starters, this group should be equal.

LINEBACKERS - The Horns had to replace one starter last year but had 1st Tm Big 12 LB Derrick Johnson (PS#6) returning as well as the team's leading tackler, Reed Boyd. Boyd moved to SLB last year to make room for Garnet Smith (PS#14) but Smith was injured in the first game missing the rest of the year. Johnson became the first UT LB to be a 1st Tm AA since 1983 and despite being projected as an NFL 1st round DC opted to return and is on my 1st Tm AA list. This year they must replace Boyd (13 sts, 80 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and Brian Robison (3 sts) moves to DE. Aaron Harris, who started six of the last eight at MLB, won that job in spring and Smith moves over to SLB. I list a very talented 2 deep below. Even with the loss of Boyd, this looks to be one of the top LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Longhorns finished #1 in my pass efficiency defense ratings in 2002 and had to replace a starting CB but had six of the top eight back. The star was CB Nathan Vasher who leaves after breaking the school record for career int's (18) that was held by Noble Doss (1939-'41). FS Dakarai Pearson started the first six games but then was lost to an injury. That uncovered Phillip Geiggar who got his first start vs Iowa St and was voted the team's Def Player of the Game twice. The team did have three frosh playing in the secondary vs the Cyclones. Vasher (#4DC CHI) and his 4.26 speed will be missed. Overall Texas finished #15 in my pass defense rankings allowing 47.2% with a 14-15 ratio. With the loss of their top cover corner, they are still an outstanding unit but will be slightly weaker.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With all of the VHT's Texas has they have finished #18, #10, #16 and #15 in my special teams rankings the last 4 years. Richmond McGee surprised many by winning the starting punting job and averaged 40.9 (36.0 net). He also was solid on KO's (63 of 174 career KO's are TB's) and the unit allowed just 17.6 per return. He will have to battle Greg Johnson who was simply a Frosh AA at Vanderbilt with a 38.8 net in 2002 which was #4 in the NCAA. The top KR, Selvin Young (PS#19), averaged 24.4. Dusty Mangum hit 7 of 9 FG's with a long of 45 and when he was injured in the last two games, David Pino (PS#25) hit all three of his FG's and 13 of 14 xp's. The only major losses are PR Nathan Vasher (13.0) and LS Cullen Loeffler who one NFL scout called the best LS in the NCAA. In the last three years, Texas has blocked ten punts. I like the overall talent available and with a solid 2 deep at both P and K and plenty of speed in the return game, they will contend for the top spot in my special teams rankings.

COACHES - Mack Brown took over a team that had three winning seasons the previous seven years including a 4-7 record the year before his arrival. He has now won or tied for three Big 12 South Titles, has 14 straight winning seasons overall including 12 straight bowls and is the only coach to have 8 straight nine win years with his sixth straight here being a school record. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Car and has five of the top six passing yardge seasons here at Texas. They have recorded 23 school records and sixteen 50+ point games in his tenure. DC Carl Reese and his unit ranked in the Top 25 for five straight years (#25 in'03) but he left after the bowl. The new co-DC's are Greg Robinson who comes from the NFL (DC of KC) and Duane Akina who was Texas' DB coach from '01-'03. Robinson was the DC for the Denver Broncos in their 1997 and 1998 Super Bowl seasons. They also bring in Dick Tomey who used to be the head coach at Arizona as the DE coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas finished the regular season #5 and appeared headed to a BCS bowl game but when K-St upset Oklahoma it relegated them to the Holiday Bowl. I know that Longhorn fans are not thrilled with Mack Brown, but keep in mind that UT had not finished in the Top 10 since 1983 but were #5 in the polls in 2001, a year they outgained Big 12 foes by 200.7 ypg. They finished in the Top 10 for a 2nd straight year at #6 in 2002, the first time that had been accomplished here since 1978. Surprisingly in 2002 they only outgained league foes by 37.3 ypg. Last year they had to replace their starting QB but had 16 starters back. They were picked in the Top 5 for a 3rd straight year in the preseason Top 25. The 2003 season had its moments as for the first time they had double digit wins in back-to-back weeks vs ranked teams since 1947 when they trounced Nebraska and Okla St by a combined 86-23. They did have their 20 game home win streak snapped last year but had 66,500 season tickets sold, which was 25,757 more than the record prior to Browns' arrival. Yes, I know Mack Brown is 1-11 vs Top 5 teams but former Neb HC Tom Osborne was 1-8 and 4-12 in his first 16 vs Oklahoma and was just 1-7 in his first 8 bowls and turned it around to finish 13-13. For the first time in school history the team has achieved 10+ wins for 3 straight years. The Longhorns have finished in the Top 12 in four straight years for the first time since 1961 to 1964. Brown has won or shared 3 South Titles and is 39-11 in Big 12 play. Brown will have one of his best teams yet and should be able to keep his streak of 9 win seasons alive as I think Texas will be favored in 10 of their 11 games. They have 14 returning starters and just 15 lettermen lost. Last year they were stronger in Big 12 play outgaining league foes by 113.9 ypg. You would think all of this would make UT a National Title contender, and they clearly are but they have to win Oct 9th in the Cotton Bowl vs OU. OU has had their number under Stoops even when UT has taken the field with more talent and the Sooners are a loaded team this year. I expect UT to get a BCS berth this season and should they pull that upset vs Okla, would have a great shot at getting the elusive National Title.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB VINCE YOUNG SO. 6-5 225 **PS#2**. 7 sts, 1155 pass (59%) 6-7 ratio. 998 net (7.4) rush. **Chance Mock** (6-2 225 Sr) **PS#6**. 1469 pass (55%) 16-2 ratio in 2003.

RB CEDRIC BENSON SR. 6-0 215 **PS#5**. 3 straight 1,000 yd yrs. 3706 career yds, NCAA's top returning career rusher. Selvin Young (6-0 205 Jr) **PS#19**. 559 yds (4.7) in 2Y.

WR Tyrell Gatewood rFr. 6-2 190 **P#14**. Jordan Shipley **PS#7**. George Walker **PS#18**. Eric Enard (6-3 200 So) PS#257, 1 rec. Chris Ogbonnaya is **PS#33**.

WR Tony Jeffery Sr. 6-1 175 PS#57QB. 24 career rec (11.5) 188 rush. Brian Carter (5-11 185 Jr) PS#47, 2 rec. Dustin Miksch (6-0 180 So) PS#95.

WR Limas Sweed rFr. 6-5 205 **PS#17**. Compared to Roy Williams & #4 jersey. Billy Pittman (6-0 180 rFr) PS#47, scout team QB. Natan Jones is **PS#21**.

TE DAVID THOMAS JR. 6-3 228 **PS#6**. 13 sts, 14 rec (15.6) LY. HM B12. **Bo Scaife** (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#2** 11 sts, 37 rec (13.0) in '01. ACL in '02. 16 rec (12.8) last year.

C JASON GLYNN SR. 6-2 275 **PS#79**. 13 sts in 02. Team's MIP in '03, 13 starts. Lyle Sendlein (6-3 295 So) **PS#35**. Dallas Griffin (6-4 275 rFr) **PS#38**.

RG WILL ALLEN JR. 6-6 305 **PS#34**. 11 sts in '03, Texas' **top OL**. Brett Valdez (6-4 305 So) PS#56. Thomas Marshall (6-6 310 rFr) PS#78. DT in '03.

LG Mike Garcia Jr. 6-3 310 **PS#35**. Last 2 sts at RG in '03. Terrance Young (6-6 350 Jr) **PS#39**. 11 games, lettered last year. Kasey Studdard (6-3 285 So) **PS#29**.

RT JUSTIN BLALOCK SO. 6-4 330 **PS#7**. 13 sts as rFr. Texas MIP. William Winston (6-7 350 Jr) **PS#26**. 26 games, 2 letters. Lionel Garr (6-5 350 Sr) **PS#19**.

LT JONATHAN SCOTT JR. 6-7 305 **PS#6**. 7 sts at RT as rFr. 13 sts at LT in '03, **3rd Tm Big 12**. Neale Tweedie (6-5 255 So) **PS#16**. Also TE. Kyle Thornton (6-4 320 rFr) PS#79.

K DUSTY MANGUM SR. 5-11 170 18 of 26 FG's long of 51 in '01. 16 of 26, long 44 in '02. 7 of 9, long 45 in '03. David Pino (5-8 175 Jr) PS#25. 3 of 3 FG's long of 39LY.

DE Mike Williams Jr. 6-3 240 PS#80. 1 st, 23 tkls, 6 sks last year. Bryan Pickryl (6-5 240 So) **PS#4** 5 sts as true, 30 tkls, 4.5 sks. Eric Hall (6-2 245 Jr) PS#50LB.

DT Austin Sendlein Sr. 6-3 265 **PS#21**. 6 sts, 45 tkls, 2 sks, 2 years. **Marco Martin** (6-3 340 So) **PS#6**, 6 tkls as rFr. **Steve Lee** (6-4 315 Sr) **PS#17**, 46 tkls in 3 years.

DT RODRIQUE WRIGHT JR. 6-5 315 **PS#2**. 9 sts as true, 65 tkls, Big 12 Frosh of Yr. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big 12**, 80 tkls, 7.5 sks. Larry Dibbles (6-2 285 Jr) **PS#8**, 18 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

DE TIM CROWDER SO. 6-4 235 **PS#17**. Last 9 sts as true, 35 tkls, 3 tfl. **Brian Robison** (6-3 245 So) PS#84. 3 sts at LB as rFr, 38 tkls. Kaelen Jakes (6-3 260 Jr) PS#27.

SLB Garnet Smith So. 6-3 230 **PS#14**. 11 tkls as true. Projected starter in '03 but inj'd. Eric Foreman (6-4 215 So) PS#48QB, 18 tkls as true. Braden Johnson (6-1 200 Jr) PS#94.

MLB AARON HARRIS JR. 6-0 235 **PS#7**. 6 sts at MLB in '03, 60 tkls, 3.5 sks. Aurmon Satchell (6-2 235 Jr) **PS#19**, 7 tkls, 1 tfl. Scott Derry (6-3 230 rFr) PS#57.

WLB DERRICK JOHNSON SR. 6-4 230 **PS#6**. 1st Tm Big 12 in '02, **1st Tm AA** LY, 125 tkls, 20 tfl, 4.4 spd. Robert Killebrew (6-2 210 rFr) **PS#15**. Marcus Myers (6-3 240 So) PS#145.

CB CEDRIC GRIFFIN JR. 6-2 190 **PS#24**. 6 sts, 73 tkls as rFr. 4.42 40. 13 sts in '03, 48 tkls, 7 pbu. Tarell Brown (6-0 180 So) PS#11, 9 tkls. Steve Richardson (5-10 180 Fr) PS#36.

CB Aaron Ross So. 6-1 180 **PS#40**. 27 tkls, 2 pbu as true. Erick Jackson (6-2 175 rFr) **PS#32**. Brandon Foster (5-9 170 rFr) PS#145. Bobby Tatum is **PS#12**.

SS MICHAEL HUFF JR. 6-1 200 13 sts, 70 tkls 10 pbu in '02. 12 sts in '03, 66 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 4 int TD's in career. Michael Griffin (6-0 180 So) **PS#20**, 2 sts, 65 tkls as **true.**

FS PHILLIP GEIGGAR SR. 5-11 200 **PS#39**. Last 9 starts in '03, 90 tkls, 5 pbu, HM Big 12. Matt Melton (6-0 200 So) **PS#36**, 13 tkls, 3 pbu. Andrew Kelson is **PS#4**.

P RICHMOND McGEE JR. 6-4 200 26 TB's on 84 KO's in '02. 46 punts LY, 40.9 avg net 36.0, 37 TB's/90 KO's. **Greg Johnson** (6-1 190 So). **38.8 net** Frosh AA at Vanderbilt in '02.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Franklin Okam	6-5 300 PS#2
DB	Andrew Kelson	6-2 210 PS#4
OL	Cedric Dockery	6-4 325 PS#10
WR	Jordan Shipley	6-0 184 PS#7
DB	Bobby Tatum	6-0 190 PS#12
WR	George Walker	6-3 195 PS#18
WR	Nathan Jones	6-2 180 PS#21
OL	Adam Ulatoski	6-6 285 PS#28
OL	Greg Dolan	6-7 270 PS#39
RB	Ramonce Taylor	5-11 190 PS#31
LB	Nic Redwine	6-3 215 PS#32
WR	Chris Ogbonnaya	6-1 205 PS#33
DL	Brian Orakpo	6-4 220 PS#45
DL	Derek Lokey	6-2 270 PS#57
DB	Myron Hardy	6-2 200 PS#50
DB	Ryan Palmer	5-10 175 PS#53
TE	Peter Ullman	6-4 230 PS#14
LB	Jeremy Campbell	6-2 220 PS#50
LB	Rashad Bobino	5-11 225 PS#73

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Brown's records AT TEXAS

59-18	Straight Up	17-16	Home Favorite
37-33-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
11-2	Off A SU Loss	15-13-1	Away Favorite
28-21-1	Vs Conference	3-4	Away Underdog
		9-12	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (27,23,3)
Lost: 15 (6,7,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,339

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	N Texas	G						Texas is 4-1 ATS their last 5 non-conference games. The Longhorns are 8-2 ATS as a double digit favorite. Texas was 5-0 SU & ATS as a road favorite last year.
Sep. 11	at Arkansas	G						The Longhorns are 7-0 SU vs North Texas but 0-5 ATS since 1976. Texas is just 4-15 ATS in their season opener including 1-6 ATS the L/7.
Sep. 18								The dog is 7-1-1 ATS. Horns are 17-1 SU the L/18 on the road (non-neutral). Texas is 7-3-1 ATS vs Arkansas but have lost the L/2 outright as the fav.
Sep. 25	Rice	G						Bonus: The Longhorns are 15-6-1 ATS after a bye.
Oct. 2	Baylor	G						The home team is 8-2 ATS in this series. Texas is 33-1 SU vs Rice since 1966 (only loss was 19-17 in 1994).
Oct. 9	† Oklahoma *Dallas*	A						UT has outscored Baylor by a combined 286-44 S/'98 (avg score 48-7). The Longhorns are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs the Bears.
Oct. 16	Missouri	G						The underdog is 12-4 ATS in this series. This is the 99th Red River Rivalry. Texas leads the series 55-38-5.
Oct. 23	at Texas Tech	A						Texas is 5-2 ATS their last 7 games hosting Big 12 North teams. The Longhorns are 5-0 SU & ATS the game after Oklahoma.
Oct. 30	at Colorado	G						The underdog is 7-4 ATS in this series. Texas is just 15-9 SU, but 9-15 ATS against Tech.
Nov. 6	Oklahoma St	G						The Longhorns are 4-1 ATS in regular season games vs Colorado. Texas is 4-2 ATS on the road vs Big 12 North schools.
Nov. 13	at Kansas	A						The visitor is 5-1 ATS in this series. The Longhorns are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS against the Cowboys since 1999.
Nov. 20								UT is 4-2 SU all-time 4-0 SU & ATS in conf play in this series. Losses were in 1901 & 1938. Texas is 8-3-1 ATS in their regular season road finale.
Nov. 26	Texas A&M (Fri)	G						Texas is 7-2 SU & 7-1-1 ATS against arch rival Texas A&M. The Longhorns are 10-1 ATS in home finales.

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,082)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-3	9-4	9-2	10-2	10-2	10-2	60-22
ATS	2-9	5-6	6-7	7-4	6-5-1	5-7	8-4	39-42-1
Home Fav	1-3	2-3	2-3	4-2	4-1	2-4	3-3	18-19
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	0-5	1-1	3-3	2-2	2-4-1	2-3	5-0	15-18-1
Away Dog	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	4-4
Favorite	1-8	3-4	5-6	6-4	6-5-1	4-7	8-3	33-37-1
Dog	1-1	2-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	6-5
Grass	2-6	4-4	5-6	5-4	5-4-1	3-5	6-4	30-33-1
Artificial	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-2	2-0	9-9
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	5-4	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	30-27-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-1	9-15
Off SU Win	1-3	3-4	4-5	5-3	5-4-1	3-6	5-4	26-29-1
Off SU Loss	1-5	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	12-7

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Benson	**258**	**1421**	**61**	**1360**	**21**	**5.3**
Vince Young	**135**	**1073**	**75**	**998**	**11**	**7.4**
Brett Robin	49	260	9	251	2	5.1
Selvin Young	**35**	**161**	**10**	**151**	**3**	**4.3**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chance Mock	**183**	**100**	**54.6**	**1469**	**16**	**2**
Vince Young	**143**	**84**	**58.7**	**1155**	**6**	**7**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Roy Williams	70	1079	15.4	9	67	
BJ Johnson	30	549	18.3	4	56	
Sloan Thomas	20	336	16.8	2	60	
Bo Scaife	**16**	**205**	**12.8**	**2**	**39**	
David Thomas	**14**	**219**	**156**	**3**	**60**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Richmond McGee	**46**	**1883**	**40.9**	**58**	**36.0**	**2**	**10**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dusty Mangum	**50-51**	**4-4**	**2-2**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**7-9**	**45**
David Pino	**13-14**	**2-2**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**3-3**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derrick Johnson	**125**	**2**	**18**	**9**	**4**
Phillip Geiggar	**90**	**1**	**5**	**5**	**1**
Reed Boyd	80	3.5	5	1	0
Rodrique Wright	**80**	**7.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Tubbs	77	5.5	7	0	0
Michael Huff	**66**	**0**	**4**	**6**	**2**
Michael Griffin	**65**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Aaron Harris	**60**	**3.5**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Kalen Thornton	51	4	5	0	0
Cedric Griffin	**48**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Nathan Vasher	43	0	6	26	6
Dakarai Pearson	40	0	0	1	0
Brian Robison	**38**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Nathan Vasher	28	364	13.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Selvin Young	**18**	**439**	**24.4**	**1**	
Tarell Brown	**6**	**109**	**18.2**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Cotton	-5'	Arkansas	6-27	L
00	Holiday	-7'	Oregon	30-35	L
01	Holiday	-13	Washington	47-43	L
02	Cotton	-10'	LSU	35-20	W
03	Holiday	-9'	Washington St	20-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	41.0	23	233	5.1	207	56.4	10.7	+2	2003	8	21.5	18	153	3.7	177	47.2	15.3
7*	33.8	20	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	+17	2002	5	16.3	18	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9
9*	39.8	23	159	4.1	267	60.4	10.7	+10	2001	8	15.9	14	94	3.0	158	50.6	15.8
7*	37.9	21	138	3.8	290	55.1	11.3	+5	2000	8	19.3	17	97	2.7	193	46.2	15.0
4*	32.1	21	124	3.5	271	57.8	12.3	+13	1999	7	21.1	16	112	2.9	182	44.8	13.9
8	36.4	23	207	5.1	263	59.0	12.9	-1	1998	10	28.1	19	139	3.4	220	50.4	12.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
New Mexico St	17	33-168	5.1	8-16	216	1	16	55-150	2.7	8-15	75	5	+4
Arkansas	22	29-62	2.1	21-40	264	1	21	60-265	4.4	9-18	173	1	-2
† Rice	25	53-322	6.1	11-13	193	1	11	44-165	3.8	2-8	27	1	+3
Tulane	26	52-302	5.8	14-24	213	1	17	36-156	4.3	13-29	186	4	+3
Kansas St	18	52-133	2.6	10-22	157	6	13	42-209	5.0	5-18	89	3	+1
† Oklahoma	17	34-171	5.0	15-30	156	2	25	47-189	4.0	20-24	363	3	-5
at Iowa St	28	53-235	4.4	19-26	343	1	16	29-105	3.6	11-34	172	5	-1
at Baylor	24	40-248	6.2	19-29	229	1	16	40-91	2.3	16-34	169	7	+2
Nebraska	25	51-353	6.9	13-27	131	0	8	40-53	1.3	5-15	122	5	-2
at Oklahoma St	23	47-298	6.3	11-16	204	0	21	48-160	3.3	11-32	149	2	+3
Texas Tech	29	43-207	4.8	20-30	287	3	32	30-162	5.4	32-58	365	1	-3
at Texas A&M	22	60-393	6.6	5-8	97	1	18	37-121	3.3	17-37	212	5	0
† Washington St	22	40-131	3.3	20-49	196	7	19	33-157	4.8	18-32	203	0	-1
TOTALS	298	587-3023	5.1	186-330	2686	25	233	541-1983	3.7	167-354	2305	42	+2
AVERAGES	22.9	45-233	5.1	14-25	207	1.9	17.9	42-153	3.7	13-27	177	3.2	0

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-9'	20-23	L
Stanford	-10'	69-17	W
at Rutgers	-23	38-21	L
Rice	-27	18-13	L
at Baylor	-16	62-0	W
Kansas St	-6	17-35	L
† Oklahoma	-5	38-28	W
Nebraska	+9	24-20	W
at Iowa St	-10'	44-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-8	34-21	W
Texas Tech	-16	58-7	W
at Texas A&M	-2'	16-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-46'	52-10	L
at Stanford	-13	24-27	L
Houston	-24	48-0	W
Oklahoma St	-20'	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-2'	14-63	L
at Colorado	+1	28-14	W
Missouri	-23	46-12	W
Baylor	-41	48-14	L
at Texas Tech	-10	29-17	W
at Kansas	-11'	51-16	W
Texas A&M	-5'	43-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-35	41-7	L
N Carolina	-22	44-14	W
at Houston	-31	53-26	L
Texas Tech	-18	42-7	W
† Oklahoma	-3	3-14	L
at Oklahoma St	-17'	45-17	W
Colorado	-11	41-7	W
at Missouri	-21'	35-16	L
at Baylor	-32	49-10	W
Kansas	-34'	59-0	W
at Texas A&M	-14	21-7	T

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Texas	-35	27-0	L
at N Carolina	-13'	52-21	W
Houston	-36	41-11	L
at Tulane	-31'	49-0	W
Oklahoma St	-24'	17-15	L
† Oklahoma	-3	24-35	L
at Kansas St	+2'	17-14	W
Iowa St	-12'	21-10	L
at Nebraska	-3'	27-24	L
Baylor	-40	41-0	W
at Texas Tech	-6'	38-42	L
Texas A&M	-12	50-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-29	66-7	W
Arkansas	-13'	28-38	L
† Rice	-30'	48-7	W
Tulane	-29'	63-18	W
Kansas St	-6'	24-20	L
† Oklahoma	+6	13-65	L
at Iowa St	-17	40-19	W
at Baylor	-32'	56-0	W
Nebraska	-5'	31-7	W
at Oklahoma St	-3'	55-16	W
Texas Tech	-18'	43-40	L
at Texas A&M	-20	46-15	W

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

RB Courtney Lewis

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Dustin Long took over as starting QB despite the fact that the Aggies had a two year starter returning. Long set a Big 12 record by throwing 7 TD passes vs Texas Tech. He topped 1,000 yards passing in the first six games, the fastest Aggie to do so. The day Reggie McNeal (PS#3) signed, Aggies fans wanted him as the starter. McNeal came off the bench vs Oklahoma with little experience as a true frosh and hit TD passes of 61, 40, 17 and 40 yards while rushing for 89. Unfortunately McNeal suffered a sprained ankle in his first start the next week and missed the rest of the season. Jason Carter (PS#34) was moved to A back last year. In 2003's opener, Long and McNeal split time but with an unstable OL Franchione leaned with the more mobile McNeal. McNeal threw for 1,782 yards (51.1%) with an 8-7 ratio. Long threw for 252 yards in the 2H vs Missouri and was given the starting job in the season finale vs Texas. For the year he threw for 709 yards (60.6%) with a 4-6 ratio. Long opted to transfer after the season despite Franchione telling him he would be the starter going into the spring. True frosh Stephen McGee (PS#7) was in for the spring and received all the snaps with the #1's as McNeal was out with shoulder surgery. The only other QB's on the roster are Ty Branyon (6-3 210 So, 2 passes), TJ Sanders (6-3 204 rFr, PS#305) and Jordan Chambless (PS#53). I look for McNeal to put up much better numbers in his second year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - A&M had not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1998. Derek Farmer (PS#38) led the team in rushing in 2001 with 536 yards (4.2) and in 2002 with 739 yards (4.3). He returned last year and would start 12 games but rushed for just 340 yards (4.1). Courtney Lewis (PS#71) who has 4.3 speed rushed for 1,024 yards (5.5) which was the second most for an Aggie frosh RB. FB Keith Joseph (PS#39) had 8 starts and is powerful (465 bench) but had just 180 total yards. Farmer opted to transfer after the season. The only other loss is Oschlor Flemming (72 yds, 4.8). I list the rest of the 2 deep below including 2 VHT rFr. A-Back Jason Carter (PS#34) had an impressive 128 yards rushing (18.3!) and also had 12 rec's (13.5). Not listed below are Nick Rhodes (6-1 186 rFr, PS#143WR) as well as Clint Dacus (6-2 212 Sr), Luke Ramsey (5-11 204 So) and this year's true frosh including Samson Taylor (PS#27). Since they have their 1,000 yard rusher back, this unit looks stronger in 2004.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Aggies had to replace their career leader in receiving yards in Bethel Johnson as well as their starting TE. They did return Notre Dame transfer Jamaar Taylor who had 44 rec's (17.3). Unfortunately Taylor (#6DC NYG) who was leading the team in rec's (25, 18.2), went down to injury after six starts. Terrence Murphy took over and led the team with 44 rec's (17.3) and topped Johnson's career receiving yard record with his 1,879 yards. Taylor's replacement was walk-on Tim Van Zant (5 sts, 30 rec) and they both depart. TE Andy Matakis (4 rec) leaves as well and TE Thomas Carriger (5 sts) moves to the D-line. Basically everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. This is not an overwhelming unit but it is stronger than 2003 and has added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the O-line paved the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including #3 and #7 DC's and then LG Andre Brooks and LT Jami Hightower were ruled out with injuries, so basically one starter returned. Last season Franchione recruited four OL's that were ranked among the Top 50 coming out of HS. Despite the inexperienced line, he managed to redshirt all of them and the team averaged 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. This year they must replace RT Alan Reuber (12 sts, HM Big 12), LG John Kirk (11 sts), C James Milkavich (2nd string, 1 start) and 3rd string OT Kasey Cheshier. They will likely get Hightower back although he was not 100% in the spring after recovering from an infection and also a question mark is C Geoff Hangartner who was suspended. Jorrie Adams (PS#8) has been moved to the DL but could move back. This group is much more experienced if Hightower and Hangartner are back, has added talent, and is in the second year of Coach Fran's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A&M switched away from their longtime 3-4 defense to a 4-3 last year. In 2002 the defense allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 41 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter from the front wall in DE Ty Warren (#1DC NE). DT Marcus Jasmin was never 100% healthy and only started the last 7 games but he has unusual mobility for a player his size and could come into his own. JUCO Mike Montgomery (PS#34) got off to a slow start due to injuries but was solid down the stretch and big things are expected from him. Franchione also brought in some VHT frosh last year who should contribute in Jorrie Adams (PS#8OL), Jason Jack (PS#12), Chris Harrington (PS#47) and Joseph "Red" Bryant (PS#48) and all will contend for starting spots. Gone this year is DE Linnis Smith (12 sts, 51 tkl, 6 tfl) and DT Brian Patrick (4 sts, 19 tkl, 3 tfl). The Aggies are known for their Wrecking Crew defense but last year's version bore no resemblance whatsoever to past units as the defense allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and recorded just 19 sacks. I think this is a talented defensive front that should show vast improvement in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - A&M is known for their strong LB play, year in and year out. Last year's LB corps was probably the Aggies weakest since I've been following college football. They began the year very inexperienced as they had to replace three starters from their 4 man unit but were switching from a 3-4 to a 4-3 so they had one less position to fill. The final card fell on the Aggie LB corps when its star, MLB Jared Morris (PS#20), was injured in the second game and lost for the year. Amazingly the inexperienced group would have just two of the top 11 tacklers on the team. This year I think they should be one of the most improved LB corps in the country despite some losses. They must replace Scott Stickane (9 sts, 63 tkl, 4 tfl), Everett Smith (6 sts, 36 tkl, 3 tfl), Morris (2 sts, 18 tkl, 1 tfl), and Ta Ta Thompson (1 st, 30 tkl, 2 tfl). Justin Warren (PS#4) did not really lift weights in HS, in fact squatted just 410 lbs upon his arrival and it showed in his play despite starting 7 games as a true frosh. He now squats 555 and could live up to his advance billing. Archie McDaniel (PS#29) was thrown into the starting MLB job in the second half of the year and should be much improved and they add 4 JUCO LB's (highly usual for A&M), three of whom will be in for fall. This unit goes from a weakness to a strength in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 The Aggies' secondary was hit hard by injuries and finished #34 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters who were 1st & 2nd round DC's as well as two backups. With the defensive front 7 putting little pressure on opposing QB's, the secondary had by far its worst finish in my pass D rankings at #110 allowing 61.7% with 29 TD's and just 6 int's. This year they lose CB Sean Weston (12 sts, 49 tkl, 10 pbu) but do have 7 of the top 8 back plus add some solid rFr and frosh. I list the 3 deep below and not listed are John Roberson (5-9 176 Jr, PS#46) and Japhus Brown (5-11 193 rFr, PS#147) who set a DB record with a 535 squat and is one of the fastest on the team. Broderick Newton (5-11 174 rFr, PS#191), Kevin Magnum (6-0 190 Sr, 14 tkl 3Y) and this year's true frosh also could contribute. With a stronger front 7 and plenty of talent in the group, I look for big-time improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their 12th Man special teams and have always treated this group as a priority. They've had 4 Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. In Slocum's final two years they were an unusually low #50 and #52. They looked to be in good shape last year even though they lost their top PR (11.6). P Cody Scates was 2nd Tm Big 12 in 2002 but would only be able to play in four games due to injury so Jacob Young took over. He was #11 in Big 12 average (37.0) and the team had a net of 35.0. Todd Pegram hit 17 of 22 FG's with a long of 42 one season after hitting 12 of 21 with a long of 43. Scates had an excellent leg on KO's and Pegram did not get the kicks as deep and the team allowed 21.5 per KR (18.9 in '02). They also struggled to find a reliable PR (5.7 as a tm). KR Terrence Murphy was outstanding (27.2) setting a school record with 626 KR yards. This year they must replace Scates and their top PR but everyone else is back and after last year's lowest finish since I've been doing the special teams rankings (#73) you can expect them to move up this year.

COACHES - Dennis Franchione begins his second year as the head man here and as expected went though a tough inaugural season. He has a 159-81-2 record as a head coach with stops at Alabama, TCU and New Mexico. His OC is Les Koenning who was the WR coach here from '94-'96, and was the OC at TCU and Bama recently. DC Carl Torbush was the DC for N Carolina from 1988-'97 and then the head coach there for three years. He was Alabama's DC the last two seasons prior to coming to A&M. In 2002 at Alabama, Torbush's D was 5th in my rankings allowing 257 ypg and at NC his D's led the conference for three straight years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

RC Slocum did a fine job at A&M and did not have a losing season. In fact, A&M had a streak of 20 consecutive non-losing years heading into last year. Franchione inherited just 11 returning starters, the fewest in the Big 12 and they had to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball and I pegged them to finish 5th in the Big 12 South. A&M struggled even more than expected and anyone who has followed A&M had to be appalled by the defensive performance which allowed 38.8 ppg, more than double that of a normal Wrecking Crew defense. They allowed 168 points in the first 5 games and 6 of Slocum's first 7 teams allowed 168 points or less for the season! They won their first two games and were as high as #25 in the AP poll at that point but finished at 4-8. The team has not had a road win vs a Top 10 team in 25 years. They are coming off their first losing season since 1982 and last year were +30' vs Oklahoma (they lost 77-0) which was their biggest spread as a dog ever. It was their first 8 loss season since 1972. While Aggie fans expected a lot last year in Coach Fran's first season and may have lowered their expectations this year, I think they will be pleasantly surprised. QB McNeal is an exciting player and should lead a solid offense with a 1,000 yard RB in Courtney Lewis and some dangerous WR's. Defensively the Aggies will show vast improvement over last season as they have just too much athletic talent to play that poorly. The Aggies were -11 in turnovers last year (see pg 312). The schedule is not easy as they face 7 bowl teams from last year. The Aggies get my call as the most improved team in the country and should be back in a bowl this year.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB REGGIE McNEAL JR. 6-2 198 **PS#3**. 4.35 spd. 1 st, 8 games as true, 456 pass (53%) 6-3 ratio, 207 rush. 1782 pass (51%) 8-7 ratio, 606 rush. **Stephen McGee** is **PS#7**.

RB COURTNEY LEWIS SO. 5-11 194 PS#71. **3rd Tm B12** as rFr. **1024** yds (5.5). Derrick Brown (5-11 210 rFr) **PS#24**, 415 bench. John Kelly (5-9 182 rFr) PS#81DB.

FB KEITH JOSEPH SR. 6-2 256 **PS#39, 465 bench**. 13 sts, 3Y, 466 yds (3.5), 36 rec. Chris Alexander (5-11 235 rFr) **PS#39**. **AB Jason Carter** (6-0 210 Sr) PS#34QB. 620 all-purp yds.

WR Earvin Taylor So. 6-3 217 **PS#23**, 9 rec as true. **L'Tydrick Riley** (6-2 217 Jr) **PS#13**, 9 rec. Chad Schroeder (6-1 179 So) PS#73QB. Terrence Thomas (5-9 174 Sr) **PS#37**, 32 rec, 3Y.

WR TERRENCE MURPHY SR. 6-1 193 4.4 spd. 41.5" VL. 11 sts. 72 rec in '01 & '02. #1 in '03 w/44 rec (17.3), **2nd Tm B12**. **DeQawn Mobley** is **PS#48JC**. Kerry Franks is PS#40.

TE QUINLIN GERMANY SO. 6-0 268 **PS#49DL**. 6 sts as rFr, 3 rec. **Joey Thomas** (6-5 243 rFr) **PS#9**. Boone Stutz (6-5 261 Sr) walk-on trans from Bama. Kevin Bryan is PS#18.

C GEOFF HANGARTNER SR. 6-5 303 **PS#42**. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03, **3rd Tm Big 12**. Susp indefinitely in spring. **Chris Yoder** (6-3 297 rFr) **PS#67**. Larry Leahy (6-3 289 So).

RG ALDO DE LA GARZA JR. 6-4 314 **PS#55**. 11 games as true. 12 sts in '03, #1 on tm w/**495 bench**, 38 reps of 225. Juilan Parks (6-1 351 So) PS#195DL. 1 tkl last year.

LG Dominque Steamer Jr. 6-4 320 PS#142. 2nd string. Kirk Elder (6-5 301 rFr) **PS#50**. John Kirk (6-3 327 Jr) 675 squat. Cole Smith (6-2 295 Jr) **PS#51**. Susp'd in spring.

RT CODY WALLACE rFR. 6-4 295 **PS#47**. **Alex Kotzur** (6-4 281 So) PS#248. **12 sts** at LT in '03. Taylor Schuster (6-5 267 So) PS#105, 2 sts in 11 games at TE in '03.

LT Jami Hightower Sr. 6-4 355 **PS#5**. Last 6 sts as true. 12 sts in '02. RS in '03. Cory Clark (6-6 316 rFr) PS#43. 415 bench. Grant Dickey is PS#191JC.

K TODD PEGRAM JR. 5-11 190 **PS#1**. Hit 12 of 21 FG's as true, long of 43. 17 of 22 FG's LY, long of 42. Layne Neumann (5-11 164 So) PS#65. Ryan Pietsch (5-9 212 Jr).

DE DAVID ROSS JR. 6-3 272 PS#173. 2 sts, 16 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 50 tkls, 8 tfl LY. **Jason Jack** (6-4 270 rFr) **PS#12**. Marques Thornton (6-2 279 So) 11 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

DT JOHNNY JOLLY JR. 6-3 292 27 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 94 tkls, 2 sks, 10 tfl, 8 pbu. Thomas Carriger (6-2 287 Sr) PS#226. **20 sts** at TE in 3Y. Bryce Reed (6-1 274 So) 23 tkls, 4 tfl.

DT MARCUS JASMIN SR. 6-5 315 PS#60. 12 sts, 66 tkls, 5.5 sks in '02. L/7 sts LY (inj), 49 tkls, 4 tfl. **Joseph Bryant** (6-5 316 rFr). **PS#48**. Lawrence Hooper (6-4 290 Jr) **PS#38**, 16 tkls.

DE Mike Montgomery Sr. 6-6 278 **PS#34JC**. 45 tkls, 7 tfl here LY. **Jorrie Adams** (6-7 266 rFr) **PS#8OL**. Chris Harrington (6-4 264 rFr) PS#47. John David Nicholson (6-7 302 Jr).

SLB Nurahda Manning Jr. 6-2 240 **PS#45**. PQ in '02. 3 sts LY, 38 tkls, 1 tfl. **Aaron Brown** (6-1 243 Jr) **PS#42JC** in for spring. Anthony Squillante (6-0 203 Sr) 16 tkls, SS LY.

MLB ARCHIE McDANIEL JR. 6-2 230 **PS#29**. 26 tkls, 1 sk as true. 5 sts LY. 78 tkls, 4 sks LY. **Lee Foliaki** is **PS#37JC**. Keelan Jackson (6-1 229 Sr) PS#164. 3 sts, 50 tkls at SS L2Y.

ROV JUSTIN WARREN SO. 6-3 231 **PS#4**! 7 sts as true, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. Increased squat by 145 lbs! **Terrence Smith** is **PS#35JC**. Blake Kendrick (6-1 218 Sr) 24 tkls in 3 yrs.

CB Jonté Buhl Sr. 5-10 170 **PS#30**. Sprinter on track team. 40 tkls, 6 pbu in '01 & '02. 2 sts LY. 36 tkls, 7 pbu. Erik Mayes (5-9 169 rFr) PS#66. **DJ Davis is PS#9**.

CB BYRON JONES SR. 5-10 185 **PS#17**. 36 tkls, 3 int as true. 5 sts in '02, 57 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu. 12 sts LY, 69 tkls, 13 pbu. Bryant Singleton (5-11 194 Jr) PS#70. 2 sts, 26 tkls, 3 sks LY.

SS RONALD JONES JR. 5-10 184 PS#163. 14 tkls in '02. 12 starts at SS last year, #3 w/91 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Brandon Leone (6-0 211 So) PS#99, 21 tkls in 2003.

FS JAXSON APPEL JR. 5-10 196 **PS#37**. 9 sts in '02, 73 tkls. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm B12**. 135 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. **Melvin Bullitt** (6-1 191 So) PS#120. 13 tkls as **true**. Stephen Hodge (6-1 205 rFr) PS#68.

P JACOB YOUNG SR. 6-0 198 45 punts last year. 37.0 avg but net of 35.0. **Richie Bean** (6-0 175 Fr) PS#20, 43.3 average in HS, 55 yd FG, 87% of KO's into the EZ.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Stephen McGee 6-4 210 PS#7
DL	William Morrisey 6-2 280 PS#9
DB	D.J. Davis 6-1 190 PS#9
DL	Chris Smith 6-5 265 PS#21
RB	Samson Taylor 6-0 212 PS#27
WR	Kerry Franks 5-11 185 PS#40
WR	Torey DeGrate 5-11 180 PS#47
DL	Cyril Obiozor 6-4 245 PS#72
LB	Terrence Smith 6-3 245 PS#35JC
LB	Lee Foliaki 6-3 240 PS#37JC
LB	Aaron Brown 6-3 245 PS#42JC
WR	DeQawn Mobley 6-2 195 PS#48JC
QB	Jordan Chambless 6-1 200 PS#53
TE	Kevin Bryan 6-4 245 PS#18
DB	Quentin Gardner 5-10 185 PS#78

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Franchione's records AT TEXAS A&M

4-8	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
2-10	Vs The Spread	0-3	Home Underdog
2-5	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	0-5	Away Underdog
	0-4 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

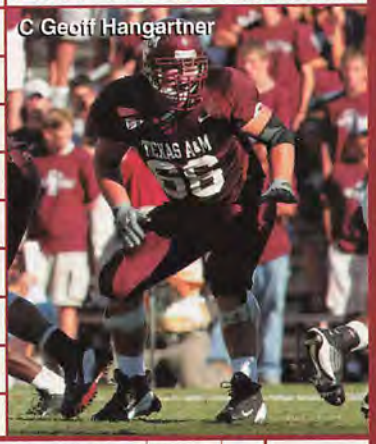
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (17,24,2)
Lost: 26 (16,7,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 76,243

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at Utah (Thur)	A						Texas A&M is just 4-10 ATS at home the last 2 years. The Aggies are 1-12 ATS as an away dog since 1999. Texas A&M is just 2-13-1 ATS as a dog the L3Y, including 0-8 last year.
Sep. 11	Wyoming	G						Texas A&M is just 2-8 ATS on artificial surfaces since 1999. The Aggies are just 2-11 ATS in their road opener since 1991.
Sep. 18	Clemson	G						Texas A&M is 16-0 SU & 10-4 ATS in their home opener (2 non-lined gms) S'98. Aggies are 5-3 SU but 1-7 ATS in non-conf gms L2Y, 0-4 ATS under Franchione.
Sep. 25								TX A&M is 2-0 SU in the only meetings with Clemson (30-15 in '73 & 24-0 in '74). Aggies are just 1-5 ATS the L/6 games against non-conf BCS schools.
Oct. 2	Kansas St	G						Texas A&M is just 4-8 ATS in their conference opener since 1992. Aggies are just 7-16-1 ATS in conference games since 2001.
Oct. 9	at Iowa St	G						The Aggies are just 7-13 SU & 5-15 ATS in conf road games since 1999. Texas A&M is 4-0 ATS as a double digit conference favorite the L2Y.
Oct. 16	at Oklahoma St	A						The visitor is just 1-4 ATS in this series the last 5 years. Texas A&M is 6-4 SU, but just 4-6 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1983.
Oct. 23	Colorado	G						The Aggies are just 1-4 SU & ATS in this series. The visitor is 3-1 ATS in this series since 1996.
Oct. 30	at Baylor	A						The Aggies are 9-2 ATS over the Bears all as the favorite since 1993. LY's 73-10 gm was the highest scoring & largest margin in series history.
Nov. 6	Oklahoma	G						Texas A&M is 6-3 ATS in this series since 1994. Last year's 77-0 loss was the Aggies worst ever defeat in school history.
Nov. 13	Texas Tech	G						Pending 9/18: The Aggies are 0-6 ATS the game prior to a bye the L3Y. Texas A&M is just 3-7-1 ATS in their home finale since 1993.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 26	at Texas (Fri)	G						The home team is 4-1-1 ATS in this series the last 5 years. Texas A&M is 0-4 SU & ATS in their road finale since 2000.



STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-2	8-3	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	52-30
ATS	5-6	7-6	7-4	6-5	3-6-1	4-8	2-10	34-45-1
Home Fav	3-2	1-4	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-4	2-2	16-16
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-3	5-4-1
Away Fav	1-3	3-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	9-12
Away Dog	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-5	4-13
Favorite	4-5	4-6	6-3	4-3	2-3	3-6	2-2	25-28
Dog	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-2	1-3-1	1-2	0-8	9-17-1
Grass	4-2	4-5	7-2	6-4	2-5-1	3-7	2-7	28-32-1
Artificial	1-4	3-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	6-13
vs Conf	4-5	5-4	4-4	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	24-33-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	0-4	10-12
Off SU Win	5-4	5-5	3-4	5-2	2-5	1-5	0-4	21-29
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-2	1-1-1	3-2	2-5	11-13-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Courtney Lewis	186	1070	46	1024	12	5.5
Reggie McNeal	127	606	236	370	4	2.9
Derek Farmer	82	355	15	340	2	4.1
Terrence Murphy	10	164	14	150	1	15.0
Jason Carter	7	128	0	128	1	18.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Reggie McNeal	221	113	51.1	1782	8	7
Dustin Long	104	63	60.6	709	4	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrence Murphy	44	762	17.3	0	56
Jamaar Taylor	25	456	18.2	4	91
Tim Van Zant	30	367	12.2	3	37
Jason Carter	12	162	13.5	0	27
L'Tydrick Riley	9	147	16.3	1	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Young	45	1663	37.0	8	35.0	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Todd Pegram	31-34	6-6	9-13	2-3	0-0	17-22	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jaxson Appel	135	0	3	5	4
Johnny Jolly	94	2	10	8	0
Ronald Jones	91	1	0	3	1
Archie McDaniel	78	4	4	1	0
Byron Jones	69	0	6	13	1
Scott Stickane	63	0	4	1	0
Linnis Smith	51	1	5	3	0
David Ross	50	1	7	2	0
Marcus Jasmin	49	2	2	1	0
Sean Weston	49	0	1	10	0
Mike Montgomery	45	1	6	0	0
Nurahda Manning	38	0	1	0	0
Jonte Buhl	36	0	2	7	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Van Zant	14	75	5.4	0
Jason Carter	12	85	7.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Murphy	23	626	27.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE	ATS
97	Cotton	+14	UCLA		23-29	W
98	Sugar	+12'	Ohio St		14-24	W
99	Alamo	+7	Penn St		0-24	L
00	Independence	-1'	Miss St	(OT)	41-43	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU		28-9	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	25.3	19	177	4.4	213	53.9	15.4	-11	2003	5	38.8	24	225	4.8	206	61.7	11.1
9*	28.8	19	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	+2	2002	7	23.3	18	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5
6*	20.7	16	113	3.1	192	57.6	14.8	+8	2001	5	17.8	18	102	2.7	178	55.4	15.7
6	29.0	20	152	3.9	227	60.1	13.0	+5	2000	7	19.9	17	118	3.3	203	52.7	16.1
8*	26.5	20	140	3.3	220	50.1	13.6	0	1999	8	19.3	17	119	3.2	183	55.5	15.7
7*	23.9	17	151	3.4	161	52.8	13.1	+15	1998	6	15.3	17	130	3.4	172	55.6	19.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Arkansas St	14	34 - 131	3.9	12 - 20	126	1	12	38 - 114	3.0	11 - 20	94	2	-1
Utah	16	38 - 223	5.9	12 - 18	145	0	22	57 - 205	3.6	18 - 40	210	0	0
at Virginia Tech	16	39 - 102	2.6	14 - 26	170	4	22	47 - 273	5.8	9 - 13	63	0	0
Pittsburgh	22	39 - 227	5.8	21 - 39	317	1	23	44 - 195	4.4	14 - 28	283	2	-3
at Texas Tech	25	38 - 184	4.8	16 - 32	305	3	34	22 - 64	2.9	43 - 59	605	1	-1
Baylor	32	49 - 437	8.9	15 - 24	282	2	12	41 - 32	0.8	17 - 30	152	6	+2
at Nebraska	15	37 - 135	3.6	9 - 27	109	3	21	68 - 333	4.9	3 - 9	51	1	-8
Oklahoma St	20	39 - 184	4.7	13 - 27	183	5	28	47 - 235	5.0	16 - 25	208	2	0
Kansas	26	54 - 253	4.7	15 - 23	294	1	26	34 - 153	4.5	26 - 38	328	2	+2
at Oklahoma	3	28 - 22	0.8	4 - 14	32	4	33	61 - 342	5.6	18 - 21	297	1	-1
at Missouri	26	47 - 108	2.3	30 - 43	376	3	27	48 - 362	7.5	12 - 20	89	1	-1
Texas	18	37 - 121	3.3	17 - 37	212	5	22	60 - 393	6.6	5 - 8	97	1	0
TOTALS	233	479 - 2127	4.4	178 - 330	2551	32	282	567 - 2701	4.8	192 - 311	2477	19	-11
AVERAGES	19.4	40 - 177	4.4	15 - 28	213	2.7	23.5	47 - 225	4.8	16 - 26	206	1.6	-0.9

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	-14'	37-17	W
Tulsa	-31'	62-13	W
S Mississippi	-11	23-6	W
at Texas Tech	-16	19-21	L
Baylor	-30	45-13	W
Kansas	-32	34-17	L
at Oklahoma	-3'	6-51	L
Oklahoma St	-11	21-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	0-37	L
at Missouri	-7	51-14	W
Texas	+2'	20-16	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+3	10-24	L
Wyoming	-14	51-3	W
UTEP	-26	45-17	W
Texas Tech	-14'	33-15	W
Colorado	-8	19-26	L
at Baylor	-27	24-0	L
at Iowa St	-3	30-7	W
Kansas St	+5'	26-10	W
at Oklahoma St	-15'	21-16	L
Oklahoma	+10	31-35	W
at Texas	+5'	17-43	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	NL	38-24	–
at Wyoming	-15'	28-20	L
Oklahoma St	-10'	21-7	W
Notre Dame	-3	24-3	W
Baylor	-25	16-10	L
at Colorado	+8'	21-31	L
at Kansas St	+9	31-24	W
Iowa St	-6	24-21	L
at Texas Tech	+6	0-12	L
at Oklahoma	+17'	10-31	L
Texas	+14	7-21	T

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-7	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	14-12	L
Virginia Tech	+1'	3-13	L
Louisiana Tech	-13	31-3	W
Texas Tech	-6	47-48 OT	L
at Baylor	-20	41-0	W
at Kansas	-23	47-22	W
Nebraska	-5'	31-38	L
at Oklahoma St	-3'	23-28	L
Oklahoma	+10	30-26	W
Missouri	-9'	27-33 2OT	L
at Texas	+12	20-50	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-29	26-11	L
Utah	-9'	28-26	L
at Virginia Tech	+13'	19-35	L
Pittsburgh	+1	26-37	L
at Texas Tech	+5	28-59	L
Baylor	-20	73-10	W
at Nebraska	+10	12-48	L
Oklahoma St	+6	10-38	L
Kansas	-11'	45-33	W
at Oklahoma	+30'	0-77	L
at Missouri	+13'	22-45	L
Texas	+20	15-46	L

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Amazing and mind boggling. That is how I would describe the statistics that BJ Symons (#7DC HOU) put up in his first and only year as a starter. In the Leach offense, Symons' predecessor, Kliff Kingsbury broke the single season school record for passing in his first year, then rebroke it as a junior and then again as a senior throwing for 5,017 yards (67.3%) with a 45-13 ratio. His backup was Symons (PS#77) who had played in 17 games in his first three years throwing for 545 yards (57%) with a 7-3 ratio. Leach called Symons the best backup QB he's ever coached. His experience gave him the edge over the other QB's including VHT Phillip Daugherty (PS#22). Symons has a stronger arm than Kingsbury and had a remarkable year. He set the Big 12 record for passing yards in a game with 586 vs NC St and then broke his own record the next week with 661 vs Ole Miss. In the first six games, Symons threw for 2,954 yards with just 6 int but he tore his ACL vs Iowa St. He amazingly played with the injury throwing for 2,879 yards the 2H of the season but had 16 int. Symons was Tech's second straight winner of the Sammy Baugh Trophy for the top QB in the country and set the NCAA single season record with 5,833 yards passing (old record Ty Detmer 1990, 5188). He had 52 TD's with 22 int while completing 65.4% and rushing for 340 yards. In just one year as a starter he departs #5 in career passing yardage here. Leach does not believe in a QB controversy so odds are he will settle on one QB prior to the season. Sonny Cumbie (6-4 210 Sr) is much like Symons and has waited patiently as the backup. He hit 35 of 56 for 340 yards with a 1-1 ratio in six games last year and got the majority of the snaps in bowl practices. Cody Hodges (6-1 210 Jr, PS#134) was the #3 QB and has 5 career passes. The starter figures to be either Cumbie or newcomer Robert Johnson (PS#12JC, 4.45 spd) who threw for 2,122 yards with 478 rushing yards last year leading his JC team to the National Title. He gives Leach a new dimension of mobility at the position. If you are a long time Tech fan he is as mobile as Zebbie Lethridge but is a more polished passer. Another contender is Phillip Daugherty who had over 10,000 yards passing in his HS career running the same type of offense. True frosh Graham Harrell (PS#16) had a Texas record 12,532 yards and 167 TD's in his HS career. It will be tough to top Symons' numbers but Leach has solid talent to work with and will have one of the most productive QB's in the NCAA by the end of the year once again.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Taurean Henderson (PS#92WR) led the team in rushing with 793 yards (5.2) while also hauling in 98 rec (6.5). He led the team again in 2003 with 736 rush yards (5.9) and added 78 rec (7.8). Henderson is an outstanding blocker which is a great help in the pass offense. Johnnie Mack (5-7 180 Sr, PS#47JC) is a small, speedy (4.35 spd) back much like Henderson (4.3). Mack led the team in KR's and rushed for 307 yards (7.3) with 26 rec (9.0). Both return and backing them is Taurance Rawls (5-10 187 rFr, PS#137) who is the most physical RB. When the team uses a blocking H-back they have Clay McGuire (6-2 230 Sr, PS#100QB, 5 sts LY). The team averaged 107.5 ypg rushing in 2003 which was the best yet in the Leach era and has even more experience and talent.

RECEIVERS - Tech had all 4 starting receivers returning last year so they were very experienced. Wes Welker, a small and not-so-fast WR (4.7 spd), led the team for the second straight year with 97 rec (11.3) and was a dangerous returnman. Mickey Peters (TE-type at 6-3 211), was #2 with 78 (12.5). Those two both depart as does WR Carlos Francis (75, 15.7, #4DC OAK), Dupree Scovell (3 rec) and Taylor Jobe (2 rec). Nehemiah Glover has 4.36 speed and is the leading returning WR and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. The team gets some exceptional additions this year. Marquis Johnson originally signed at Texas (PS#3) and should be one of the best receivers in the Big 12 in his first season here. They signed an exceptional crop of incoming WR's (receivers love this offense) and this unit probably has more athletic talent than last seasons, just less experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Leach's first three years, Tech averaged less than 100 ypg rushing but improved the ypc each year from 2.6 to 3.5 to 3.6 in 2002. The unit did yield 47 sacks in 2002 but attempted 770 passes (6.1%). Eight different players saw starting action that season and seven returned last year. The veteran O-line paved the way for the best rushing totals in the Leach era with 107 ypg and a solid 4.5 ypc. The unit also allowed just 26 sacks on 780 passes (3.3%). This year they must replace C Toby Cecil (13 sts, 3rd Tm B12, 4 yr st'r) and RT Casey Keck (2 yr st'r, 7 sts, HM B12). Basically four full-time starters return and new starting C Dylan Gandy has six career starts so this is once again a very experienced unit. It wouldn't surprise me to see either Dan Christian (PS#32JC) or Bryan Kegans (PS#117) work their way into starting jobs. This should be one of the stronger O-lines in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech's D allowed 4.2 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks in 2002 and last year had to replace three starters including an NFL DC and two backups. They then lost two projected starters prior to the year when DT Clayton Harmon (PS#50) retired and DE Chauncey Clark (PS#68JC) was ruled ineligible. Tech allowed 4.7 ypc rushing and the defense got 34 sacks. This year's unit is much more experienced. The only losses are DE Gathan McGinnis (9 sts, 20 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Marquis Turner (2 sts, 7 tkl, 2 tfl). This group is basically four deep including this year's JUCO transfers and not even listed below are Shane Wagner (6-3 211 rFr) plus this year's true frosh. They also return their star DE Adell Duckett who had 14 sacks and was 2nd Tm Big 12. This, to me, looks like one of the most improved D-lines in the country in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Last year TT returned two full-time starters at the LB position but had to replace their all-time leading tackler, Lawrence Flugence who had 193 tkl in 2002 alone. Brock Stratton filled in as a "true" frosh after going on a mission and was the Big 12 co-Def Frosh of the Year. Despite recording 95 tackles he was overpowered at times and could lose his starting MLB position. This year the only loss is WLB Jason Wesley (6 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and even the 3rd string looks solid including JC transfer Sylvester Brinkley. This is a very experienced LB unit and should be part of a much tougher D in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech had an inexperienced secondary in 2001 and finished #66 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace one starter in 2002 but surprisingly dropped to #73. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups and then opted to redshirt starting FS Raymond Pierce trying to move him to LB. The unit was extremely inexperienced and vs SMU lined up wrong nine different times. Surprisingly Tech dropped only a little in my rankings to #80 allowing 57.3% with a 20-16 ratio. This year the unit is in much better shape. They only have to replace SS Ryan Aycock (2nd Tm B12, #1 tkl'r, 6 int, 3 yr st'r), CB Marcus Boyd (5 sts, 53 tkl), SS BJ Johnson (3 sts, 29 tkl), SS Micah Sweats (12 tkl) and CB Tim Norman (2 sts, 17 tkl, 3 pbu) who may return in 2005 if he regains eligibility. Chad Johnson (9 sts as true) should have an outstanding year as he was the Def MIP in the spring after moving to SS. There are plenty of JUCO's in the mix as well including Dwayne Slay (PS#78). I look for Tech to have their best finish in my pass D rankings in four years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year TT hired Ruffin McNeill as special teams coach and had their highest finish yet in my special teams rankings under Leach at #49. The star of Tech's special teams unit the past few years easily has been Wes Welker. Welker departs as the NCAA's all-time leading PR in yardage (1,761) and TD's (8). He was the winner of the Mosi Tatupu Award for the NCAA's best special teams player. In his first year as punter true frosh Alex Reyes (PS#44) did not get a lot of action as Leach went for it on 4th down quite often. He had just 28 punts but did average 43.0 (37.6 net) as a true frosh. Johnnie Mack was a solid KR (24.8) despite having 2 fumbles vs Ole Miss. Keith Toogood also had his FG's limited (4th down conv) with Leach having him attempt just 3 from 40+. Overall he hit 8 of 13 with a long of 47. Everyone is back with the exception of Welker but he is a big loss and this unit will probably drop a little in 2004.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his fifth year here and is his own OC and does a tremendous job (42.5 ppg and 582.8 ypg LY). Lyle Setencich stepped in as the DC last year. He was Cal's DC from 1997 to 2001. He was also the head man at Cal Poly SLO from 1987-1993 where he compiled a 41-29-2 record and Boise's HC from 1983-1986 where he was 24-20.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Texas Tech has now had 11 non-losing seasons and to me, even more impressively, they are the ONLY member of the Big 12 to have had 9 straight winning seasons. Mike Leach has the fans excited and last year was only the second time in school history they sold 20,000+ season tickets and attendance climbed to 49,608. Every year Tech is picked low in the preseason and every year they overachieve. Last year I pegged them 4th in the Big 12 South while the media had them 5th and they finished 4-4 and were close to finishing higher but lost to Okla St by 2 and gave up a late TD to lose to Texas by 3. They are 6 games above .500 in Big 12 play since the league was formed. In Kliff Kingsbury's first season as starting QB, the team averaged just 25.4 ppg and in his senior season averaged 38.4 so there was an expected dropoff with new QB BJ Symons, a career backup taking over. Leach did a tremendous job with the offense last season as they had the most potent offense in the NCAA. Symons guided the team to an amazing 475 ypg passing (most schools don't even top 400 in a game all season) and 42.5 ppg, by far the best in the Leach era. They had a school record 661 yards vs Ole Miss in the school's first non-conf road win in 14 years vs a BCS school. Symons departs but now in the 5th year of Leach's system, you can expect the offense to be potent once again, even though it has just 6 starters back (9 in 2003). The defense yielded 34 ppg last year but was on the field a lot because the offense scored so quickly. They also faced Philip Rivers and Eli Manning in back-to-back games. The D should be stronger with 9 starters back and are now in the second year of Setencich's system. Tech, for the first time in school history, has won two consecutive bowls and both have been blowouts (40 and 24 pts). After outgaining Big 12 foes by 88.8 ypg in 2002, they improved to 134.9 ypg the third best mark in the league. Tech has six road games including 4 of the first 5 and also draw KSU out of the Big 12 North. Despite having to break in a new QB, this will be another solid winning year for Leach and the 12th consecutive for the school.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Robert Johnson Jr. 6-1 195 **PS#12JC**. 4.45 spd. In for spg. **Sonny Cumbie** (6-4 210 Sr) 374 yds (65%) 1-3 ratio, 2 yrs. **Phillip Daugherty** (6-3 205 rFr) **PS#22**.

RB TAUREAN HENDERSON JR. 5-9 179 793 rush (5.2), 98 rec (6.5), 3rd Tm B12 in '02. 736 rush (5.9), 78 rec (7.8) LY. Johnnie Mack (5-7 180 Sr) PS#47JC. 307 rush, 26 rec (9.0) LY.

WR Jarrett Hicks So. 6-4 208 PS#172. 32 rec (15.6) as rFr. Thomas Bachman (5-10 179 So) PS#65. 4 rec as true. RS LY. Brandon Douglas (5-11 189 So) PS#146.

WR Marquis Johnson So. 6-3 210 **PS#3**! in '02 & orig signed with Texas. RS at JUCO last year. Cullin Bacak (6-2 200 rFr). Anthony Jenkins (6-0 180 Fr) is **PS#38**.

WR NEHEMIAH GLOVER SR. 5-8 177 **4.36 spd**. 2 sts, 38 rec (10.2) in '01. 13 sts, 52 rec (12.9) in '02. 13 sts, 77 rec (14.0) LY. Joel Filani (6-3 225 So) PS#88, Cody Fuller (6-0 189 Jr).

TE Trey Haverty Sr. 6-0 200 33 rec (9.3) 3 yrs. Bristol Olomua (6-5 225 Jr) PS#75, 2 rec at BYU in '99. Mission & trans. Joey Hawkins (6-9 240 Sr) 2 sts, 10 rec, 2 yrs.

C Dylan Gandy Sr. 6-4 294 1 st at LG as rFr. 3 sts in '02. 2 sts at LG in '03. Brandon Jones (6-3 295 So) 2nd string in 2003. Josh Morris (6-4 283 rFr) PS#232.

RG MANUEL RAMIREZ SO. 6-4 318 PS#198. Last 10 sts as rFr. Bryan Kegans (6-5 291 Jr) PS#117, 2nd string, 2 letters. Ben Griffin (6-4 278 rFr) PS#313. "Big Nasty".

LG CODY CAMPBELL SR. 6-3 315 2nd string as rFr. 1 st in '02. 11 sts in '03. **Dan Christian** (6-5 356 Jr) **PS#32JUCO**. RS LY. Lance Lusk (6-6 305 rFr) PS#244.

RT EJ WHITLEY JR. 6-6 305 **PS#68**. 11 sts as rFr, HM Big 12. 10 sts last year (3 sts at RG, 7 at RT). Gabe Hall (6-4 290 So). PS#35. Inj LY. Added 20 lbs, 4.8 speed.

LT DANIEL LOPER SR. 6-7 329 5 sts as rFr. 14 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03. **2nd Tm B12**. Glenn January (6-7 292 So) PS#255, 2nd string LY. Matt Grisell (6-4 276 rFr). PS#449.

K KEITH TOOGOOD SO. 6-2 190 PS#49. Hit 8 of 13 FG's as rFr, long of 47. Wich Brenner (5-11 222 Sr) PS#89. KO's in 2000. Ryan Bishop (5-9 195 Sr) 11-12 xp's.

DE ADELL DUCKETT SR. 6-4 265 12 sts, 82 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl, 8 pbu '02. 13 sts LY, 69 tkls, 14 sks, 11 tfl, **2nd Tm B12**. Keyunta Dawson (6-2 252 So) 16 tkls, **4.5 sks**. Sione Havili (6-3 247 Jr).

DT FRED THRWEATT JR. 6-3 320 PS#137. 5 tkls, 10 gms in '02. 7 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl LY. **Chris Hudler** (6-3 309 So) PS#98TE. 5 sts, 20 tkls, 4 tfl in 2003.

DT KEN SCOTT SO. 6-2 307 8 sts as rFr, 27 tkls, 4 tfl. Pat Majondo-Mwamba (6-4 303 Sr) PS#160JC, 18 tkls. Randall Cherry (6-4 261 Jr) PS#155. Charles Glover PS#68JC. In for spg.

DE Brett Bischofberger Jr. 6-3 270 RS at Cal. **PS#17JC**. Seth Nitschmann (6-4 258 So) PS#370. 2 sts, 21 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Deke Bake is **PS#32JC**. Tyler Yenzer (6-4 220 rFr) PS#135.

SLB JOHN SALDI JR. 6-5 230 PS#148. 8 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 12 tfl. 13 sts in '03, HM Big 12, 52 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Paul Williams (6-2 210 So) **PS#74**. Kellen Tillman (6-1 227 So) PS#125.

MLB BROCK STRATTON SO. 5-11 233 PS#157 at BYU in 2000. Mission. 12 sts as "true". 95 tkls, 5.5 tfl, B12 co-Def Fr Yr. Geremy Woods (6-1 247 Sr) PS#88, 83 tkls, 3Y. Sylvester Brinkley **PS#62JC**.

WLB MIKE SMITH SR. 6-3 245 21 sts, 195 tkls '01 & '02. 10 sts, 42 tkls, 10 tfl LY. Fletcher Session (6-0 218 So) **PS#119**. 4 sts, 20 tkls LY. Brent Slaughter (6-1 207 So) 13 tkls. **4.36** 40.

CB JABARI SMITH SR. 6-0 181 PS#131JC. 4.3 spd. 8 sts, 29 tkls, 1 sk, 2 pbu LY. Antonio Huffman (6-0 175 So) PS#171. 20 tkls, 4 pbu LY. Chris Parker (5-10 173 rFr) PS#358.

CB Jamaal Jackson Sr. 5-10 184 **PS#62JC**. 18 tkls, 1 int LY. SirDon Lewis (5-9 168 Jr) 22 tkls LY. Anthony Hines (6-1 202 Fr) PS#504. Greg Aycock (5-9 197 So) 7 tackles.

SS CHAD JOHNSON SO. 5-11 185 **PS#50**. 2 as **true**, 43 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Josh Rangel (6-2 200 Sr) PS#264JC in '01. 17 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. 15 tkls LY. Joe Garcia (6-1 200 rFr) PS#168.

FS VINCENT MEEKS JR. 6-0 187 PS#112RB. 4 sts, 27 tkls as true. 10 sts LY, HM B12, 54 tkls, 3 tfl. **Raymond Pierce** (6-2 218 Sr) PS#194JC. 9 sts, 70 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu in '02, RS LY.

P ALEX REYES SO. 6-1 200 PS#44. Avg 44.0 in HS. All 28 punts as true, solid 43.0 avg & net of 37.6. Wich Brenner (5-11 222 Sr). Did KO's in 2000.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Graham Harrell 6-2 183 PS#16
QB	Robert Johnson 6-1 195 PS#12JC
WR	Anthony Jenkins 6-0 180 PS#38
DL	Brett Bischofberger 6-3 270 PS#17JC
WR	Danny Amendola 5-11 178 PS#53
DL	Deke Bake 6-6 260 PS#32JC
LB	Marcus Smith 6-1 235 PS#69
LB	Sylvester Brinkley 6-4 235 PS#62JC
DL	Charles Glover 6-4 265 PS#68JC
WR	Marquis Johnson 6-3 210 PS#75JC
OL	David Chatterton 6-5 290 PS#100
DB	Dwayne Slay 6-4 210 PS#78JC
DL	Jake Ratliff 6-5 234 PS#136
DB	Darcel McBath 6-0 176 PS#140

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Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

31-21	Straight Up	13-5-1	Home Favorite
28-18-1	Vs The Spread	2-4	Home Underdog
10-5	Off A SU Loss	5-2	Away Favorite
20-12	Vs Conference	8-7	Away Underdog
		8-6-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (22,26,5)
Lost: 16 (8,8,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,608

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#24

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	at SMU	A					
Sep. 11	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 18	TCU	A					
Sep. 25	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 2	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 9	Nebraska	A					
Oct. 16							
Oct. 23	Texas	A					
Oct. 30	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 6	Baylor	A					
Nov. 13	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 20							
Nov. 27	Oklahoma St	A					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Texas Tech is just 7-12 ATS on grass since 1999.
TT is 18-7-1 ATS as the favorite under Coach Leach.
Red Raiders were 6-1 ATS off a SU win last year.

Texas Tech is 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS in this series since 1990.
The Red Raiders are just 1-4 SU & ATS their last 5 road openers.

TT leads the all-time series 33-5-2 SU & has won the last 10 straight S'85.
Texas Tech is 5-0-1 ATS vs the Lobos since 1994.

The home team is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS the last 4 games of this series.
The Red Raiders are 8-3 ATS in this series since 1985.

TT is 7-1 SU all-time & 3-1 ATS in Big 12 play against the Jayhawks.
Texas Tech is 8-3-1 ATS in their conference opener since 1992.

Pending LW, Red Raiders are 14-6 ATS vs the Big 12 South under Leach.
OU has outscored TT the last 2 years by a combined 116-40.

TT is 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS against Nebraska in Big 12 play.
Red Raiders are just 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS before a bye since 1997.

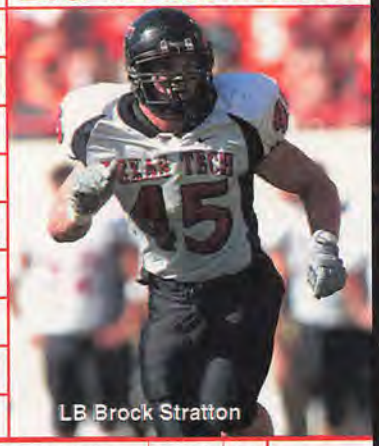
The Red Raiders are 0-3 ATS after a bye under Coach Leach.
The underdog is 7-4 ATS in the last 11 meetings.

Texas Tech is 3-1-1 ATS in this series since 1986.
TT is 0-3 SU & ATS the week after taking on Texas the last 3 years.

Texas Tech is 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS in this series (avg score 45-15) S'96.
The Red Raiders are 6-2 ATS the game prior to Texas A&M in Big 12 play.

Texas Tech is 12-3 ATS in this series the last 15 meetings.
Red Raiders are 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS in their last 4 road finales.

Texas Tech is 7-3 SU & 9-1 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1988.
The Red Raiders are 16-2 ATS since 1985 in their home finales.


LB Brock Stratton

STADIUM: JONES SBC STADIUM (52,702)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-4	8-5	7-5	48-33
ATS	7-4	7-4	5-6	7-5	6-3-1	7-6	8-4	47-32-1
Home Fav	2-2	2-3	1-1	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	4-1	18-11-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	7-5
Away Fav	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	9-4
Away Dog	3-1	2-0	0-4	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-1	13-12
Favorite	3-2	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-1-1	5-2	5-2	27-15-1
Dog	4-2	3-0	3-4	3-3	2-2	2-4	3-2	20-17
Grass	1-1	2-1	1-4	1-1	1-1	2-5	2-1	10-14
Artificial	6-3	5-3	4-2	6-4	5-2-1	5-1	6-3	37-18-1
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	36-20
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-2	1-0-1	2-3	3-1	11-12-1
Off SU Win	3-3	4-3	1-4	2-5	4-2	4-4	6-1	24-22
Off SU Loss	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-1	3-1	1-3	20-7

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Taurean Henderson	124	756	20	736	10	5.9
Johnnie Mack	42	320	13	307	4	7.3
Wes Welker	27	154	8	146	1	5.4
BJ Symons	79	340	197	143	5	1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
BJ Symons	719	470	65.4	5833	52	22
Sonny Cumbie	56	35	62.5	340	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Carlos Francis	75	1177	15.7	9	70	
Wes Welker	97	1099	11.3	9	48	
Nehemiah Glover	77	1081	14.0	9	59	
Mickey Peters	78	975	12.5	12	52	
Taurean Henderson	78	611	7.8	6	33	
Jarrett Hicks	32	498	15.6	5	34	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Alex Reyes	28	1203	43.0	3	37.5	1	6
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Keith Toogood	66-70	4-5	3-5	1-3	0-0	8-13	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Aycock	101	1	4	3	6
Brock Stratton	95	1.5	4	0	1
Adell Duckett	69	14	11	2	1
Vincent Meeks	54	1	2	1	4
Marcus Boyd	53	0	0	4	0
John Saldi	52	1.5	4	2	1
Chad Johnson	43	0	0	4	2
Mike Smith	42	3	7	1	0
Jabari Smith	29	1	0	2	0
Byron Johnson	29	0	1	1	0
Fred Thrweatt	27	1	1	2	0
Ken Scott	27	1.5	2	0	0
SirDon Lewis	22	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Wes Welker	33	385	11.7	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Johnnie Mack	22	546	24.8	0	
Nehemiah Glover	10	160	16.0	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Independence	-9'	Mississippi	18-35	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	-1	E Carolina	27-40	L
01	Alamo	-1	Iowa	16-19	L
02	Tangerine	-5	Clemson	55-15	W
03	Houston	-11'	Navy	38-14	W

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	42.5	32	107	4.5	475	64.9	13.7	-8	2003	5	34.0	23	197	4.7	256	57.3	13.3
7*	38.4	27	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	-10	2002	9	31.4	21	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9
8*	33.5	22	82	3.5	335	67.8	12.4	+6	2001	4	23.4	20	173	4.1	187	56.6	15.4
6	25.4	20	66	2.6	297	60.9	14.3	+6	2000	4	21.4	19	164	3.9	169	52.4	15.6
7*	23.0	17	149	3.5	175	48.1	14.1	-2	1999	6	25.6	18	145	3.6	195	53.9	13.3
6	27.7	22	192	4.0	203	52.8	14.3	-6	1998	5	19.8	15	121	2.9	170	49.8	14.7

	OFFENSE					2003 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SMU	25	23-123	5.3	26-41	314	2	21	40-85	2.1	21-44	195	2	+2
New Mexico	27	19-38	2.0	37-54	418	3	26	51-235	4.6	22-42	349	2	+1
at NC State	30	24-95	4.0	39-64	586	4	24	39-217	5.6	18-22	257	3	-1
at Mississippi	34	17-52	3.1	44-64	661	1	31	34-169	5.0	29-49	409	2	-2
Texas A&M	34	22-64	2.9	43-59	605	1	25	38-184	4.8	16-32	305	3	+1
Iowa St	45	33-240	7.3	52-78	535	2	16	30-85	2.8	16-33	270	2	-2
at Oklahoma St	38	20-109	5.5	42-67	552	5	29	51-352	6.9	19-30	321	3	-1
at Missouri	31	22-94	4.3	45-73	437	1	29	55-469	8.5	13-24	128	1	-5
Colorado	32	23-91	4.0	30-51	399	1	17	41-81	2.0	18-33	213	5	-3
at Baylor	37	28-136	4.9	44-64	580	4	14	30-111	3.7	18-26	164	4	+2
at Texas	32	30-162	5.4	32-58	365	1	29	43-207	4.8	20-30	287	3	+3
Oklahoma	23	27-129	4.8	31-54	230	0	16	36-78	2.2	22-32	394	3	-3
† Navy	30	20-64	3.2	41-53	497	1	17	55-289	5.3	3-13	40	1	0
TOTALS	418	308-1397	4.5	506-780	6179	26	294	543-2562	4.7	235-410	3332	34	-8
AVERAGES	32.2	24-107	4.5	39-60	475	2.0	22.6	42-197	4.7	18-32	256	2.6	-0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+6'	13-31	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-22	38-17	L
N Texas	-31	14-21	L
Texas A&M	+16	21-19	W
at Oklahoma St	+3'	21-41	L
Colorado	+5	31-10	W
at Baylor	-8'	35-7	W
at Missouri	+1	7-34	L
Iowa St	-2'	28-16	W
at Texas	+16	7-58	L
Oklahoma	+13	38-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-16'	24-3	W
Utah St	-21	38-16	W
N Texas	-30'	13-7	L
Louisiana-Lft	-32	26-0	L
at Texas A&M	+14'	15-33	L
Baylor	-20	28-0	W
Nebraska	+20	3-56	L
at Kansas St	+31'	23-28	W
at Kansas	+3	45-39	W
Texas	+10	17-29	L
Oklahoma St	-10	58-0	W
at Oklahoma	+24'	13-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-12	42-30	T
at N Texas	-18	42-14	W
at Texas	+18	7-42	L
Kansas	-13'	31-34 2OT	L
Kansas St	+14'	38-19	W
at Nebraska	+26	31-41	W
at Baylor	-12	63-19	W
Texas A&M	-6	12-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	49-30	W
Oklahoma	+7'	13-30	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	58-3	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+6	21-45	L
at SMU	-20	24-14	L
Mississippi	-3'	42-28	W
NC State	-1'	48-51 OT	L
at New Mexico	-8	49-0	W
at Texas A&M	+6	48-47 OT	W
at Iowa St	+6'	17-31	L
Missouri	-6'	52-38	W
at Colorado	+6	13-37	L
Baylor	-32	62-11	W
Oklahoma St	-9	49-24	W
Texas	+6'	42-38	W
at Oklahoma	+13	15-60	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-23'	58-10	W
New Mexico	-13'	42-28	W
at NC State	+6'	21-49	L
at Mississippi	+3	49-45	W
Texas A&M	-5	59-28	W
Iowa St	-16'	52-21	W
at Oklahoma St	+3	49-51	W
at Missouri	-3	31-62	L
Colorado	-14	26-21	L
at Baylor	-27'	62-14	W
at Texas	+18'	40-43	W
Oklahoma	+19'	25-56	L

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Les Miles moved spring practices around Josh Fields' (PS#86) busy schedule in 2002 as he split time between baseball and spring football practices. In the first six games Fields had an 11-8 ratio but really blossomed down the stretch with an outstanding 20-2 ratio. He ended up setting single season school records for yards, att's, comp's and TD's throwing for 3,145 yards (55.4%) with a 31-10 ratio. Fields junior season was not as productive. In the opener vs Nebraska he injured his shoulder and was not really 100% all year. Once again Fields started slowly with just a 2-5 ratio over the first 3 games but he had a 19-7 ratio the rest of the way and set a Cotton Bowl record with 307 yards passing. He threw for 2,494 yards (54.4%) with a 21-12 ratio. His backup was Jamie Beeghley (6-1 200 So, PS#95) who attempted just 11 passes for 66 yards. The passing offense was primarily based on getting the ball to super WR Rashaun Woods and his departure could hurt the QB's. The big question is whether Fields will be on the team in August as he missed spring practice to concentrate on baseball and was waiting to see where he would be picked in the June baseball draft. Donovan Woods (PS#37) is Rashaun's brother and he has 4.5 speed. This year Miles brings in a VHT in true frosh Bobby Reid (PS#5). Also in the mix is Mike Friess (6-2 220 rFr, PS#95) as well as Georgia Tech transfer Al Pena (6-3 200 rFr, PS#91). If Fields returns, the team would have a veteran senior signal caller and if not, this would be an extremely inexperienced group albeit a talented one with Woods and Reid adding mobility.

RUNNING BACKS - Tatum Bell (PS#37) had 1,096 yards (6.3) with 11 TD's in 2002 and Seymore Shaw (PS#14) had five starts rushing for 498 yards (5.6). The less touted Vernand Morency spent four years in minor league baseball and was recruited by Florida St out of HS. He rushed for 269 yards (4.6) in 2002. Coming into last year the talk was of Bell's speed and Shaw's power. Bell had 215 yards vs Wyoming. He did fumble on his second carry vs UL-Lft and would not get another attempt the rest of the game. Bell returned with a vengeance and had 577 yards in 3 games vs Kan St, TX Tech and TX A&M. Prior to Oklahoma he was #2 in the NCAA in rushing with 1,081 yards and #4 in one Heisman poll. The loss to OU knocked him out of contention and then he sprained an ankle vs Texas and missed 7Q's. Shaw was banged up and rushed for just 363 yards but with an impressive 6.3 ypc. Morency stepped to the forefront and vs Kansas he rushed for 269 yards and then followed it up vs Baylor with 227. He just missed the magical 1,000 yard mark with 918 (6.8). FB Shawn Willis had an untimely dropped pass vs Nebraska in the opener but then on his first and 3rd carries of the season netted 2 TD's vs Wyoming. The 255 lb FB with a 420 bench is a very impressive blocker that also averaged 4.8 on his 31 carries. He played because returning starter FB Tim Burrough was banged up. This year Bell departs (1286 yds, 6.0, 16 TD's LY, #2DC DEN) as the #6 rusher in school history and Burrough also leaves but everyone else returns. Greg Gold (5-9 195 So, PS#40) had 103 yards (7.4). Added to the mix at TB are Calvin Roberts (5-11 200 rFr, PS#34DB), Greg Jones (5-9 200 Sr) who has 190 yards rushing in three years, FB Jared McCoy (5-10 240 Jr) as well as this year's signees. Even with the loss of Bell, this has the makings of a pretty solid RB corps.

RB Vernand Morency

RECEIVERS - Rashaun Woods is clearly one of the Cowboys best WR's ever. He broke Hart Lee Dykes' 1988 school record of 1,278 yards with a super junior season as he had 1,695 yards (15.8) and 17 TD's. Woods topped 1,000 yards receiving three straight years. In 2002 John Lewis was a solid #2 receiver with 4.3 speed that forced offenses to account for him as well as Woods. Last year D'Juan Woods (Rashaun's brother) took that role and while he had a decent year with 31 rec's (15.5), opponents were able to focus more on Rashaun without a breakaway threat. His numbers dropped some to 1,367 (17.8) with 15 TD's although he did set a Cotton Bowl record for both rec's (11) and yards (223). Rashaun was 1st Tm Big 12 and #1DC of SF. Also gone is Gabe Lindsay (24 rec, 8.0). Everyone else returns and there is some talent in the 2 deep I list below. Not listed are John Wohlgemuth (6-1 185 Sr, 7 rec, 2 sts), Josh Letourneau (5-10 190 Jr, PS#255) and this year's true frosh including TE Justin Waller (PS#16). TE Billy Bajema continues to get bigger and stronger. With the loss of their key player, this unit clearly looks weaker in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 OSU averaged 4.4 ypc rushing while the O-line allowed just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but did have five players return with starting experience. True frosh Corey Hilliard "Big Nasty" took the starting job from Kellen Davis despite missing three games with injury and C Ben Buie missed the final three with a broken leg. The unit opened holes for 5.4 ypc while again allowing just 19 sacks. This year basically four starters return. They lose G Caleb Noble (6 sts), LT Matt Hardison (9 sts) and LT Doug Koenig (4 sts). This line is more experienced than last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 OSU allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's including 1st round DC Kevin Williams and most of the expected contributors arrived in the fall. At one DT spot four different players started and XLK (Xavier Lawson-Kennedy) did not have the impact expected due to injury and conditioning. Overall OSU allowed 3.9 ypc while recording 32 sacks. This year they lose DE Greg Richmond (13 sts, 72 tkl, 12.5 sks, 1st Tm B12), DE Antonio Smith (10 sts, 29 tkl, 5 sks, #5DC ARZ), DE Khreem Smith (5 sts, HM B12, 37 tkl, 10 tfl), DT Kyle Hix (4 sts, 7 tkl) and NT Mike Williams (1 st, 8 tkl). The coaches are very high on Marque Fountain with one saying "You could put Richmond's number on Fountain and not tell the difference". They consider him a future all-Big 12 player. Not listed below are Jacob Dressen (6-4 285 Sr, 2 tkl) and Darrell Franklin (6-3 240 So, 1 tkl). Clay Coe is solid at NG and XLK should be dominant as a soph. This group is just as experienced as last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - OSU runs a 4-2-5 defense but I list the WS under the LB writeup. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but moved FS Elbert Craig to the WS spot so there were 2 VHT starters at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately Lawrence Pinson (PS#28), the team's leading tackler, went down to injury after 5 games. True frosh Victor DeGrate, who is the biggest and fastest of the LB's, took over the final three starts. Craig was also injured and only had 8 sts giving Jamar Ransom 5 starts. This year the only loss is Craig (8 sts, 41 tkl, 2 tfl). The top four tacklers return to this position and they add in Roderick Johnson (PS#28) who was in for the spring. This unit is more experienced, stronger and one of the top LB corps in the Big 12.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU was #60 in my pass D rankings in 2002 with 6 frosh seeing action. Last year they moved starting FS Elbert Craig to WS and had to replace a starting SS and two CB's who combined for six starts so they basically had 2 starters returning. Their CB's were on the short side but very athletic with a lot of speed including CB's Darrent Williams (1st Tm B12, 4.28 spd) and Daniel McLemore who is one of the fastest players in the NCAA with 4.2 speed. The unit finished about the same at #63 allowing 56.5% with a decent 23-18 ratio. This year almost everyone is back except for CB Freddie Sinclair (21 tkl, 1 sk) and SS Fath' Carter (3 sts, 21 tkl, 5 tfl). Six players return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below is Ricky Coxeff (5-11 170 So, 9 tkl), Andrew Alexander (5-10 150 rFr, PS#71RB, 4.3 spd), Paul Francis (6-2 185 Sr, PS#104JC) and this year's true frosh. With this speedy and experienced secondary, I look for OSU to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Okla St has had strong special teams rankings over the last eight years, always finishing in the Top 40. In special teams coordinator Joe DeForest's first year here they finished #3 (2001). They had to replace their punter in 2002 but still finished #18. They had excellent kickers the last two seasons and P Cole Farden has improved his net from 34.8 to a super 38.2 last year (43.2 avg). PR Gabe Lindsay is a big loss as he averaged 19.0 and 15.1 the last two seasons but Darrent Williams had two TD's on PR's (17.9). Luke Phillips missed a FG vs Nebraska and another one in the bowl game but hit 16 straight FG's including all 3 from 50+ and he will be missed. Farden's KO's were outstanding and the team allowed just 27 KR's (60 TB's). In Miles' three years the team has blocked seven punts. They finished #3 in my rankings in 2003. While the kicker figures to be weaker, OSU should still rank highly in the overall rankings.

COACHES - In 2002 Les Miles was the Big 12 Coach of the Year and led his second OSU team to its first bowl appearance since 1997. He was the Cowboys TE coach from '98-'00 and previously the OSU OC from '95-'97. His OC is Mike Gundy who was a star QB here. The DC is Bill Clay who was Miss St's DC from '91-'95, at UTEP in '96 and UAB from '97-'00.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cowboys were just 3-7 in 2001 heading into the season finale vs #4 ranked Oklahoma when they pulled the stunning upset costing the Sooners a Big 12 South Title and a shot at the Rose Bowl. That game, in which they had a 334-220 yard edge, gave them confidence heading into 2002 and they responded with their first winning season since 1997 despite a couple of tough losses early on. In the regular season finale in '02 they once again upset Oklahoma (#3) with a 506-333 yard edge. OSU had 51 lettermen returning last year including QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods. They were #24 in the preseason poll, the first time they were ranked in the initial poll since 1985. They took on a soft non-conf slate, took advantage of a K-St team which had QB Roberson just returning from injury and opened 7-1. They were thinking National Title but losses to Oklahoma and Texas in back-to-back weeks by a combined 107-25 ended that dream. Still it was a successful year as they got to their first New Year's Day Bowl game in 58 years after a 9-3 regular season. Prior to Miles' arrival they had just one winning season in 12 years and have now had 2 in a row. There is a question mark on offense as at the time of this writing it is not known whether Josh Fields will return. I will forecast this as if he's not coming back as I am confident in both of his young replacement QB's. The receiving corps will miss Rashaun Woods as he was extraordinary but they do return a veteran O-line. I don't think they will match last year's 35.9 ppg, however. Defensively this looks like Miles' best unit yet with 8 starters back and look for much more production out of XLK as well as CB Robert Jones in their second years here. The schedule is not easy with 4 tough Big 12 road games and they also host Oklahoma and will likely be a dog in those 5. I feel this team is capable of achieving its 3rd consecutive winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Bobby Reid Fr. 6-3 225 **PS#5**. In for spring. **Dovovan Woods** (6-2 210 rFr) PS#37. Josh Fields (6-1 215 Sr) 6090 yds (53%). 55-25 ratio, 3Y. Questionable for fall.
RB Vernand Morency Jr. 5-10 215 4Y baseball. 2 sts, 918 yards (6.8) LY, 3rd Tm B12. **Seymore Shaw** (5-11 215 Sr) **PS#14**. 861 yds (6.0) 2Y. **Calvin Roberts was PS#34DB** LY.
FB SHAWN WILLIS JR. 6-1 255 PS#76. 8 sts LY, HM B12, 149 rush (4.8), 9 rec. Julius Crosslin (5-11 215 rFr) PS#191LB. Greg Gold (5-10 190 So) PS#40RB. 5 games LY, 103 yds.
WR D'JUAN WOODS SO. 6-1 195 PS#74. 11 sts as rFr, 31 rec (15.5). Philip Jones (5-11 170 Fr) PS#53. ACL & grayshirt last year. Chijuan Mack (6-3 180 rFr) PS#123.
WR Tommy Deveraux So. 6-1 160 PS#51. Sprinter on track team **4.32 spd**. 4 rec as true. Kenneth Williams (6-4 210 Jr) PS#243. 1 st, 3 rec. Eric Allen (6-3 185 rFr) PS#104.
TE BILLY BAJEMA SR. 6-5 255 PS#63. 13 sts in '02, 16 rec (16.9). 11 sts LY, 12 rec (10.8). Charlie Johnson (6-4 290 Jr) 8 sts, 15 rec, 2Y. Paschal Smith (6-4 245 rFr) PS#105.
C BEN BUIE SR. 6-2 315 PS#84DL. L/11 sts in '02. 9 sts LY until broken leg. Kurt Seifried (6-4 305 So) PS#119. Evan Saks (6-1 245 rFr). **LS** Brian Jeffries (5-11 215 Jr).
RG SAM MAYES SR. 6-3 350 PS#294. 3 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '02, HM Big 12. 12 sts in '03, **2nd Tm Big 12**. 365 bench. David Koenig (6-4 260 rFr) PS#396.
LG CHRIS AKIN SR. 6-2 300 PS#226. 8 sts in 2002. 13 sts last year (9 at G, 4 at C), HM Big 12. Doug Bond (6-2 310 So) PS#254. Injured as rFr. #1 LG in spring of '04.
RT COREY HILLIARD SO. 6-5 300 PS#105. "Big Nasty". Last 6 sts as **true** (miss 3 inj). Corey Curtis (6-4 285 Jr) PS#251DL. 5 sts in '02, 2nd string last year. 4.5 pro agility.
LT Kellen Davis Jr. 6-5 290 PS#175. 5 games, 2nd string as rFr. 6 sts at RT in '03. Adam Gourley (6-6 265 Jr) PS#145JC. RS LY. Phillip Friess (6-5 260 rFr).
K Cole Farden Sr. 5-11 200 10 of 15 FG's in HS. KO's L/3Y & high percentage of TB's. Luke Roberts (5-11 180 rFr) PS#46. 65 yd FG in HS! Jason Ricks (PS#40).

DE Marque Fountain So. 6-1 255 PS#188, 18 tkls. 2 sks, 2 tfl as **true**. Tremayne Standberry (6-3 245 rFr) **PS#14TE**. Trumain Carroll (6-3 245 Jr) 8 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 years. 36° VL.
NG CLAY COE SR. 6-2 285 PS#62. 2 sts, 34 tkls in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. Darnell Smith (6-0 245 So) 4 tkls. Walter Thomas (6-5 340 Fr) PS#37DL. 5.0 speed.
DT XAVIER LAWSON-KENNEDY SO. 6-1 320 **PS#7**. "XLK". 11 tkls as **true**. Brad Girtman (6-5 270 So) PS#71. 2 starts, 27 tkls as true. Efe Mowarin (6-1 310 Sr) PS#130JC. 4 starts.
DE Jerry Don Bray Jr. 6-5 255 15 tkls, 2.5 sks. 2 years. **Nathan Peterson is PS#26** in for spring. Erich Von Holt (6-4 255 Jr) PS#136TE. William Bell is PS#49.
WLB PAUL DUREN JR. 6-1 240 PS#107QB. 13 sts, #1 w/84 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 9 sts LY. #1 w/97 tkls. **Lawrence Pinson** (6-1 240 Jr) 5 sts LY until inj, 35 tkls. Glenn Jackson (6-0 220 So) 7 tkls.
MLB VICTOR DeGRATE SO. 6-3 235 **PS#41**. 4.6 spd. 3 sts as true, 76 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Pagitte McGee (6-1 230 Jr) PS#98. 8 sts, 46 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Roderick Johnson is **PS#28** in for spg.
WS Jamar Ransom Jr. 5-10 220 PS#136. 605 squat. 15 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 5 sts in '03, 51 tkls, 2 int, Spec Tms POY. Charlie Ward (6-2 215 So) 4 tkls in 2002. DNP in 2003 (inj).
CB DARRENT WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 175 4.28 speed. 13 sts in '02, 53 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. 11 sts, 66 tkls, 6 int, 17 pbu, **1st Tm Big 12**. Grant Jones (5-10 185 So) PS#108. 4.35 speed.
CB ROBERT JONES SR. 5-11 185 PS#73JC. 13 sts, 68 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu. 4.46 spd. Daniel McLemore (5-7 160 Jr) **4.2 spd**. 2 sts, 45 tkls L/2. Andre Johnson (5-9 190 Jr) PS#192.
SS VERNON GRANT JR. 5-9 180 PS#84. **4.32 spd**. 7 sts in '02, 62 tkls, 5 pbu. 9 sts LY, 89 tkls, 4 pbu. Thomas Wright (6-0 185 Jr) PS#77, 26 tkls. Jamie Thompson (6-0 185 Sr) PS#93JC LY.
FS JON HOLLAND SR. 5-11 160 **PS#63JC**. 13 sts LY, 4.46 spd, 69 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Jeremy Nethon (5-9 190 So) PS#115, 16 tkls as true. Chase Holland (6-0 200 Jr). 35 tkls 2Y.
P COLE FARDEN SR. 5-11 200 **2nd Tm Big 12**. KO's for 3 years. 57 punts in '02, 41.4 average & team net of 34.8. 52 punts in '03, 43.2 average, super net of 38.2.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Bobby Reid 6-3 230 PS#5
DL	Nathan Peterson 6-2 240 PS#26
DL	Walter Thomas 6-5 340 PS#37
LB	Rod Johnson 6-3 220 PS#28
DL	William Bell 6-4 242 PS#49
OL	Jeray Chatham 6-4 260 PS#67
RB	Mike Hamilton 6-1 220 PS#62
TE	Justin Waller 6-4 225 PS#16
DB	Martel Van Zant 6-2 200 PS#66
RB	Prentice Elliott 6-0 2175 PS#79
WR	Seth Newton 6-3 170 PS#101
DB	Stephen James 5-11 185 PS#112
OL	David Washington 6-4 265 PS#137
RB	John Johnson 6-3 235 PS#148
TE	Brandon Pettigrew 6-5 225 PS#61
WR	Philip Jones 5-11 170 PS#240
K	Jason Ricks 6-1 182 PS#40
OL	Chris Simon 6-5 330 PS#563
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at UCLA	G						Oklahoma St is 14-0 since 1985 in non-lined games. OSU is just 4-14 ATS as an away dog the last 5 years. The Cowboys are 4-1 ATS as an away favorite under Coach Miles.
Sep. 11	Tulsa	A						OSU is 4-0 SU & ATS their last 4 non-conference games. The Cowboys are 5-11-1 ATS on grass since 1999.
Sep. 18	SMU	A						The home team is 12-2 ATS in the last 14 meetings (5-0 L/5). OSU is 5-1 ATS as a home favorite the last 2 years.
Sep. 25								Only met twice S/'50, OSU is 2-0 SU & ATS winning by a combined 104-22. The Cowboys are 13-3 ATS prior to a bye week since 1991.
Oct. 2	Iowa St	A						OSU is 6-2 ATS in conference home games the last 2 years. The Cowboys are 16-9 ATS after a bye since 1984.
Oct. 9	at Colorado	G						Oklahoma St 9-4 ATS the last 13 games vs Colorado. OSU is 5-13-1 ATS their last 19 conference road games.
Oct. 16	Texas A&M	A						The home team is 4-1 ATS in this series the last 5 years. The favorite is 4-2 ATS the last 6 meetings.
Oct. 23	at Missouri	A						OSU is a surprising 4-0 ATS since 2000 the game before instate rival OU. The dog is 8-3 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Oct. 30	Oklahoma	A						The Cowboys are 15-7 ATS the last 22 vs the Sooners. The home team is 5-1 ATS since 1998.
Nov. 6	at Texas	G						The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 meetings. OSU has been outscored 159-55 in the last 4 games vs Texas.
Nov. 13	Baylor	A						Oklahoma St is 8-1 SU & 6-1-2 ATS the last 9 games in this series. The Cowboys are 8-3-1 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	at Texas Tech	A						The favorite is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series. Oklahoma St is 5-2-1 ATS in their season finale since 1996.

LES MILES (Career 21-16)
4th Year at Oklahoma State

Miles' records AT OKLAHOMA ST

21-16	Straight Up	5-3	Home Favorite
17-15	Vs The Spread	5-4	Home Underdog
7-6	Off A SU Loss	4-1	Away Favorite
12-12	Vs Conference	3-7	Away Underdog
	5-3 Vs Non-Conference		

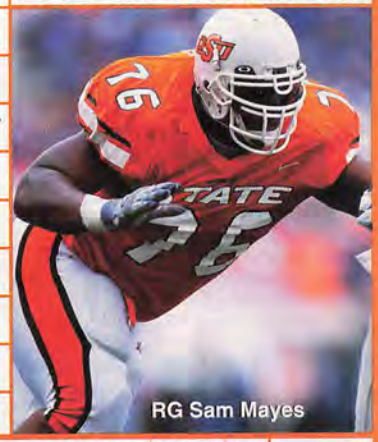
2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (24,27,3)
Lost: 17 (6,8,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,872

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



STADIUM: BOONE PICKENS STADIUM (48,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-5	9-3	41-38
ATS	9-2	5-5-1	4-6-1	3-7	4-6	7-4	6-5	38-35-2
Home Fav	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-1	13-7-1
Home Dog	2-0	0-1	0-2	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	9-9
Away Fav	3-0	1-1	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	8-3-1
Away Dog	2-0	2-2	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-3	0-2	8-16
Favorite	5-2	3-2-1	3-1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	5-2	21-10-2
Dog	4-0	2-3	1-5	2-6	3-4	4-4	1-3	17-25
Grass	4-0	2-0	0-3-1	0-3	3-2	1-1	1-2	11-11-1
Artificial	5-2	3-5-1	4-3	3-4	1-4	6-3	5-3	27-24-1
vs Conf	6-2	4-3-1	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	3-5	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	10-9
Off SU Win	5-2	1-2-1	1-3-1	1-1	1-2	4-2	4-3	17-15-2
Off SU Loss	3-0	3-3	3-2	2-5	2-4	3-1	2-1	18-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tatum Bell	213	1331	45	1286	16	6.0
Vernand Morency	**135**	**941**	**23**	**918**	**8**	**6.8**
Seymore Shaw	**58**	**365**	**2**	**363**	**2**	**6.3**
Shawn Willis	**31**	**149**	**0**	**149**	**5**	**4.8**
Greg Gold	**14**	**105**	**2**	**103**	**1**	**7.4**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Fields	**338**	**184**	**54.4**	**2494**	**21**	**12**
Jamie Beeghley	**11**	**6**	**54.5**	**66**	**0**	**1**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Rashaun Woods		77	1367	17.8	15	51
D'Juan Woods		**31**	**479**	**15.5**	**1**	**51**
Gabe Lindsay		24	191	8.0	1	26
Billy Bajema		**12**	**129**	**10.8**	**2**	**25**
Shawn Willis		**9**	**64**	**7.1**	**0**	**17**
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Cole Farden	**52**	**2245**	**43.2**	**7**	**38.2**	**1**	**11**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Luke Phillips	55-56	7-7	6-6	0-2	3-3	16-18	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Duren	**97**	**1.5**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Vernon Grant	**89**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**0**
Victor DeGrate	**76**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Greg Richmond	72	12.5	8	1	0
Jon Holland	**69**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**3**
Robert Jones	**68**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**3**
Darrent Williams	**66**	**0**	**4**	**17**	**6**
Jamar Ransom	**51**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Pagitte McGee	**46**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Elbert Craig	41	0	2	1	0
Khreem Smith	37	3	7	2	1
Lawrence Pinson	**35**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Gabe Lindsay	26	393	15.1	1
Darrent Williams	**13**	**233**	**17.9**	**2**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Robert Jones	**17**	**335**	**19.7**	**0**
Vernand Morency	**10**	**224**	**22.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Sun	E	W Virginia	35-33	W
88	Holiday	-2'	Wyoming	62-14	W
97	Alamo	+4'	Purdue	20-33	L
02	Houston	-10	S Mississippi	33-23	T
03	Cotton	+2'	Mississippi	28-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OKLAHOMA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	35.9	22	218	5.4	197	54.6	11.5	-4	2003	6	25.1	22	160	3.9	241	56.5	16.0
7*	34.3	21	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	-2	2002	8	27.4	22	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6
6*	22.0	18	94	2.7	213	58.6	13.9	-8	2001	7	25.5	22	135	3.4	241	60.6	14.7
5*	18.4	20	161	4.1	199	53.4	19.6	-4	2000	4	27.5	21	126	3.7	253	56.7	13.8
6*	24.3	17	153	3.4	158	52.7	12.8	-5	1999	6	24.9	16	113	3.3	185	47.2	11.9
8*	27.5	18	204	4.1	162	50.4	13.3	+4	1998	7	26.9	17	120	3.2	211	51.6	12.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Nebraska	11	30-86	2.9	13-28	97	1	19	65-268	4.1	8-16	78	0	-3
Wyoming	35	50-334	6.7	19-33	260	1	20	29-75	2.6	17-38	306	5	0
SW Missouri St	22	34-264	7.8	14-26	153	0	14	46-102	2.2	14-26	117	3	-1
at SMU	15	29-123	4.2	19-31	275	0	13	44-108	2.5	9-26	125	4	+2
Louisiana-Lft	23	34-303	8.9	13-23	169	1	20	33-72	2.2	27-41	275	3	-1
Kansas St	19	45-187	4.2	12-21	190	2	25	44-146	3.3	20-34	332	3	+2
Texas Tech	29	51-352	6.9	19-30	321	1	38	20-109	5.5	42-67	552	5	+1
at Texas A&M	28	47-235	5.0	16-25	208	2	20	39-184	4.7	13-27	183	5	0
at Oklahoma	10	37-99	2.7	9-24	62	4	25	50-221	4.4	13-29	225	1	-1
Texas	21	48-160	3.3	11-32	149	2	23	47-298	6.3	11-16	204	0	-3
Kansas	25	36-295	8.2	14-22	190	1	26	36-136	3.8	30-53	259	2	+1
at Baylor	22	44-283	6.4	11-22	180	1	22	41-170	4.1	21-33	219	1	-2
† Mississippi	22	37-110	3.0	21-33	307	3	24	37-190	5.1	22-31	259	0	+1
TOTALS	282	522-2831	5.4	191-350	2561	19	289	531-2079	3.9	247-437	3134	32	-4
AVERAGES	21.7	40-218	5.4	15-27	197	1.5	22.2	41-160	3.9	19-34	241	2.5	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-7	L
Tulsa	-9	46-9	W
at Mississippi St	+3	11-29	L
at Nebraska	+27	14-38	W
Texas Tech	-3'	41-21	W
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+11	3-21	L
Texas	+8	21-34	L
Kansas	-7	45-13	W
at Baylor	-20	34-14	T
at Oklahoma	+13'	7-44	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-14	36-26	L
SW Texas St	NL	23-0	–
S Mississippi	+6	6-28	L
at Texas	+20'	7-42	L
at Missouri	+3	10-24	L
Iowa St	+6	26-33	L
at Colorado	+11	21-37	L
Texas A&M	+15'	16-21	W
at Texas Tech	+10	0-58	L
Baylor	-16'	50-22	W
Oklahoma	+26	7-12	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+12'	9-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-10	30-23	L
at Texas A&M	+10'	7-21	L
Northwestern St	NL	24-0	–
Missouri	-6'	38-41 OT	L
Texas	+17'	17-45	L
at Iowa St	+8'	14-28	L
Colorado	+10	19-22	W
Texas Tech	+6'	30-49	L
at Baylor	-7	38-22	W
at Oklahoma	+27	16-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+1	36-39	L
N Iowa	NL	45-10	–
UCLA	+7	24-38	L
SMU	-16'	52-16	W
at Texas	+24'	15-17	W
at Kansas St	+14'	9-44	L
Nebraska	+8'	24-21	W
Texas A&M	+3'	28-23	W
at Texas Tech	+9	24-49	L
at Kansas	-23	55-20	W
Baylor	-28	63-28	W
Oklahoma	+15	38-28	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+7'	7-17	L
Wyoming	-21	48-24	W
SW Missouri St	NL	42-3	–
at SMU	-24	52-6	W
Louisiana-Lft	-35	56-3	W
Kansas St	+2'	38-34	W
Texas Tech	-3	51-49	L
at Texas A&M	-6	38-10	W
at Oklahoma	+15'	9-52	L
Texas	+3'	16-55	L
Kansas	-20	44-21	W
at Baylor	-27	38-21	L

BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Baylor used five different QB's in 2001 and four in 2002 due to injuries before Aaron Karas (PS#45) emerged. Karas threw for 1,792 yards and a school record 59.8% completions but had just a 6-13 ratio with 293 rush yards. Keep in mind that Morriss likes mobile QB's. When he was at Kentucky he started Shane Boyd over Jared Lorenzen. Karas had a decent 2003 season playing behind a young, inexperienced O-line which yielded 46 sacks. He threw for 1,481 yards (56.5%) with a 10-11 ratio and 71 yards rushing. He did throw a costly interception early against TX Tech and Morriss went to rFr Shawn Bell (PS#51) who hit 14 of 18 for 138 yards. Bell started the last two games and finished with 576 yards (61.2%) with a 1-1 ratio while rushing for 67. Morriss said that it's Bell's job to lose this spring and I wonder if Karas will stick around through the fall. They signed Dane King (PS#58JC) who simply led the nation in pass offense with 2,797 yards (59.2%) with a 27-7 ratio at JUCO last season. Terrance Parks (6-4 220 rFr, PS#62QB), threw for 2677 yards and rushed for 703 yards (3.8) as a senior in HS and he should provide the mobility that Morriss likes. No matter who wins the Baylor QB job, I'll look for them to improve on last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Bears have had plenty of VHT RB's since 1997 when they averaged 4.7 ypc rushing but since then have averaged just 2.8, 3.1, 2.2, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.8 ypc over the past six years. In 2002 Rashard Armstrong (PS#30JC) did not take over the starting RB job until the final 5 games. He became the first Baylor RB in four years to top 100 yards vs a Big 12 opponent and did it in each of the final two games. He led the team in rushing with 647 yards (4.1). He returned last year as did #2 rusher Jonathan Golden (PS#44) who redshirted. Armstrong opened the year with 152 yards vs UAB and became the first 1,000 yard rusher here since 1995 (Jerod Douglas) and just the sixth Baylor RB in history to top 1,000 yards. He departs but his backup, Anthony Krieg (PS#249), is back. Krieg had 5 starts in 2001 with 245 yards rushing and had 222 (4.9) last year. Paul Mosley (6-3 215 So, PS#63) was greatly improved in the spring and competed for the TB's job. They burned the redshirt on true frosh Brandon Whitaker but he fumbled twice against S Hou St and had 31 attempts. FB Jonathan Evans (6-1 244 Sr, PS#57TE) had 65 yards rushing and 14 rec's. Quincy Cosby (5-10 218 rFr, PS#131) sat out last season due to shoulder surgery. The only losses this year are Armstrong and Staron Faucher (17 yds, 2 games). Also in the mix are FB's Jody Beard (6-0 230 rFr, PS#592) and this year's signees. Armstrong was a quality back and will be missed.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bears had to replace the school's all-time leading receiver in Reggie Newhouse who had over 1,000 yards in 2002 as well as three others who combined for eight starts and 20 rec's. In 2003, Robert Quiroga was clearly the star of the unit with 42 rec's (11.7) and a dangerous returnman. Unfortunately this year he departs as does their starting TE who was a rare VHT in Shane Williams (PS#20, 12 rec) and WR JT Thompson (8 rec). Everyone else returns and I list the 2 deep below. Shaun Rochon had 43 rec (18.0) at Div III Mary Hardin-Baylor before transferring and is also on the track team here. Not listed are WR Anthony Watson (6-1 190 rFr), TE Jeff Ward (6-4 225 rFr) and this year's signees. This unit has just about as much experience as last year but is missing two quality starters and may be down a notch.

DB Willie Andrews

OFFENSIVE LINE - Baylor averaged 2.8 ypc rushing in 2002 while the O-line allowed 52 sacks. Last year the team had to replace five players who combined for 36 starts and only returned two players with starting experience and 8 scholarship players. Of the eight, four were lost over the summer. The inexperienced unit had basically the same stats with 2.8 ypc rushing and this time allowed 46 sacks. This year the group is more experienced as they only lose C Cedric Fields (12 sts, 4 yr st'r) and LS Matt Waller (12 gms). Plenty of veterans return and while Baylor's best ypc rushing in the last six years has been 3.1 (1999), this year's unit looks capable of topping that number while cutting down on sacks.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Baylor's D allowed 4.5 ypc rushing in 2002 while recording just 21 sacks. Last year they lost 3 full-time starters, all of whom earned Big 12 honors with NT Ethan Kelly being a 7th round DC and two backups who combined for 3 starts and 47 tackles. They then lost projected starting NT Corey Ford and DE Montez Murphy to academics. In August the four DT's were a converted TE, a JUCO, a scout teamer and a true frosh walk-on. They obviously struggled against the run allowing 5.1 ypc rushing but the defense improved its sack total to 29 by using LB John Garrett as a DE in obvious passing situations (10 sks). This year they are in much better shape. The only losses are DE Dominick Cravens (12 sts, 37 tkls, 8 tfl), DE Joseph Simmons (3 sts, 22 tkl, 1.5 sks) and Colin Allred who moves back to LB. The unit gets back both Ford and Murphy and adds Iowa St transfer Klayton Shoals. This is not an overwhelming unit but it is more experienced than 2003 and should be stronger against the run.

LINEBACKERS - Baylor runs a 4-2-5 defense but I list the OSS position here at LB making it a 3 man unit. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts but did have four players with starting experience back. This year the losses are heavier as they must replace LB Stephen Sepulveda (11 sts, 45 tkls), OSS Derrick Cash (12 sts, 62 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE/LB John Garrett (2 sts, 52 tkls, 10 sks, 2nd Tm B12). Justin Crooks is back and was the #2 tackler and is joined by HT Colin Allred who was on the DL due to depth problems in '03. Maurice Linguist, who originally signed with Air Force, was very productive as a backup OSS with 38 tackles. This has the makings of a pretty good group but it will be tough to replace the production of the departures, especially Garrett's 18 tfl.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bears were just #109 in my pass D rankings in 2002 allowing 30 TD's with just 8 int's. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup. Starting CB Tyson Hampton then left the team at midseason for personal reasons. Basically the team had two returning starters and finished #104 in the rankings allowing just 56% but once again with a poor 31-6 ratio. This year they must replace CB Matt Johnson (11 sts, 35 tkls, 8 pbu), SS Larry Bynum (16 tkls), FS Danielle McLean (16 tkls), SS Cornell King (5 tkls), CB Ahmad Rhodes (7 tkls), CB Hampton (3 sts, 6 pbu) and SS James Washington (12 tkls). Four players return with starting experience including their top tackler, FS Maurice Lane, who had 129 tackles including 23 vs Texas Tech (most by a Bear since Mike Singletary in 1979), and VHT SS Willie Andrews. I think CB Anthony Arline, who has good size (6-2 186) and sprinters speed, he should do well in his 2nd year as a starter. I look for Baylor to make pretty good strides in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor did have two Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings under former coach Chuck Reedy but in 2002 they finished #116. Morriss did bring with him special teams coach Mark Nelson who guided some fine units at Kentucky. Last year they had to replace their top KR, PR, K. P Jeremy Parker (PS#63) who averaged 35.6 in 2002, lost his job to a walk-on LB who had not punted since the 8th grade. New P Daniel Sepulveda, while he did have 4 punts blocked, averaged a super 43.1 with a net of 35.9, a big improvement over 2002's net of 26.6. Both he and Parker return. Kenny Webb hit 7 of 13 FG's with a long of 47 and 3 of his misses were from 50+ He will battle Ryan Havens (PS#33) to keep the K job. Arguably the team's best all round player is Willie Andrews who can play offense, defense and averaged 24.7 on KR's and 8.0 on PR's. They will miss Robert Quiroga on KR's as he avg 31.4, which would have been good enough to finish #3 in the NCAA (1 short of minimum). He was named the Big 12's Special Teams POW vs Texas Tech, the first Baylor player honored vs a Big 12 foe ever and had KR TD's in back-to-back games. Baylor improved to #57 last year in my special teams rankings and should continue to improve.

COACHES - In two years at Kentucky, Guy Morriss did a fine job taking UK from a 2-9 team in '01 to a 7-5 finish in 2002 Morriss was an All-SWC OL at TCU in the early '70's. Baylor's DC last year, John Goodner, quit in February and was replaced by Bill Bradley who was a Philadelphia Eagles teammate of Morriss. Bradley spent the last six seasons as an NFL asst with Buffalo and the NYJ and was a DC for four years in the CFL. The OC is Brent Pease who was in that position at Kentucky under Morriss and previously at N Arizona and Montana.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Bears have been the worst team in the Big 12 in its short history. They snapped a 29 game Big 12 losing streak in 2002 and pulled a big upset last year over Colorado for their second Big 12 win in 5 years. The Bears have not been competitive in league play being outscored by averages of 35.8, 32.5, 27.5, 34.2 and 30.7 the past 5 years. Last year they were outgained by 232 ypg, surprisingly only the second worst mark in the Big 12. The team has gone through a lot of coaching changes since 1997, the attendance has sagged and the team has suffered. I have said for many years that Baylor has been too hasty in firing head coaches and it has cost them continuity. Last year Baylor lost the most lettermen in the conference (29) and had just 12 returning starters breaking in a new coach. Baylor was the Big 12's youngest team and in the final game vs Okla St had 16 frosh on the depth chart, including 9 true frosh. Morriss did a fine job and even had the team 3-2 at one point despite having just 76 scholarship players in August. They could have even been 4-1 at that point but they allowed UAB to go 80 yards in 2 plays for a TD with :33 left costing them a win. Unfortunately they lost their last 7 games with most by blowouts and after upsetting CU, suffered their 3rd worst loss in school history (73-10 to A&M). In Guy Morriss' first season at Kentucky they went 2-9 but surprised everyone by going 7-5 in his second season. Can Morriss have a 2nd year turnaround like he did at Kentucky? It's highly doubtful. That UK team was competitive in the SEC in their 2-9 season and had some solid talent. While this BU squad has some talent, it still has a ways to go to be competitive on a week-to-week basis in the Big 12. They do get Iowa St at home but will be a good sized dog in the rest of the Big 12 games. I look for Morriss to make this team more competitive this year and point to his 3rd season to possibly escape the basement.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SHAWN BELL SO. 6-1 206 PS#51. 2 sts as rFr, 576 yds (61%), 1-1 ratio. **Aaron Karas** (6-2 190 Sr) PS#45. 20 sts, 3Y, 3799 (59%) 21-25 ratio. **Terrance Parks** (6-4 220 rFr) PS#62.

TB Anthony Krieg Sr. 6-1 217 PS#249. 5 sts, 489 yards (3.4), 25 rec, 5.6 3Y. Jonathan Golden (6-1 221 Sr) PS#44. 9 sts, 697 yds (3.1) 3Y. **Paul Mosley** (6-3 215 So) PS#63RB.

WR TRENT SHELTON SO. 6-2 175 PS#180. 3 sts, 25 rec (11.9) as rFr. **Ryan Jeffrey** (6-4 194 Jr) PS#135QB, track team. **FB Jonathan Evans** (6-1 244 Sr) 12 sts, 3 yrs.

WR MARQUES ROBERTS SR. 6-2 224 7 sts, 26 rec (16.5) in '01 & '02. 12 sts LY, 25 rec (9.0). Derrick Jones (6-2 185 rFr) PS#251. Shaun Rochon (5-9 190 Jr) sprinter on track team.

WR Dominique Zeigler So. 6-3 165 PS#280. Track team. 9 rec (9.2) as true. **John Martin** (6-0 182 Sr) 7 sts in 3Y, 52 rec (11.8). J Fields (6-3 202 Jr) PS#135. 9 rec (15.7) LY.

TE Iris Williams So. 6-5 233 PS#149WR. 2 sts, 6 rec (11.2) LY. **Marcus Venus** (6-2 234 Sr) JC. 1 st, 5 rec LY. Michael Miller (6-3 231 rFr) PS#345QB. Solid blocker.

C GLEN OSKIN JR. 6-5 300 PS#207. 12 games as rFr at LT. L/8 starts at LG in '03. Joe DeWoody (6-3 273 Sr) DT in '01 & '02. First 3 sts at LG LY, 12 games, 2nd string.

RG Evan Stone Jr. 6-5 275 PS#227JC, in for spring. Travis Farst (6-7 303 So) PS#466, lettered, 12 games, 1 start at LG in '03. Chris Evans (6-4 358 rFr) PS#343.

LG NICK PACE SO. 6-3 270 PS#235. 12 sts as **true** at RT in '03. Chad Smith (6-6 290 So) **PS#113**. Lettered in 9 games as **true**. Ted Tanner (6-3 304 rFr).

RT LaQUALAN McDONALD JR. 6-5 330 **PS#63**. 2nd string as true. 12 sts at RG in '03 after trimming 25 lbs. John Mahaffey (6-5 303 So) **PS#89**. 7 games, 2nd string as true. 1 letter.

LT QUINTIN OUTLAND SR. 6-5 324 **PS#56**. Last 2 sts as true. 12 starts in '02. 12 starts in '03. NFL potential. Adam "Yancy" Boatner is PS#286JC. Orig signed at Texas St.

K KENNY WEBB SR. 5-8 160 Hit 7 of 13 FG's here, long of 47 and 3 misses were 50+. Ryan Havens (5-11 170 So) PS#33. 20 of 29 FG's in high school. KO's here LY.

DE KHARI LONG SR. 6-4 254 4 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 4.5 sks, 2 tfl. 9 sts LY, 31 tkls. 3.5 tfl. Marcus Foreman (6-2 240 So) PS#138LB, 9 tkls as true. John Kane (6-1 213 rFr).

DT QUINCY JENKINS SO. 6-1 281 5 sts as true, 10 tkls, 1 pbu. **Corey Ford** (6-3 282 So) PS#155. Klayton Shoals (6-3 280 So) PS#271, Iowa St trans. Julian Hill (6-3 240 So).

DT MTYARI "MT" ROBINSON SO. 6-1 295 RS at JC, 12 sts LY, 30 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Luke Groth (6-5 266 Sr) PS#122TE. 1 st, 13 tkls LY. Michael Gary (6-3 296 Jr) 4 sts, 9 tkls last year.

DE Montez Murphy Jr. 6-5 257 PS#249JC. RS LY. Vincent Rhodes (6-2 250 Fr) 23 tfl last year in high school. Anderson Horn (6-5 246 So). Eric Daniels (6-1 218 rFr).

LB JUSTIN CROOKS SR. 6-0 230 PS#117. 2 sts as true, 53 tkls. 44 tkls, 2 sks in '02. 12 sts LY, 72 tkls, 10 tfl. Bradley Bullitt is PS#97LB. Josh Britton (5-10 216 rFr) PS#271.

LB Colin Allred Jr. 6-2 237 PS#59. 11 tkls as true. RS in '02. 14 tkls, 1 tfl on DL in '03. Michael Tolbert (6-0 245 Sr) 6 sts, 90 tkls, 3 yrs. Tyler Lindstrom (6-2 196 Jr) 12 tkls.

OSS Maurice Linguist So. 5-11 202 Air Force prep in '02. 38 tkls here LY, 3 tfl, 1 int 3 pbu. Brannon Moton (6-3 180 rFr) PS#330. Jason Reaux (6-1 196 rFr). Scout tm MVP LY.

CB James Todd So. 6-0 174 PS#318. 6 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. CJ Wilson (6-1 185 So) 13 tkls as true. Joshua Bell (6-0 173 rFr). Zac Zachry (5-8 175 rFr).

CB ANTHONY ARLINE SO. 6-2 186 PS#107. HS sprinter. Last 3 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 1 pbu. Michael Boyd (5-8 160 Sr) 2 sts, 18 tkls, 1 int, 2Y. Braelon Davis (6-1 175 rFr). PS#373.

SS WILLIE ANDREWS JR. 5-10 186 **PS#20**. 26 tkls, 1 int. 2 pbu as true. 12 sts in '03, 67 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 26 KR (24.7) 29 PR (8.0). Nick Fellows (5-10 175 rFr) PS#148.

FS MAURICE LANE JR. 5-11 183 PS#269. 11 sts in '02, 47 tkls. 12 sts LY. #1 w/129 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 pbu. HM Big 12. Kyle Seals (6-0 175 rFr) PS#209. Brandon Hereford (5-11 180 Sr).

P DANIEL SEPULVEDA SO. 6-3 214 LB in '02. 87 punts in '03, 43.1 avg and net of 35.9, long of 62. 2nd Tm B12. Jeremy Parker (5-8 162 So). 73 punts, 35.6 avg, 26.6 net in '02.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Bradley Bullitt 5-11 220 PS#97
QB	Dane King 6-2 205 PS#58JC
RB	Jacoby Jones 5-11 205 PS#101
LB	Ben Hixson 6-2 215 PS#123
DB	James Francis 6-0 185 PS#133
OL	Evan Stone 6-5 272 PS#227JC
WR	Nate Cook 6-3 180 PS#170
TE	Yancy Boatner 6-4 305 PS#286JC
DB	Dwain Crawford 6-0 180 PS#299
DL	Vincent Rhodes 6-2 250 PS#324
DB	Anthony McDonald 6-2 190 PS#358
LB	Marcus Mead 6-1 218 PS#329
TE	Jason Smith 6-5 231 PS#133
QB	Twaneil Spead 6-5 190 PS#292
WR	Trey Payne 5-9 160 PS#390
DL	Dan Gay 6-5 255 PS#482
DB	Roman James 6-1 180 PS#507
DL	Geoff Nelson 6-2 220 PS#515
DB	Marlon Price 6-2 185 PS#529
OL	Chris Green 6-0 275 PS#1056

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BAYLOR BEARS

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#43

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Baylor is 7-17 ATS as an away dog but won their last 3 in a row since '99. BU is just 9-30-1 ATS in Big 12 play since '99 but were 5-3 ATS last year. The Bears are 1-8-2 ATS S/'92 in their season finale but covered last year.
Sep. 4	at UAB	G						The Bears are 4-1 ATS in their season opener. Baylor is 3-1 ATS their last 4 non-conference games.
Sep. 11	Texas St	A						The Bobcats were 4-8 last year & play in the Southland Conference. This will be the Bears 1st game on their new "Prestige System" art turf.
Sep. 18								
Sep. 25	North Texas	A						The Bears are just 1-6 ATS after a bye week since 1996. The favorite is 3-0 SU & ATS.
Oct. 2	at Texas	G						Texas has outscored BU by a combined 286-44 S/'98 (avg score 48-7). Baylor is 0-32 SU in conf road games since the Big 12 was formed in '96.
Oct. 9	Missouri	A						Baylor is just 2-7 SU since '70 vs MU including 0-4 SU & ATS in conf play. The favorite is 4-1 SU & ATS in this series since 1991.
Oct. 16	at Nebraska	A						BU is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs the Huskers all as a dog of 33 pts or more in conf play. The Bears have been shutout in their last 3 games in Lincoln.
Oct. 23	Iowa St (HC)	A						The favorite is 4-1 SU & ATS in this series. The home team is 3-1 SU & ATS in Big 12 play.
Oct. 30	Texas A&M	A						The Bears are 2-9 ATS vs the Aggies all as a dog since 1993. BU has lost the L/5 vs A&M by 199-33 margin (40-7). Not won SU S/'85.
Nov. 6	at Texas Tech	A						Baylor is 0-8 SU & 1-7 ATS in this series S/'96 with an avg socre of 45-15. The favorite is 8-1 ATS in this series the last 9 games.
Nov. 13	at Oklahoma St	A						Baylor is 1-8 SU & 1-6-2 ATS in this series since '94 but covered last year. The Bears are 0-9 SU & 1-7-1 ATS in their road finale the last 9 years.
Nov. 20	Oklahoma	A						The Bears are 3-7 ATS vs the Sooners since 1984. The visitor is 7-1 ATS in this series in Big 12 play.
Nov. 27								

GUY MORRISS (Career 12-23)

2nd Year at Baylor

Morriss' records AT BAYLOR

3-9	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
7-4	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
5-3	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	3-2	Away Underdog
2-1	Vs Non-Conference		

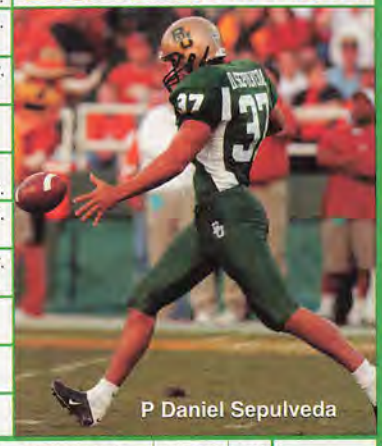
2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,18,4)
Lost: 20 (7,13,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,851

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION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STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Prestige System)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	1-10	2-9	3-8	3-9	3-9	16-63
ATS	4-7	5-5-1	2-8-1	3-7	4-6	1-10	7-4	26-47-2
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	5-3
Home Dog	2-3	1-2	0-3-1	1-4	1-4	0-3	3-2	8-21-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	2-3	3-2-1	1-4	1-3	2-2	0-6	3-2	12-22-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	6-4
Dog	4-6	4-4-1	1-7-1	2-7	3-6	0-9	6-4	20-43-2
Grass	2-4	3-4	1-6-1	2-4	4-6	1-8	5-3	18-35-1
Artificial	2-3	2-1-1	1-2	1-3	0-0	0-2	2-1	8-12-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-3-1	0-7-1	2-6	2-6	0-8	5-3	16-38-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	10-9
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-11
Off SU Loss	4-4	4-3-1	1-7-1	2-5	2-5	1-6	5-3	19-33-2

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rashad Armstrong	258	1174	100	1074	6	4.2
Anthony Krieg	**56**	**235**	**13**	**222**	**1**	**4.0**
Jonathan Evans	**25**	**65**	**0**	**65**	**1**	**2.6**
Shawn Bell	**16**	**67**	**44**	**23**	**0**	**1.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Aaron Karas	**239**	**135**	**56.5**	**1481**	**10**	**11**
Shawn Bell	**98**	**60**	**61.2**	**576**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Robert Quiroga	42	490	11.7	4	40
Trent Shelton	**25**	**298**	**11.9**	**1**	**30**
Marques Roberts	**25**	**224**	**9.0**	**2**	**37**
Rashad Armstrong	19	216	11.4	1	53
J Fields	**9**	**141**	**15.7**	**0**	**26**
John Martin	**12**	**139**	**11.6**	**0**	**23**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Daniel Sepulveda	**87**	**3750**	**43.1**	**3**	**35.9**	**4**	**23**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kenny Webb	**24-24**	**4-4**	**1-2**	**2-4**	**0-3**	**7-13**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Lane	**129**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**0**
Justin Crooks	**72**	**1**	**9**	**2**	**0**
Willie Andrews	**67**	**2.5**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Derrick Cash	62	2	4	2	0
John Garrett	52	10	8	2	0
Stephen Sepulveda	45	1	2	0	0
Maurice Linquist	**38**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Dominick Cravens	37	3	5	0	0
Matt Johnson	35	0	0	8	1
Khari Long	**31**	**1.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
MT Robinson	**30**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Jamaal Harper	**26**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Joe Simmons	22	1.5	1	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Andrews	**29**	**232**	**8.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Andrews	**26**	**641**	**24.7**	**0**
Robert Quiroga	14	440	31.4	2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Liberty	E	LSU	21-7	W
86	Bluebonnet	-5'	Colorado	21-9	W
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24	L
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona	20-15	W
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St	3-10	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	15.9	16	110	2.8	171	56.7	17.7	-5	2003	6	37.9	21	194	5.1	257	56.0	11.9
6*	16.8	18	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	-17	2002	9	41.3	21	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8
9*	18.6	19	96	2.6	215	53.5	16.7	-3	2001	7	32.5	23	171	3.9	247	60.7	12.9
8	12.6	14	73	2.2	149	40.4	17.6	-9	2000	5	36.1	22	209	4.9	232	56.9	12.2
7*	12.5	13	110	3.1	120	46.0	18.5	-5	1999	10	37.6	24	219	4.4	202	60.8	11.2
6	17.7	16	110	2.8	167	51.7	15.6	+3	1998	7	29.0	22	214	4.8	227	50.5	15.2

	OFFENSE					2003 STATS BY GAME SKS	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UAB	21	37-166	4.5	20-38	227	2	18	35-149	4.3	14-31	254	1	0
at N Texas	15	33-85	2.6	19-29	183	3	21	47-327	7.0	9-15	124	0	-4
SMU	11	39-80	2.1	12-27	102	4	11	34-98	2.9	12-26	106	2	0
Sam Houston St	16	50-145	2.9	12-21	190	6	16	39-165	4.2	13-34	122	5	+1
Colorado	22	56-203	3.6	18-28	207	2	15	27-57	2.1	19-37	399	1	+4
at Texas A&M	12	41-32	0.8	17-30	152	6	32	49-437	8.9	15-24	282	2	-2
at Kansas	14	33-110	3.3	15-24	175	5	20	37-132	3.6	19-30	252	5	-1
Texas	16	40-91	2.3	16-34	169	7	24	40-248	6.2	19-29	229	1	-2
at Kansas St	14	42-52	1.2	11-24	161	6	19	46-234	5.1	14-24	242	2	+1
Texas Tech	14	30-111	3.7	18-26	164	4	37	28-136	4.9	44-64	580	4	-2
at Oklahoma	10	36-75	2.1	16-30	108	0	19	29-56	1.9	22-41	308	5	-2
Oklahoma St	22	41-170	4.1	21-33	219	1	22	44-283	6.4	11-22	180	1	+2
TOTALS	187	478-1320	2.8	195-344	2057	46	254	455-2322	5.1	211-377	3078	29	-5
AVERAGES	15.6	40-110	2.8	16-29	171	3.8	21.2	38-194	5.1	18-31	257	2.4	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+4'	29-30 OT	W
UNLV	-10	24-27	L
at Oklahoma	+12'	10-41	L
Texas	+16	0-62	L
N Texas	-11'	23-10	W
at Texas A&M	+30	13-45	L
Texas Tech	+8'	7-35	L
at Kansas St	+38	7-48	L
at Kansas	+14	10-45	L
Colorado	+21'	0-37	L
Oklahoma St	+20	14-34	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-6	20-7	W
Minnesota	+8	9-34	L
S Florida	NL	28-13	–
Iowa St	+13'	17-31	L
at Texas Tech	+20	0-28	L
Texas A&M	+27	0-24	W
at Nebraska	+47	0-59	L
at Texas	+41	14-48	W
Oklahoma	+39	7-56	L
Missouri	+12	22-47	L
at Oklahoma St	+16'	22-50	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-7'	24-3	W
New Mexico	+4'	16-13 OT	W
at Iowa St	+15	0-41	L
at Texas A&M	+25	10-16	W
Nebraska	+33	7-48	L
at Oklahoma	+35'	17-33	W
Texas Tech	+12	19-63	L
Texas	+32	10-49	L
at Missouri	+15	24-41	L
Oklahoma St	+7	22-38	L
S Illinois	NL	56-12	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+7'	22-70	L
Samford	NL	50-12	–
at New Mexico	+9'	0-23	L
Tulsa	-11'	37-25	W
Kansas	-4	35-32	L
Texas A&M	+20	0-41	L
at Colorado	+28	0-34	L
Kansas St	+31	10-44	L
at Texas Tech	+32	11-62	L
at Texas	+40	0-41	L
Oklahoma	+38	9-49	L
at Oklahoma St	+28	28-63	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	+9	19-24	W
at N Texas	+14'	14-52	L
SMU	-1'	10-7	W
Sam Houston St	NL	27-6	–
Colorado	+19'	42-30	W
at Texas A&M	+20	10-73	L
at Kansas	+21	21-28	W
Texas	+32'	0-56	L
at Kansas St	+40'	10-38	W
Texas Tech	+27'	14-62	L
at Oklahoma	+53	3-41	W
Oklahoma St	+27	21-38	W

MISSOURI TIGERS

QB Brad Smith

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Gary Pinkel has been high on QB Brad Smith since the day he signed him. Smith is a mobile QB that can throw the ball 70 yards and became just the second player in NCAA history to top 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing which he did as a rFr in 2002. He accomplished that despite playing the last 5 games with a taped thumb on his throwing hand. He completed 53.6% with a 15-6 ratio. Last year Smith nearly became the first player to have consecutive seasons of 2,000/1,000 as he threw for 1,977 yards (60.3%) while rushing for 1,406 net yards (6.6). He had 18 TD's rushing and 11 TD passes. He did not throw an int in the first five games and while he finished the #4 rusher in the Big 12, he was only #12 in pass efficiency in the conf. His 291 yards rushing against TT was just 17 yards short of the NCAA record for a QB. The team struggled with getting the ball downfield as the longest pass completion of the year was a screen pass to Damien Nash which went 48 yards and Smith himself caught a 47 yarder which was the second longest. Backup Sonny Riccio threw for 134 yards (56.5%) with a 2-1 ratio but opted to transfer to Delaware. Brandon Coleman (6-4 210 So, PS#138) played in two games but did not attempt a pass. He is athletic like Smith and got the majority of the snaps in spring. This year they signed VHT's Chase Patton (PS#12) and Darrell Jackson (PS#17) and if Smith gets injured I would expect one of them to fill in as the backup QB. Smith was restricted to the pocket in the spring to work on his passing skills and he is a clear Heisman Trophy candidate coming into the season.

RUNNING BACKS - Zack Abron was nicknamed "Bowling Ball" early on but dropped down to 228 lbs last year in his fifth season. Pinkel, when he first met Abron, did not think that he would even carry the ball at Missouri for him but Abron departs as the school's all-time leading rusher. He also became just the 7th 1,000 yard rusher in school history rushing for 1,155 yards (5.3) and he and Brad Smith were the first ever duo here to each top 1,000 yards in a season. Damien Nash is a VHT that signed with MU out of HS but suffered a knee injury at a JUCO. He returned last year but was not 100% rushing for 462 yards (5.2) with one start. Marcus Woods (PS#46) has been compared favorably to Darren Sproles by Pinkel and should have quite an impact as a rFr. Alex Woodley (PS#84) and David Richard (PS#10LB) were moved to defense. Tyrone Roberson (5-10 188 Sr) was PS#65DB and has 375 yards rushing in three years but missed spring with an ACL injury. Walk-on Beau Viehmann (5-9 196 Sr) adds depth as does this year's signees including VHT Tony Temple (PS#4). Despite the loss of a 1,000 yard rusher, this unit could top last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Tigers had to replace Justin Gage (#5DC CHI) who left with almost every school receiving record and set the Big 12 record for career yards and rec. He had over 40% of the team's receiving total in 2002. While there were some solid candidates to take his place, as I mentioned in the QB writeup, the longest two rec's on the year were by an RB and QB. Needing to get speed in the lineup, Pinkel took the redshirt off Brad Ekwerekwu (4.3 40) in the fifth game and he had 11 rec (11.6). Greg Bracey has 4.29 speed and is a sprinter on the track team. He joins Thomson Omboga (PS#39) who led the team with 52 rec and Sean Coffey who combines his 6-5 height with great leaping ability. TE Victor Sesay is 263 lbs with 4.6 speed and missed the last 4 games due to injury. I look for him to have a much bigger impact and the TE position is so deep that the 5th stringer is Martin Rucker (6-5 238 rFr, PS#31). The only losses are WR Marcus James (1 st, 8 rec), TE JD McCoy (11 sts, 21 rec) and WR Darius Outlaw (13 sts, 41 rec). Overall this unit has added talent and experience and should be improved as it was the weak spot of the offense in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers were 4-7 in 2001 but the O-line allowed just six sacks while paving the way for 4.6 ypc rushing. They had to replace 3 starters in 2002 but still averaged 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks. Last year all 5 starters returned but Scott Paffrath lost his starting job after 5 games. As you would expect, the line had incredible numbers as the team averaged 5.6 ypc rushing and allowed just 20 sacks which can partly be attributed to having an extremely mobile QB. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C AJ Ricker (13 sts, 1st Tm B12, 4 yr st'r), RG Cliff Young (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Robert Droege (PS#23, 13 sts, 1st Tm B12, 3 yr st'r), RT Steven Sanchez (7 sts) and backup C Scott Sells. Three players with starting experience return and they do add in some outstanding rFr including three VHT's. Overall this group has good talent but with the loss of basically four starters it will be tough to duplicate last year's outstanding numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Tigers allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 23 sacks but last year had to replace their top two DL's in Keith Wright who led the Big 12 in tfl and Antwaun Bynum who had 10 sacks. Then they lost their 1st and 2nd stringers at one DE spot over the summer so only four of the top eight returned. The Tigers again allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and recorded 26 sacks. This year they must replace DT Russ Bell (5 sts, 44 tkls, 6 tfl) and backup DE Rusty Groth. Basically four starters return and they add talent this year including a rFr and a JUCO. This is probably the Tigers top DL since Pinkel arrived.

LINEBACKERS - Missouri is moving from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 defense. Last year the Tigers had to replace one starter but had their star James Kinney back . Kinney is 240 lbs with 4.4 speed and has racked up 148 and 147 tackles the last two seasons. He is just 94 tackles away from being Missouri's career leader. This year they must replace LB Brandon Barnes (13 sts, HM B12, 117 tkls, 10 tfl). VHT Dedrick Harrington, who started 12 games at ROV slides over to LB and should have a huge year as a soph. Jason Simpson, who had 9 starts at WHIP, moves over to SS. A huge addition is David Richard (PS#10) who rushed for 654 yards (4.9) at Mich St as a true frosh. Not listed below are Emmett Morris (5-11 232 So, PS#73), Derrick Ming (5-11 235 Jr, PS#148) and true frosh Van Alexander (PS#29). This looks like Pinkel's best set of LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When Pinkel took over here he had just one scholarship CB on the roster and in his first year they were basically unable to install nickel and dime coverages due to inexperience and injuries. They were #110 in my pass D rankings that season and with three starters back in 2002, only moved up to #98. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but moved up to #78 in the pass D rankings. This season they must replace CB Michael Harden (13 sts, 77 tkls, 13 pbu) and CB Terrence Curry (4 sts, 38 tkls, 5 pbu). Marcus King started seven games at FS in 2002, redshirted in 2003 and now moves to CB. The unit has good size and speed and should make a solid move upward in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Missouri has not had a KR for a TD in 22 years but has come close the past couple of seasons including Shirdonya Mitchell's (4.29 spd) 89 yard KR in 2002. That season Missouri came in #17 in my special teams rankings and appeared to be in good shape with all the key players returning. Unfortunately the Tigers slumped to #65. Mitchell led the team in KR's (24.1) and PR Marcus James was outstanding in his senior season (14.5). He improved each year going from 5.9 to 9.7 to 13.6 and departs as the career school record holder for PR yards. Josh Hibbets blocked two punts against E Illinois and returned one for a TD. Missouri allowed two KR TD's in 2002 and one last season. The biggest weakness of the unit was punting. After the opener, when Pinkel said that Brock Harvey should not get off a punt of less than 36 yards, he averaged just 36.8 for the year. He lost his job briefly to Todd Gohsler who averaged 39.3 but a short kick with just a 3 second hang time resulted in a long OU PR. Overall Missouri had a net of just 30.6, a massive difference from the 36.9 in 2002. Harvey returns for his senior season and should regain his 2002 form after missing the spring with bone spur surgery. Kicker Michael Matheny hit 10 of 14 FG's but must be replaced and they are still waiting for Alex Pettersen (PS#48) to take charge. He missed both of his FG attempts in 2002. I list the other candidates below. With Mitchell and Harvey back, this unit will likely improve upon last year's poor ranking.

COACHES - The coaching staff remains intact for the fourth straight year. Gary Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful with a record of 73-37-3 in ten years there. His OC is Dave Christensen who was his OC at Toledo for four years and the DC is Matt Eberflus who was a DB coach at Toledo from '94 to 2000 and has been with Pinkel for 13 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Under Dan Devine (1959-'69) the team had 9 Top 25 finishes with 4 of those in the Top 10 finishes. From 1984-2002 they had 17 losing seasons and just 2 winning years ('97 & '98). When Pinkel arrived only two players could squat 550 lbs and that was up to 25 last season. Pinkel's first season was disappointing including his opening loss to old MAC foe Bowling Green and they went just 4-7. Pinkel called his original edition one of the "slowest, weakest, unquick teams in the Big 12". The conditioning of his first squad showed in the 4Q when they were outscored by an average of 102-47 but in 2002 a better conditioned unit outscored their foes in the 2H by a 209-177 margin. In 2002 they could easily have had a winning season as they only lost to Oklahoma by 7 with a 22-14 FD edge, dropped a game to Colorado in OT and gave up a last minute TD by ISU to lose by 7. Pinkel's team last year went 8-4 during the regular season earning their first bowl bid since 1998 and achieved its first perfect home record (6-0) since 1974. They got their first win vs a Top 10 foe (Nebraska) since 1981. When looking at this year's team, first let me start off with some concerns: They have just 13 starters back, they benefitted from +11 in turnovers last year and were outgained by an average of 6.5 ypg in league play. Now for the good stuff. Brad Smith is one of the most exciting QB's in the game and has a lot of talent at the skill positions to work with. The thing that really excites me about this year's team is that every player on the defensive front 7 are All-Big 12 caliber and many make my Big 12 Team. They have a KSU-type of non-conf schedule (easy) and while they pull Texas out of the Big 12 South, this is a team capable of topping last year's 8 win total despite fewer games. Missouri is my favorite to win the Big 12 North.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRAD SMITH JR. 6-2 207 12 sts as rFr, 2333 pass (53.6%), 1029 rush (5.3), 2nd player NCAA history 2000/1000. 13 sts LY, 1977 yds (60.3%), 1406 net rush. 4.4 spd.
RB Damien Nash Jr. 5-11 219 **PS#24** in '01. JC. 4.3 spd but ACL in '02. 1 start, 462 yards (5.2) here LY. **Marcus Woods** (5-8 180 rFr) PS#46. Tony Temple is **PS#4.**
WR THOMSON OMBOGA SR. 6-2 192 **PS#39.** 5 sts, 21 rec (12.0) in '02. 10 sts LY. #1 w/52 rec (9.0). Arnold Britt (6-2 186 Jr) PS#114QB. Jerrill Humphrey is PS#36.
WR Greg Bracey rFr. 6-3 194 PS#48. **4.29 spd.** Sprinter on track team. Brad Ekwerekwu (6-3 204 So) 4.3 speed. 11 rec (11.6) as **true**. William Franklin is PS#62.
WR SEAN COFFEY JR. 6-5 222 PS#88. 3 sts, 12 rec in '02. 13 sts in '03, 27 rec (12.6). Jason Ray (6-2 206 rFr) PS#68. Chris Crosby (6-3 204 Jr) PS#176.
TE Victor Sesay Sr. 6-6 263 PS#53JC. 4.6 spd. 2 sts here LY, 15 rec (10.3). Josh Barbo (6-5 261 rFr) **PS#14.** Clint Matthews (6-3 237 Sr) 1 st, 4 rec. DeQuincy Howard (6-4 252 So).
C Joe Gianino Sr. 6-3 305 PS#304. 7 starts at G in '01. 2nd string in '02. 4 sts at G in '03. Adam Spieker (6-3 301 rFr) PS#123. Zach Strom (6-1 226 Sr) is LS.
RG Monte Wyrick rFr. 6-4 315 **PS#86.** NFL potential. Mike Cook (6-2 315 So) PS#452. 4 games as rFr, DNL. Marty Raab (6-6 295 rFr) **PS#100.** Never allowed a sack in HS.
LG TONY PALMER JR. 6-2 305 PS#417. 9 sts as rFr. **453 bench.** HM Big 12, 10 sts in '03, 31 reps of 225. Howard Brissette (6-4 304 Sr) PS#66JUCO in 2002.
RT Joel Clinger So. 6-6 311 PS#110 in '02. 2 games LY, 2nd string, DNL. Tony Clinker (6-4 301 Sr) 2nd string in '02 & '03 but no letters. Kyle Riggs is **PS#22.**
LT Scott Paffrath Sr. 6-5 292 1 tkl in 2000 but RS. DNL in '01. **12 sts** in '02. 6 sts in '03, 2 letters. Tyler Luellen (6-7 280 rFr) **PS#45.** Potential star of the O-line.
K Alex Pettersen So. 6-4 206 PS#48. 0 of 2 on FG in '02 but still RS. 1 for 1 on xp in '03. Pat Velten (5-10 176 Sr) Montana St & JUCO. Adam Crossett (6-0 205 rFr).

DE XZAVIE JACKSON SO. 6-4 258 PS#65TE. Broke foot and missed 4, started last 4 **as true**, 34 tkls, 4 tfl. **Brian Smith** (6-3 220 So) 9 sts, 41 tkls, **8 sks** as rFr, HM B12, 13 qbh.
DT CJ MOSLEY JR. 6-3 305 PS#199OL. 5 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 8 tfl. Top DL in '03, 10 sts, 67 tkls, 6 sks, 10 tfl, **2nd Tm B12.** George Lane is PS#77JC. Fabian Bean (6-4 290 So) 6 tkls.
NT ATIYYAH ELLISON SR. 6-4 301 PS#77JC. 9 sts, 41 tkls in '02. 11 sts, 72 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl, 3rd Tm B12. Phil Pitts (6-1 287 Sr) PS#112. 1 st, 12 tkls LY. Earl Stephens (6-4 295 Jr) PS#89TE.
DE ZACH VILLE SR. 6-2 270 PS#157JC. 11 sts LY, 50 tkls, 11 tfl, 4.6 speed. Lorenzo Williams (6-2 260 rFr) **PS#54.** Added 30 lbs. Elgin Childress (6-1 247 Jr) PS#143. 4.6 spd.
OLB DEDRICK HARRINGTON SO. 6-3 227 **PS#20WR.** 13 sts, 12 at ROV as rFr, 64 tkls, 11 tfl. Henry Sweat (6-0 232 Sr) PS#122. 1 st, 17 tkls in '02. 1 st, 50 tkls LY. Josh Hibbets (6-2 192 So).
MLB JAMES KINNEY SR. 6-1 240 PS#98. 11 sts in '02, 148 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. 4.4 spd. 12 sts LY, 147 tkls, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm B12.** Quincy Wade (5-9 180 Jr) PS#119DB. 45 tkls in '03, 4 tfl.
OLB David Richard So. 6-2 229 Mich St transfer, 654 yds in '02 as true. **PS#10.** Marcus Bacon (6-2 202 So) 1 st, 16 tkls as rFr. Orlando Gooden (6-0 221 Jr) PS#108.
CB Shirdonya Mitchell Sr. 6-0 190 **PS#47. 4.29 spd.** 1 st, 18 tkls, 4 pbu in '03. AJ Kincade (5-10 181 Jr) PS#64. 3 sts, 38 tkls, 2 years. Alex Woodley (5-11 169 rFr) PS#84RB.
CB CALVIN WASHINGTON JR. 6-0 196 PS#154. 10.68 in 100m. 8 sts LY, 52 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Marcus King (5-10 191 Jr) 7 sts at FS in '02, 45 tkls, RS LY. Lareno Seymour (6-0 196 rFr) PS#198RB.
SS JASON SIMPSON JR. 6-0 202 PS#238DB. 9 sts @WHIP in '02, 64 tkls. 9 sts, 81 tkls, 8 tfl LY. **David Overstreet** (6-0 203 So) PS#68QB. 4.36 spd & 42" VL. 3 sts as rFr, 44 tkls.
FS NINO WILLIAMS SR. 6-1 202 PS#72JC. 13 sts, 105 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 9 pbu here LY. Justin Scott (6-0 194 Jr) PS#180. 13 tkls, 2 yrs. Brandon Massey (6-1 191 So) Mich St trans.
P BROCK HARVEY SR. 6-1 194 PS#118QB. 42 punts, 39.5 in '01. 54 punts, 42.5 avg, net of 36.9 in 2002. 51 punts in '03, 36.8 avg, net of 31.1! Derek Randall (5-10 210 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Tony Temple 5-10 190 PS#4
QB	Chase Patton 6-4 210 PS#12
QB	Darrell Jackson 6-3 220 PS#17
OL	Kyle Riggs 6-6 305 PS#22
LB	Van Alexander 6-1 210 PS#29
WR	Jerrill Humphrey 6-4 210 PS#36
DL	Chris Wade 6-5 230 PS#62
WR	William Franklin 6-2 185 PS#62
OL	Aaron Saunders 6-7 290 PS#86
WR	William Moore 6-2 200 PS#86
DL	George Lane 6-3 275 PS#77JC
RB	Jimmy Jackson 5-9 190 PS#99
DB	Steve Redmond 6-1 210 PS#99
QB	Julius Denzmore 6-2 190 PS#87
WR	Trenile Washington 5-11 180 PS#117
DL	Alvin Newhouse 6-2 225 PS#166
TE	Brian Barmann 6-3 215 PS#47
QB	Mack Breed 6-2 195 PS#121
RB	Earl Goldsmith 5-9 190 PS#171
DL	Ryan Madison 6-5 270 PS#228
RB	Aaron O'Neal 6-3 215 PS#241
DL	Stryker Sulak 6-5 220 PS#338
DB	Domonique Johnson 6-2 180 PS#508
DL	Calcius Williams 6-4 210 PS#543
OL	John Dirk 6-3 280 PS#590

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#81

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MO	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 11	at Troy St	A					
Sep. 18	Ball St	A					
Sep. 25							
Oct. 2	Colorado	A					
Oct. 9	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 16	at Texas	G					
Oct. 23	Oklahoma St (HC)	A					
Oct. 30	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 6	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 13							
Nov. 20	Kansas	A					
Nov. 27	at Iowa St	G					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Tigers are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS as a home favorite the last 2 years.
The Tigers are 8-1 ATS vs Big 12 South teams under Pinkel.
Missouri is 9-4 ATS their last 13 games on grass.

MO is 6-1 ATS as a double digit home favorite.
Missouri is 7-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in non-conference games the last 2 years.

MO won 44-7 as a 12 pt home favorite in their only other meeting in 2002.
Missouri is 4-1 ATS as a non-conference away favorite since 1994.

MO is 2-0 SU & ATS against Ball St.
The Tigers have outscored the Cardinals by a combined 76-13.

Bonus: Missouri is 5-3 ATS the week after a bye.

The visitor is 6-3 ATS in this series.
MO was 4-0 SU & ATS in home conference games last year.

The Tigers are 4-0 SU & ATS vs Baylor since 1996.
In those 4 gms the tms have combined to score an avg 73 ppg. (lowest was 65 in '01).

Texas leads all-time series 13-8-1 SU but 5 of MO's wins were before 1900.
Tigers are 4-2 ATS in this series with the home team going 4-0 ATS L4Y.

Missouri is 6-1 SU & ATS vs OSU since 1993.
The Tigers are 17-8 SU all-time (5-1 ATS L/6) when hosting OSU.

Last year the Tigers won outright 41-24 as a 7' pt home dog.
That was MO 1st SU win over NU since 1978 (had lost 24 in a row).

MO has lost 11 in a row SU & are 3-6 ATS the L/9 in this series.
The Tigers are 2-5 SU but 5-2 ATS when hosting Kansas St since 1990.

MO leads the "Border War", the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi 52-51-9.
The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 games.

Missouri is 8-2 ATS their last 10 road finales.
The favorite is 7-2 ATS in this series.

GARY PINKEL (Career 90-56-3)
4th Year at Missouri

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

17-19	Straight Up	6-2	Home Favorite
19-14	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Underdog
10-5	Off A SU Loss	2-3	Away Favorite
14-10	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Underdog
5-4	Vs Non-Conference		

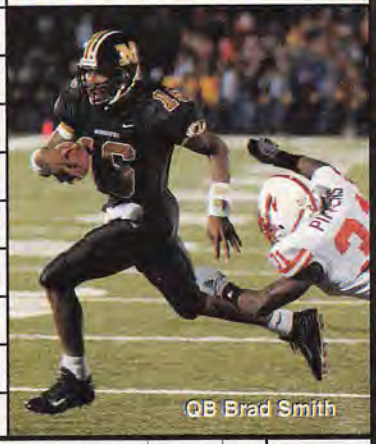
2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (13,23,1)
Lost: 24 (13,9,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 55,833

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


QB Brad Smith

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	4-7	3-8	4-7	5-7	8-4	38-41
ATS	8-3	9-1	4-7	5-5	4-6	7-5	8-3	45-30
Home Fav	3-0	3-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	15-6
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	9-8
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	6-4
Away Dog	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-0	15-12
Favorite	4-0	4-1	3-3	2-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	21-10
Dog	4-3	5-0	1-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	4-0	24-20
Grass	5-1	7-1	4-5	4-5	2-4	6-3	2-1	30-20
Artificial	3-2	2-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	1-2	6-2	15-10
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	2-6	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	33-23
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	12-7
Off SU Win	3-3	6-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-3	19-16
Off SU Loss	4-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	3-3	4-0	22-12

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brad Smith	212	1549	143	1406	18	6.6
Zack Abron	219	1197	42	1155	14	5.3
Damien Nash	89	485	23	462	5	5.2
Tyrone Roberson	13	100	1	99	1	7.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brad Smith	350	211	60.3	1977	11	7
Santino Riccio	23	13	56.5	134	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Thomson Omboga	52	466	9.0	1	22
Darius Outlaw	41	417	10.2	4	35
Sean Coffey	27	341	12.6	1	36
JD McCoy	21	190	9.0	2	23
Zack Abron	26	172	6.6	0	19
Victor Sesay	15	154	10.3	3	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brock Harvey	51	1877	36.8	10	31.1	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Michael Matheny	44-47	6-7	2-3	2-3	0-1	10-14	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James Kinney	147	1	6	0	1
Brandon Barnes	117	1	9	1	2
Nino Williams	105	1	4	9	1
Jason Simpson	81	2	6	3	0
Michael Harden	77	1	3	13	1
Atiyyah Ellison	72	4	10	5	0
CJ Mosley	67	6	10	2	0
Dedrick Harrington	64	2	9	3	1
Calvin Washington	52	0	1	6	1
Zach Ville	50	2	9	0	1
Henry Sweat	50	1	1	1	0
Quincy Wade	45	0	4	1	0
Russ Bell	44	2	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus James	26	377	14.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shirdonya Mitchell	22	530	24.1	0
Tyrone Roberson	12	216	18.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	Tangerine	+3	S Mississippi	19-17	W
83	Holiday	+2'	BYU	17-21	L
97	Holiday	+3'	Colorado St	24-35	L
98	Insight.com	-3'	W Virginia	34-31	L
03	Independence	+2'	Arkansas	14-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	30.7	21	237	5.6	166	60.0	13.1	+11	2003	6	22.1	21	167	3.9	214	63.0	17.3
6*	30.0	20	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	+12	2002	7	29.3	24	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4
8*	21.8	20	167	4.6	172	47.0	15.6	-1	2001	6	30.0	21	199	4.2	200	64.9	13.3
7*	23.2	18	154	3.8	197	46.9	15.1	-5	2000	7	31.6	21	159	3.5	208	52.7	11.6
4	20.4	20	160	3.5	178	46.8	16.6	-9	1999	5	33.7	17	153	4.1	197	54.4	10.4
6*	27.8	20	229	4.6	119	48.2	12.5	+8	1998	7	19.7	19	150	3.8	178	59.2	16.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Illinois	12	41-121	3.0	12-18	102	2	23	34-127	3.7	31-45	284	2	+1
at Ball St	25	47-290	6.2	18-29	171	1	13	28-41	1.5	23-34	203	4	0
E Illinois	22	36-221	6.1	30-38	288	0	11	32-67	2.1	23-36	154	4	+2
Middle Tennessee	26	43-296	6.9	22-32	192	0	27	56-197	3.5	20-32	286	2	0
at Kansas	13	37-134	3.6	12-24	62	2	21	48-207	4.3	14-23	111	1	+1
Nebraska	20	44-211	4.8	15-29	241	1	23	54-253	4.7	12-19	146	2	+3
at Oklahoma	14	35-77	2.2	16-35	189	5	20	35-146	4.2	20-34	278	2	0
Texas Tech	29	55-469	8.5	13-24	128	1	31	22-94	4.3	45-73	437	1	+5
at Colorado	27	41-169	4.1	29-42	278	2	19	33-89	2.7	19-26	187	2	-4
Texas A&M	27	48-362	7.5	12-20	89	1	26	47-108	2.3	30-43	376	3	+1
at Kansas St	12	29-109	3.8	14-28	155	4	28	69-367	5.3	7-16	70	0	+1
Iowa St	22	46-376	8.2	15-25	108	0	18	47-178	3.8	13-23	162	3	+4
† Arkansas	25	49-252	5.1	17-31	155	1	19	47-300	6.4	9-18	85	0	-3
TOTALS	274	551-3087	5.6	225-375	2158	20	279	552-2174	3.9	266-422	2779	26	+11
AVERAGES	21.1	42-237	5.6	17-29	166	1.5	21.5	42-167	3.9	20-32	214	2.0	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-22	31-28	L
W Michigan	-12'	48-34	W
Nebraska	+17	10-40	L
at Memphis	-2'	27-17	W
at Colorado	+12	39-46 OT	W
Iowa St	-7'	21-24	L
at Kansas	-8	0-21	L
Texas Tech	-1	34-7	W
at Oklahoma	+11	0-37	L
Texas A&M	+7	14-51	L
at Kansas St	+26	0-66	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	50-20	–
at Clemson	+17'	9-62	L
Michigan St	+9'	10-13	W
at Nebraska	+32	24-42	W
Oklahoma St	-3	24-10	W
Kansas	-6'	17-38	L
at Texas	+23	12-46	L
at Iowa St	+10	20-39	L
Colorado	+6'	18-28	L
at Baylor	-12	47-22	W
Kansas St	+22	24-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-13	13-20	L
SW Texas St	NL	40-6	–
Nebraska	+24'	3-36	L
at Oklahoma St	+6'	41-38	W
Iowa St	+2'	14-20	L
at Kansas	+1	38-34	W
Texas	+21'	16-35	W
at Colorado	+13'	24-38	L
Baylor	-15	41-24	W
at Kansas St	+20	3-24	L
at Michigan St	+7'	7-55	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Illinois	+7'	33-20	W
Ball St	-14	41-6	W
at Bowling Green	-3'	28-51	L
Troy St	-12	44-7	W
Oklahoma	+13	24-31	W
at Nebraska	+8	13-24	L
at Texas Tech	+6'	38-52	L
Kansas	-21	36-12	W
at Iowa St	+9	35-42	W
Colorado	+4'	35-42 OT	L
at Texas A&M	+9'	33-27 2OT	W
Kansas St	+15	0-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Illinois	-3'	22-15	W
at Ball St	-14	35-7	W
E Illinois	NL	37-0	–
Mid Tenn	-21'	41-40 OT	L
at Kansas	-9'	14-35	L
Nebraska	+7'	41-24	W
at Oklahoma	+26	13-34	W
Texas Tech	+3	62-31	W
at Colorado	-4'	16-21	L
Texas A&M	-13'	45-22	W
at Kansas St	+14'	14-24	W
Iowa St	-26'	45-7	W

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 and 2002 Ell Roberson (PS#21) battled JUCO Marc Dunn for the starting job. In 2001 Roberson threw for 925 yards (37%) with a 4-9 ratio while rushing for 824 yards. He took over the starting job for the last 9 games of 2002 and threw for 1,580 yards (52%) with a 7-4 ratio while rushing for 1,276 gross yards. Last year he was the only QB in the NCAA to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 900 net yards barely missing the magical 2,000/1,000 barrier because he missed 2.5 games with injury. Roberson departs as the all-time K-State leader in total offense and the #2 career rushing leader. His 4 TD passes were a record in the Big 12 Title game. When Roberson was injured vs McNeese St, 5th year senior Jeff Schwinn stepped in and he also led the team to a win vs Massachusetts. Schwinn was the QB for the loss against Marshall and for the season threw for 563 yards (54.4%) with a 1-3 ratio. The only experienced QB returning is Dylan Meier who was the Scout Team MVP in 2002. While Meier played just 4 games as a QB, he was #3 on the team with 149 net yards rushing (8 passes). Allen Webb (PS#75) is an Indiana transfer who is speedy like Roberson and he was The Scout Team MVP last year. They signed two true frosh in Allan Evridge (PS#50) and Nick Patton (PS#13). This unit is a lot less experienced and less talented.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Josh Scobey set KSU's single season rushing record with 1,309 yards breaking the record set in 1973 by Isaac Jackson (1,137). After Scobey departed, Darren Sproles (PS#33) stepped in. Sproles, who draws comparisons to Barry Sanders due to his size (5-7 180) and ability had a tremendous 2002 and broke Scobey's record with 1,465 yards (6.2). Last year Sproles added 18 lbs of muscle to go with his 4.4 speed and 391 bench! He had a streak of ten straight 100 yard games snapped when he was injured in Wk 2. Backup, Daniel Davis (PS#4), was dismissed from the team and #3 RB Carlos Alsup was lost in the second game, so Sproles got the bulk of the carries with the #2 TB (Danny Morris) getting just 29 att's. Sproles was the #11 rusher in the country after Nebraska but then rushed for 273 yards vs Missouri and 235 vs Oklahoma thrusting himself into the forefront of this year's Heisman Trophy battle. After Oklahoma, Sproles had 1,948 yards and appeared a lock to reach 2,000 but Ohio St held him to 38 yds on 13 att's. He still avg an outstanding 6.5 ypc and had 16 rushing TD's. There is some solid depth behind him. Thomas Clayton (PS#13) originally signed at Florida St where he had 45 yards rushing in 2002 as a true frosh and he sat out last year. He is 210 lbs with 4.32 speed and may cut into some of Sproles' carries. Carlos Alsup (6-1 210 Jr, PS#72) has had 81 yards rushing in the last two years. Donny Anders (5-10 180 So, PS#132) had 64 yards. They do lose super blocking FB Travis Wilson (12 sts, 87 ttl yds) but he missed the Missouri game and Victor Mann paved the way for Sproles' 273 yard effort. I list the other FB's below including a VHT in Ayo Saba (PS#26). Added to the mix this year are John McCardle (5-9 195 Fr, PS#189) who grayshirted and this year's true frosh including Parrish Fisher (PS#53). The only other loss beside Wilson is Morris (51 yds). This is clearly one of the best RB corps in the country.

RB Darren Sproles

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cats had to replace their #1 and #4 receivers. JUCO Tony Madison, a projected starter in my magazine last year, did not play. Starting TE Thomas Hill whose 17 rec's in 2002 were the most by a TE here in 5 seasons, was injured early and missed the first 6 games. That allowed VHT Brian Casey (PS#13) to start 11 and finish the year with 19 rec's (18.4). James Terry had twice as many rec's as the #2 man with 64 (super 19.2 ypc) and 13 of the team's 25 TD rec's. Terry broke Quincy Morgan's single season school record (1,166 in 2000) with 1,232 yards. Unfortunately Terry departs along with Hill (4 sts, 7 rec's) and TE Travon McGee (1 rec). Jermaine Moreira (PS#55QB) was good enough to play as a true frosh (3 sts, 17 rec) and should have a much bigger impact. The #2 receiver Antoine Polite (29 rec, 14.1) and #4 Davin Dennis (22 rec, 18.4) both return. Dennis had 7 rec vs Ohio St. They also add a couple of JUCO's this year in Yamon Figurs (4.29 spd) and Jesse Martinez (PS#69). Madison has greatly improved his work habits and could even be the feature WR this year. They are well stocked at TE. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Toney Coleman Jr (6-2 190 rFr), Marcus Watts (6-2 180 rFr), Hammond Thomas (6-2 170 So, PS#197), Jake Brestel (6-4 220 rFr) and TE Matt Sellers (6-4 235 Jr, PS#285JC). With the loss of the top man, I'll call the receiving corps down a notch in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 K-State had 3 starters return to the O-line and they paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Of course, having a mobile QB like Ell Roberson assisted those stats. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 41 starts including their 4 year starter at LT who won the Top OL award. They also lost their OL coach. Even with just two starters back on the O-line the unit opened holes for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they lose C Nick Leckey (15 sts, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r, #6DC ARZ), LG Ryan Lilja (14 sts, 1st Tm B12) and backups Jesse Keaulana-Kamakea and Ben Rettele (1 st). They have some VHT's to plug into the 2 openings and RG Mike Johnson moves to the important C position. This is a talented group but it does have to replace its top two OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Each year Kansas St's D-line out performs my expectations. They had to replace all four starters in 2001 yet thanks to the JUCO's that were added, allowed the same 2.9 ypc rushing that they allowed in 2000 although the team had just 23 sacks. Everyone returned in 2002 and the defense allowed just 2.0 ypc while recording 36 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace five players who combined for 38 starts and 16 sacks. Only 3 of the top 8 returned. K-St did slip some allowing 3.0 ypc but the defense recorded an NCAA leading 51 sacks. This year they must replace 3 starters in DE Andrew Shull (2nd Tm B12, 68 tkl, 8 sks, 8 tfl, 15 sts), DT Justin Montgomery (15 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 68 tkl, 6 sks) and DE Tom Houchin (10 sts, 44 tkl, 4 sks). This unit actually has more experience than last year as Andrew Bulman missed 2003 with injury and five of the top eight are back.

LINEBACKERS - K-State had to replace their #2 tackler, Terry Pierce (#2DC) last year as well as a backup. They did bring in some solid JUCO's and much was expected of Marvin Simmons (PS#5) who originally signed at USC and broke Pierce's KSU LB record with a 528 bench. He was slow to get acclimated and had just 8 tackles. Two starters returned and Josh Buhl (15 sts) set a school record with 184 tackles along with 12 tfl and was 1st Tm AA. He departs along with OLB Bryan Hickman (14 sts, 107 tkl, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm B12) but four of the top six return. Matt Butler was a surprise starter for the first five games at MLB, but then lost his job due to injury and he and Simmons should fill the open spots. This has the makings of a solid LB corps but it is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wildcats use a large rotation of players in the secondary which allows them to overcome large graduation losses. K-St had three consecutive Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings from 1999-2001. In 2002 they had to replace 5 players who combined for 41 starts including two NFL DC's but did return super CB Terence Newman (4.25 spd). Newman helped them finish #7 in the pass D rankings in 2002 and he was the #1DC DAL. Last year they also had to replace three other players who combined for 14 starts so basically two starters returned. Any time a team loses an exceptional shutdown CB, they tend to drop in the pass D rankings and K-St did just that falling to #19. This year they lose CB Randy Jordan (13 sts, 42 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu, 3rd Tm B12), SS Rashad Washington (15 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 102 tkl, 14 pbu, #7DC NYJ) and FS James McGill (27 tkl, 6 int, 2nd Tm B12). Louis Lavender lost his starting CB spot to Cedrick Williams last season and now both return plus Snyder once again brings in a large class of JUCO with four listed below. I look for K-St to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is always a strength under Bill Snyder and after a #4 ranking in 2002 actually dropped a little last season to #25 as they had to replace their P and their super KR man Terence Newman (28.5). P Jared Brite had a fine season averaging 37.9 net but he departs. Darren Sproles was the top PR (10.0) and KR (27.2) despite getting all of the RB carries and proved very durable. He should continue to do those duties now that he has a VHT backup. Kicker Joe Rheem (PS#2) looks to be one of the best in the country but I am surprised that his career long is only 44 yards. The team had not allowed a KR TD since 1990 but allowed an 88 yard KR TD vs Colorado and then a 98 yard KR TD vs Baylor and allowed 22.0 on KR's after allowing 18.5 or less for 6 straight years. Expect that number to go down this season. The new punter will likely be JUCO Jesse Martinez who Snyder says has an NFL caliber leg. K-St has blocked 22 punts in the last 5 years. As always, K-State is a contender to be the NCAA's top special teams unit.

COACHES - Bill Snyder has done an absolutely amazing job at this school taking a team with the worst combined record in the history of the NCAA and guiding them to bowl games in each of the last eleven years, one of only six schools to do so. In 2002 Snyder was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year. The Co-OC's are Del Miller, who was the former OC at Okla St and Greg Peterson who has been at Kan St since 1994. Bobby Elliot is the lone DC after sharing those duties the last two years with Bret Bielema.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Every year in the preseason I marvel at how Bill Snyder has turned around arguably the worst team in major college football and made them into a National Title contender. Last year they came into the season ranked #5 in the polls in the preseason, the highest ever for the school. Last year K-St lost to Marshall, Texas and Okla St when QB Ell Roberson was not 100% or out but stunned the nation by knocking off #1 ranked Oklahoma in the Big 12 Title game to land a BCS bowl bid. It was KSU's first conference title since 1934 and the school's first ever win over a #1 ranked team. They also won in Lincoln for the first time since 1968 handing Nebraska their worst home loss since 1958. KSU outgained league foes by 171.6 ypg, the second best mark in the league. Kan St had its sixth 11 win season in the last seven years, a feat duplicated only by one other program in the history of college ball, but keep in mind that KSU played 15 games in '03 while the schedules used to consist of ten games. KSU's "Lynch Mob" defense is the only squad in the country to finish in the Top 6 in total defense for the last 7 years in the NCAA rankings. Since the inception of the Big 12 K-St has the most road wins in the league (22-10). KSU rarely returns a lot of starters under Snyder as he relies on JUCO's so even though they have just 10 back (fewest in Big 12), it should not be a concern. KSU does have a tough conference schedule with road trips vs vastly improved Tex A&M, Missouri and Colorado. They also host Oklahoma. It will be yet another winning season for KSU and they surely will be the media's preseason favorites for the Big 12 North Title.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Dylan Meier So. 6-3 210 PS#147. 4 games as QB yet #3 rusher. 149 net yds (9.3), 5 of 8 passes. Allen Webb (6-3 205 So) PS#75. Scout Tm MVP. Indiana transfer.
RB DARREN SPROLES SR. 5-7 180 **PS#33, 1st Tm AA**, 1465 rush (6.2) 17 TD's in '02. 1986 rush (#1 NCAA, 6.5 ypc). 391 bench, 4.4 spd. **Thomas Clayton** is **PS#13.** Fl St trans.
FB Ayo Saba Jr. 6-0 275 **PS#26**. 181 yds (3.4) 2 yrs. **Victor Mann** (6-2 255 Jr) PS#137LB. 2 sts, 118 ttl yds, 2 yrs. Rimmon McNeese (6-2 230 So) PS#30TE.
WR ANTOINE POLITE SR. 6-2 200 12 sts, 29 rec (14.1) LY. Yamon Figurs is PS#99JC, 4.29 spd, in for spg. Jermaine Moreira (5-11 190 So) PS#55QB, 3 sts, 17 rec (16.3) as true.
WR Tony Madison Sr. 6-3 205 **PS#41JC**. 4.37 spd. Davin Dennis (6-1 180 Jr) PS#99. 3 sts LY, 22 rec (18.4). 7 in bowl. Joe Lawson (6-0 190 Sr) PS#150JC LY. 1 st, 3 rec.
TE BRIAN CASEY SR. 6-7 270 **PS#13**. 23 games (0 rec in '01 & '02). 11 sts LY, 19 rec (18.4). HM Big 12. Rashaad Norwood (6-5 230 rFr) PS#30. Lorne Clark (6-3 270 Sr).
C MIKE JOHNSON SR. 6-4 290 PS#259. 2 games as true. 11 sts at RG in '02. 15 sts at RG, HM B12 LY. Kody Miller is PS#195JC. **LS** Russ Vanover (6-1 210 Sr).
RG Chris Boggas Sr. 6-5 315 **PS#14**. 3 games LY. Malcolm Wooldridge (6-2 330 Sr) **PS#60JC**. Orig signed at USC in 2000. 496 bench. 1 game LY. Moved from DT to OG.
LG Travis Triplett Sr. 6-6 315 **PS#56JC**. 9 games, 2nd string in '03. Justin D'Arcy (6-5 290 Jr) PS#179JC. In for spring. Evan Margulies (6-2 310 rFr).
RT JEROMEY CLARY JR. 6-7 300 PS#201. 6 games as **true**. 15 sts at RT in 2003. Logan Robinson (6-9 320 rFr) PS#419. Thad Hedgpeth (6-4 300 So) PS#342.
LT JON DOTY SR. 6-8 300 **PS#16TE**. 5 games in '01. 8 games, 2nd string in '02. 15 sts at LT in '03, HM Big 12. Michael Weiner (6-5 275 Jr) PS#129JC, 1 game LY.
K JOE RHEEM SR. 6-2 195 PS#2. 55 yd FG in HS. 5 of 8 FG's as true. 9 of 12 in '02, L/39. 12 of 17 FG's LY, L/44. 3rd Tm B12. Nick Villaneuva (5-10 190 rFr) PS#51.

DE Scott Edmonds Jr. 6-4 260 PS#77, 4.68 spd. 25 tkls in '03, 4 tfl. 6 sks in the last 6 games. Tearrius George (6-4 250 Jr) PS#80JC. Blake Seiler (6-3 240 rFr).
DT Andrew Bulman Sr. 6-3 285 PS#238OL, 2 tkls at Syr in 2000. **670 bench!** 12 tkls in '02. Inj LY. Derek Marso (6-3 275 Jr) PS#97, 21 tkls, 4 tfl. Alphonso Moran (6-1 290 Fr).
NT JERMAINE BERRY SR. 6-0 295 PS#71JC. 15 sts LY, 82 tkls, 7 sks, 11 qbh, 488 bench. Quintin Echols (6-2 305 So) PS#108. 21 tkls, 2 sks. Steve Cline (6-2 285 rFr) PS#187.
DE Kevin Huntley Sr. 6-8 265 PS#392JC. 5 sts LY, 27 tkls, 6 sks. Alax Carrier (6-4 255 Sr) 19 tkls, 1 sk, 3Y. ML Latimore (6-1 270 Fr) PS#252DL. Grayshirt last year.
SLB Matt Butler Jr. 6-2 235 PS#67LB. 23 tkls as rFr. 5 sts until inj. 53 tkls, 4 tfl LY. 470 bench. Brandon Archer (6-2 225 So) PS#61. 15 tkls, 1 sack in 15 games last year.
MLB TED SIMS JR. 6-1 235 PS#164. 10 sts in '03, 79 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. Sean Lowe (6-3 225 So) PS#258LB, 1 st, 11 tkls, 1 sk. Kyle Suttles (5-10 220 Jr). 2 tkls last year.
WLB Marvin Simmons Jr. 6-1 240 **PS#5LB**. USC. 528 bench, 36 bench reps of 225 lbs, 4.5 spd, 8 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Maurice Thurmond (6-2 220 Sr) PS#124. 38 tkls in 3 years.
CB Louis Lavender Sr. 6-0 190 PS#283JC. 6 sts LY, 22 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Maurice Porter** is **PS#53JC**. **Kyle Williams** is **PS#46JC**. David Rose (5-10 180 Sr).
CB CEDRICK WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 170 PS#41JC. Last 11 starts. HM B12. 39 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu last year. Surrell Davis is **PS#82JC**. Bryan Baldwin (5-11 185 rFr) PS#159WR.
SS Bret Jones Jr. 6-2 190 **PS#22JC**. Marcus Patton (6-1 205 Sr) PS#174RB. 264 rush at SE MO St. 26 tkls here in 2Y. Blaine Clark (6-2 190 Sr) PS#442JC.
FS JESSE TETUAN JR. 6-0 190 PS#169. 3 sts, 21 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu in '02. 15 sts LY, 41 tkls, 4 pbu. Maurice Mack (6-0 200 So) PS#67. 13 tkls. Greg Gaskins (6-1 190 rFr) PS#182.
P Jesse Martinez Jr. 6-4 205 **PS#69JC**. 39.3 and 37.6 avg 2Y @ JC (40 rec, 17.1). Terry Dillinger (6-0 180 Sr) P#348JC. Cole Brokenicky (5-10 195 rFr). Chris Marquart (5-10 197 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Nick Patton 6-3 190 PS#13
OL	Matt Boss 6-4 310 PS#14
DB	Bret Jones 6-2 190 PS#22JC
RB	Parrish Fisher 5-10 205 PS#53
CB	Kyle Williams 6-1 195 PS#46JC
QB	Allan Evridge 6-1 205 PS#50
CB	Maurice Porter 6-1 190 PS#53JC
WR	Ro Grigsby 6-4 185 PS#75
DB	Walter Hudson 6-0 190 PS#81
WR	Jesse Martinez 6-4 205 PS#69JC
DL	Tearrius George 6-4 250 PS#80JC
DB	Surrell Davis 5-11 190 PS#82JC
OL	Caleb Handy 6-1 305 PS#108
LB	Aaron Darks 6-0 205 PS#103
WR	Yamon Figurs 6-0 175 PS#99JC
OL	Gerard Spexarth 6-7 290 PS#154
OL	John Hafferty 6-3 305 PS#166
OL	Ryan Schmidt 6-5 290 PS#186
OL	Justin D'Arcy 6-5 290 PS#179JC
WR	Cedric Wilson 6-1 175 PS#156
TE	Brad Rooker 6-6 260 PS#59
RB	Jordan Bedore 6-3 255 PS#270
DL	Vladimir Faustin 6-4 230 PS#315
LB	Lester Graham 6-0 220 PS#275
K	Jared Parker 6-0 180 PS#51
RB	Brett Alstatt 6-5 230 PS#413

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67-46-3	Vs Conference	18-13-1	Away Underdog
		28-13	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (11-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (13,17,2)
Lost: 30 (14,13,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,110

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								KSU is 14-0 SU & is 7-2-1 ATS in their season opener since 1990. The Wildcats are 7-3 ATS their last 10 conference home games. Kansas St is 16-4 ATS vs their fellow North Division teams since 2000.
Sep. 4	W Kentucky	A						KSU has played 4 IAA tms the L2Y going 4-0 SU winning by an avg 51-9. WKU was 8-4 LY & finished #8 in IAA. They were the IAA Champion in 2002.
Sep. 11	Fresno St	A						KSU is 11-2-1 ATS in their 1st lined home game since 1990. Kansas St is 23-8 ATS in non-conf games S/'93 but were 0-3 ATS LY.
Sep. 18	Louisiana-Lft	A						KSU is 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS vs current Sun Belt Conf teams since 1993. Wildcats are 7-2 ATS the game prior to their conf opener since 1994.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Texas A&M	G						Kansas St is 6-3-1 ATS in their last 10 conference openers. The Wildcats are 8-2 ATS their last 10 conference road games.
Oct. 9	at Kansas	A						Kansas is 10-0 SU & ATS against the Jayhawks since 1994. Since '95 KSU has outscored KU by an avg of 39 ppg, w/the smallest margin being 26 pts.
Oct. 16	Oklahoma	A						KSU is 6-16 SU, but 16-4-2 since 1980 vs the Sooners. The Wildcats are 19-4-1 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ game homestand.
Oct. 23	Nebraska	A						Kansas St is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS against the Cornhuskers since 2000. LY's win was KSU's 1st in Lincoln S/'68 & their 1st B2B wins in the series S/'58 & '59.
Oct. 30	Texas Tech (HC)	A						KSU has won 3 of the 4 Big 12 meetings SU, but has covered just 1. Game after NU: KSU is 11-0 ATS if they lost SU to NU, but 1-3 ATS if they won S/'88.
Nov. 6	at Missouri	A						KSU has won 11 in a row SU & is 6-3 ATS the last 9. Could apply: Wildcats entered 2004 at 15-6 ATS off a SU win since 2001.
Nov. 13	at Colorado	G						KSU is just 2-11 ATS their last 13 tumbles into Boulder. Wildcats are 3-5 ATS in their regular season road finale but have won 3 straight ATS.
Nov. 20	Iowa St	A						KSU is 4-0 ATS since 2000 outscoring ISU by a combined 201-20 in those games. Kansas St is 3-7 ATS in their reg season finale the last 11 years (1 NL gm).
Nov. 27								

STADIUM: KSU STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	11-1	10-1	10-3	6-5	10-2	11-3	68-16
ATS	8-3	7-4	8-3	6-6-1	8-3	8-2	6-6	51-27-1
Home Fav	4-1	5-1	6-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-5	29-14
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	3-1	2-3	1-1	2-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	15-11
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	5-2-1
Favorite	7-2	7-4	7-2	5-6	6-3	8-2	4-6	44-25
Dog	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	7-2-1
Grass	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-3-1	3-0	2-1	3-1	12-8-1
Artificial	7-2	6-3	7-2	5-3	5-3	6-1	3-5	39-19
vs Conf	6-2	5-4	5-3	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	6-3	37-21-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-3	14-6
Off SU Win	6-3	7-4	6-3	5-4-1	5-0	6-2	4-4	39-20-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-1	9-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren Sproles	**306**	**2067**	**81**	**1986**	**16**	**6.5**
Eli Roberson	227	1135	160	975	15	4.3
Dylan Meier	**16**	**151**	**2**	**149**	**3**	**9.3**
Jeff Schwinn	45	157	57	100	2	2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Eli Roberson	294	152	51.7	2545	24	12
Jeff Schwinn	68	37	54.4	563	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Terry	64	1232	19.2	13	63
Antoine Polite	**29**	**409**	**14.1**	**1**	**36**
Davin Dennis	**22**	**404**	**18.4**	**4**	**57**
Brian Casey	**19**	**349**	**18.4**	**2**	**41**
Darren Sproles	**25**	**287**	**11.5**	**2**	**60**
Jermaine Moreira	**17**	**277**	**16.3**	**0**	**41**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Brite	68	2830	41.6	5	37.9	2	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Rheem	**67-68**	**2-3**	**3-4**	**7-9**	**0-1**	**12-17**	**44**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Buhl	184	1	11	3	0
Bryan Hickman	107	4	9	5	1
Rashad Washington	102	3	2	14	2
Jermaine Berry	**82**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Ted Sims	**79**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Andrew Shull	68	8	8	6	0
Justin Montgomery	68	6	2	9	0
Matt Butler	**53**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Thomas Houchin	44	4	2	0	0
Randy Jordan	42	0	1	10	3
Jesse Tetuan	**41**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Cedrick Williams	**39**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**5**
Kevin Huntley	**27**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darren Sproles	**19**	**190**	**10.0**	**1**
Jermaine Moreira	**17**	**124**	**7.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darren Sproles	**10**	**272**	**27.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Holiday	-10'	Washington	24-20	L
00	Cotton	-3'	Tennessee	35-21	W
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse	3-26	L
02	Holiday	-18'	Arizona St	34-27	L
03	Fiesta	-7	Ohio St	28-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	36.6	21	229	5.0	212	52.3	12.0	-1	2003	5	16.3	15	108	3.0	175	50.1	17.4
4*	44.8	21	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	+9	2002	7	11.8	14	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0
5	27.5	21	239	4.5	143	42.8	13.9	-1	2001	3	17.1	14	98	2.9	162	47.0	15.2
9*	39.2	22	205	4.4	212	49.0	10.6	+7	2000	7	18.6	15	104	2.9	169	49.8	14.6
3	38.1	19	181	3.8	192	45.6	9.8	+18	1999	6	13.7	13	108	3.2	130	39.8	17.4
8*	46.9	24	217	4.6	248	55.3	9.9	+13	1998	9	15.2	15	91	2.6	175	43.8	17.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† California	20	46-330	7.2	9-18	205	1	24	27-62	2.3	25-42	378	4	+1
Troy St	19	43-147	3.4	10-24	245	3	10	37-39	1.1	11-30	99	7	0
McNeese St	18	44-254	5.8	8-21	146	1	14	45-122	2.7	11-31	145	3	+2
Massachusetts	22	50-235	4.7	18-28	255	1	10	30-27	0.9	14-27	164	5	-3
Marshall	18	39-128	3.3	14-26	241	2	16	45-210	4.7	16-24	106	2	-3
at Texas	13	42-209	5.0	5-18	89	0	18	52-133	2.6	10-22	157	6	-1
at Oklahoma St	25	44-146	3.3	20-34	332	3	19	45-187	4.2	12-21	190	2	-2
Colorado	23	40-142	3.6	20-28	242	2	25	32-132	4.1	29-45	290	1	+1
Kansas	25	51-257	5.0	10-20	138	1	7	30-89	3.0	12-19	71	2	+1
Baylor	19	46-234	5.1	14-24	242	2	14	43-52	1.2	11-24	161	6	-1
at Iowa St	22	48-356	7.4	14-17	147	0	9	28-39	1.4	11-30	101	3	+1
at Nebraska	26	53-248	4.7	15-28	313	0	16	41-195	4.8	8-26	98	3	+1
Missouri	28	69-367	5.3	7-16	70	0	12	29-109	3.8	14-28	155	4	-1
† Oklahoma	16	41-292	7.1	10-17	227	1	23	25-83	3.3	29-54	315	3	+2
† Ohio St	25	32-84	2.6	20-52	294	2	15	40-148	3.7	11-24	189	0	+1
TOTALS	319	688-3429	5.0	194-371	3186	19	232	549-1627	3.0	224-447	2619	51	-1
AVERAGES	21.3	46-229	5.0	13-25	212	1.3	15.5	37-108	3.0	15-30	175	3.4	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-34	40-0	W
UTEP	-32'	40-7	W
at Iowa St	-15	35-28	L
at Texas	+5'	35-17	W
Kansas	-29	50-9	W
Utah St	-29'	40-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	44-21	W
Baylor	-38	48-7	W
Colorado	-16	20-14	L
at Nebraska	+9'	15-41	L
Missouri	-26	66-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa	-29	27-7	L
Louisiana Tech	-27'	54-10	W
Ball St	-46	76-0	W
N Texas	-51'	55-10	L
at Colorado	-6'	44-21	W
at Kansas	-23'	52-13	W
Oklahoma	-8'	31-41	L
Texas Tech	-31'	28-23	L
at Texas A&M	-5'	10-26	L
Iowa St	-19	56-10	W
Nebraska	+3'	29-28	W
at Missouri	-22	28-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-3	10-6	W
N Mexico St	-28	64-0	W
at Oklahoma	+4'	37-38	W
Colorado	-10	6-16	L
at Texas Tech	-14'	19-38	L
Texas A&M	-9	24-31	L
Kansas	-21	40-6	W
at Iowa St	-6	42-3	W
at Nebraska	+13'	21-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-21	40-7	W
Missouri	-20	24-3	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Kentucky	NL	48-3	–
UL Monroe	-37'	68-0	W
E Illinois	NL	63-13	–
USC	-2'	27-20	W
at Colorado	-3'	31-35	L
Oklahoma St	-14'	44-9	W
Texas	-2'	14-17	L
at Baylor	-31	44-10	W
at Kansas	-33	64-0	W
Iowa St	-13'	58-7	W
Nebraska	-12'	49-13	W
at Missouri	-15	38-0	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† California	-28	42-28	L
Troy St	-37'	41-5	L
McNeese St	NL	55-14	–
Massachusetts	NL	38-7	–
Marshall	-19'	20-27	L
at Texas	+6'	20-24	W
at Oklahoma St	-2'	34-38	L
Colorado	-18	49-20	W
Kansas	-20	42-6	W
Baylor	-40'	38-10	L
at Iowa St	-18	45-0	W
at Nebraska	-2'	38-9	W
Missouri	-14'	24-14	L

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Colorado starting QB Craig Ochs opted to transfer midyear after suffering his third concussion and Robert Hodge, who hit just 1 of 9 for 20 yards in his debut vs USC, took over and threw for 1,609 yards (53%) with a 13-9 ratio. Last year the group was extremely inexperienced and did not contain a single VHT. James Cox (6-3 215 So, PS#64) took the early lead for the starting job but walk-on Joel Klatt won. Klatt spent three years in Class A baseball with the San Diego organization and played in three games here in 2002 as the #3 QB. He threw for 402 yards against rival Colo St in the opener and was the Big 12 Off POW. He was injured in the 3Q vs Wash St, however. Another walk-on, Erik Greenberg (6-2 200 Jr), had taken over the 2nd string job. His second career pass was intercepted against Wash St and returned for a TD but he did have a 4th & 1, 46 yard TD pass in that game. He started the next two games throwing for 346 yards against Baylor before injuring his hand. Klatt was forced off the bench and threw his first int in 92 passes. Klatt stayed healthy and started the rest of the games and became just the fifth CU QB to top 2,000 yards passing with his 233 completions setting a school record. He and Greenberg teamed for 3,351 yards which set a school record (old record 3,271 in 1992). Klatt threw for 2,614 yards (65.1%) with a 21-10 ratio and also rushed for 110 gross yards. Cox got in one pass attempt and all three QB's return this year. Barnett was able to redshirt both of his frosh in Bernard Jackson (6-2 190, PS#58) and Brian White (6-5 220, PS#82). True frosh Ryan Walters (PS#25) was in for the spring. This unit has much more experience, added talent and should be much stronger.

RUNNING BACKS - Colorado had some outstanding TB's in 2001 and 2002 and their 5,450 yards rushing by the TB's led the NCAA in that category. They returned Bobby Purify (PS#54) last year who rushed for 739 yards (5.6) despite starting just one game in 2002. Purify was injured after 3 games and rushed for just 167 yards (3.2) but got a medical redshirt. Brian Calhoun (PS#20) tended to rely too much on his speed and did not have a good year as a North/South runner. He did finish the season leading the team with 810 yards (4.2) and also added 32 rec's (8.3). No CU RB topped 100 yards in the final six games. Daniel Jolly (6-0 220 So, PS#73) is a bruising goal line RB who had 109 yards (2.3). FB Lawrence Vickers added 100 (3.6) and is a solid combination of runner, blocker and receiver. This is one area in which I can see some true frosh playing immediately and not listed below are Brandon Caesar (6-2 210 So, PS#350, 21 yds) and Isaiah Crawford (5-10 190 rFr, PS#391). With a stronger O-line I expect good sized improvement in the RB numbers this year after Colorado dropped to 93.5 ypg rushing in 2003 (232.8 in '02).

RECEIVERS - The Buffs had all of their top receivers back last year and the top two WR's, DJ Hackett and Derek McCoy combined for just 59 rec's in 2002's run-based offense. In 2003 they combined for 141 which set a school record previously held by Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson. TE Quinn Sypniewski managed to play in just two games and ended up redshirting after starting seven the previous year. Hackett (#5DC of SEA) set a school record with 78 rec's (13.0) and McCoy had 63 rec's (14.0) but they both depart. Also gone is John Donahoe (16 rec, 16.3). I list the 2 deep below and Jeremy Bloom showed his explosiveness on returns and could be the feature WR this year. Unfortunately Bloom's status is in limbo with the NCAA, which is still pending as I write this. Oregon St transfer Ron Monteilh (PS#65) had 18 rec's (8.5). They were able to redshirt Stephone Robinson (5-9 175, PS#52) and Dusty Sprague (6-4 180, PS#74). They are very deep at TE as not listed below is Paul Creighton (6-5 245 So, PS#73) who was a FB in the spring. This has the makings of a decent group but with the loss of their top two guys, I'll call it down a notch in 2004 and down even further if Bloom is unable to return.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Buffs had an extremely effective line in both 2001 and 2002 with the unit paving the way for 4.6 and 5.0 ypc rushing and they allowed just 20 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace four starters including a pair of DC's and a backup. Players who took only 22% of 2002's snaps returned. This year that figure increases to 64%. The Buffs lose C Marwan Hage (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm B12) and TT Karl Allis (11 sts). Eight of the top 10 return and I list the 2 deep below. Last year's inexperienced line opened holes for just 2.6 ypc rushing while allowing 39 sacks. One starter last year, RT Sam Wilder, moved over from DT in the fall and ended up starting 12 and is now in his 2nd year on the O-line. Brian Daniels got his first start at Florida St and set a CU true frosh record for starts by an OL (9). There are plenty of VHT's in the group below plus they get JC transfer John Guydon (PS#35) and Terrance Barreau who was a starter at AF added to the mix. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country.

DE Marques Harris

DEFENSIVE LINE - Since Barnett took over here the Buffs' best rush D has only been 3.9 ypc rushing (2001). In 2002 the team allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while the D had 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace a 1st round DC and a backup and then lost starting DE Marques Harris to injury in the second week. DT Sam Wilder was also moved to the inexperienced O-line so basically just one starter returned. While the Buffs were stronger vs the run (4.0 ypc), the D had just 19 sacks. This year the unit figures to have much more bite. The only losses are DE Gabe Nyenhuis (12 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 45 tkl, 12 tfl) and DT DeAndre Fluellen (4 sts, 18 tkls). Six players return who started last year including Harris, so basically they have four full-time starters returning on the front.

LINEBACKERS - While CU played a 4-2-5 last year, their SS position was more like an LB and I included it in this writeup. Last year's group had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups due to graduation. This year they lose ILB Sean Tufts (10 sts, 95 tkls, 4 tfl, HM B12, #6DC CAR) and LB/SS Clyde Surrell (7 sts, 55 tkls, 4 tfl). There is not much of a change to go to the 4-3 as last year's SS Brian Iwuh (4 sts) is in the "new" OLB position. I list the 2 deep below. They have 3 VHT's and four players with starting experience and look stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CU finished #35 in my pass D rankings in '02 and last year had to replace 2 starters including a 3rd round DC and a backup. Three true frosh started at times in Dominique Brooks (PS#27), Terrence Wheatley (4.37 spd) and Lorenzo Simms (PS#54). This year they must replace CB Phil Jackson (10 sts, 40 tkls, 8 pbu), FS Medford Moorer (12 sts, 111 tkls, 5 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu, 2nd Tm B12) and CB Marcus Moore (3 tkls). The projected starting unit I list below consists of 3 VHT's and the team's fastest player. CU dropped LY to #91 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.4% with a 27-10. Despite losing 2 quality starters, I like the talent and see good sized improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Every year Gary Barnett and his assistants hand out invitations allowing players to play on this unit, showing the importance they place on special teams. At Northwestern he had two Top 10 finishes in my special teams rankings. Here in 2000 they were #24 and in 2001 rose to #11. In 2002 with Ray Guy Award winning Punter Mark Mariscal they finished #5. Last year they had to replace their K, P and top KR but plummeted more than expected, dropping to #79. Jeremy Bloom was the star of the unit averaging a super 24.5 on KR's and 12.0 on PR's but the unit allowed 4 blocked punts and a TD and gave up numerous long returns during the year. Punter John Torp averaged 42.5 per boot but with a team net of just 34.3 and I expect improvement there. Mason Crosby was the FG kicker and after missing two xp's against Wash St was briefly replaced by Kevin Eberhart. Eberhart missed two FG's and Crosby regained his job hitting 7 of 9 FG's on the season with a long of 44 missing one from 50+. Crosby had 26 of 37 KO's go for TB's and Eberhart 9 of 24. I like the overall talent available here and can see this unit making tremendous strides in the special teams rankings. They may contend for Top 25 honors provided Bloom is able to return.

COACHES - Gary Barnett has gone through a tumultuous offseason in which he was suspended as HC and Brian Cabral was installed as the interim HC for the spring. The OC is Shawn Watson who enters his 5th year in that role. The new DC is Mike Hankwitz who was a member of the Colorado staff under Bill McCartney from 1985-'94 including 7 years as the DC. He was DC and interim HC at Arizona in '03. Barnett fired 2003's DC, Vince Okruch, who had been here 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 CU suffered through a stunning 3-8 season but four of their losses that year came by 4 points or less. The next year I called them a surprise National Title contender and they were just that as they finished 10-2 and #3 in the country narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. In 2002 they won the Big 12 North again with a 7-1 record as they had 15 starters returning. Last season the team had just 9 starters back, the fewest in the Big 12 and also suffered an injury to QB Joel Klatt early. The Buffs dropped to 3-5 in the Big 12 and suffered a losing season at 5-7. They also played the toughest non-conf schedule in the country facing Colorado St, UCLA, Washington St and Florida St. This is a team that has achieved 40 wins over AP Top 25 teams since 1989, the fifth most in the NCAA. Colorado has the 8th best overall road record since 1988 at 52-25-1 67.3% and the 8th best record for the past 15 seasons overall at 125-53-4 69.8%. This year they are more experienced with 13 starters returning and just 18 lettermen lost. A huge question mark as of this writing is the status of Gary Barnett and whether or not he will return to the team. Last year I ranked Washington high in the Pac 10 and the loss of Rick Neuheisel definitely hurt their performance. I think the chances of Barnett returning are pretty good and while he was not able to work with the team in the spring, he has performed some magic before when his teams have been underrated. The non-conf slate is much easier this season and could result in a 3-0 start. They draw Texas from the Big 12 South and must face much improved A&M and Missouri teams on the road. Provided Barnett indeed returns, I look for a much improved and winning season from the Buffs and the return to a bowl game. CU makes my most improved team list (page 19).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOEL KLATT JR. 6-1 200 Baseball 3Y. 10 sts here LY, 2614 yds (65%), 21-10 ratio. HM Big 12. Bernard Jackson (6-2 190 rFr) PS#58. Erik Greenberg (6-2 200 Jr).

RB BOBBY PURIFY SR. 6-0 215 PS#54. 935 yds (5.7) in' 01 & 739 (5.6) in '02. Inj'd LY. **Brian Calhoun** (5-10 185 Jr) **PS#20.** Sprinter on track, 4.28 spd. 1124 yds (4.1) 2Y.

FB LAWRENCE VICKERS JR. 6-2 230 PS#59. 32 ttl yds as true. 7 sts in '03, 223 ttl yds. Daniel Jolly (6-0 220 So) PS#73, 109 yds (2.3) as true. Brendan Schaub (6-4 240 Jr).

WR Jeremy Bloom Jr. 5-9 175 2 sts, 22 rec (16.2), 878 ret yds LY. ? for '04. Blake Mackey (6-3 195 So) PS#49, **4.38 spd!** Inj'd as rFr. Stephone Robinson (5-9 175 rFr) PS#52.

WR Ron Monteilh Sr. 6-1 190 PS#65. Oreg St transfer. 2 sts, 31 rec (8.6) 2Y.

Ty Littlehales (6-4 200 So) **PS#31**. Dusty Sprague (6-4 180 rFr) PS#74DB.

TE JOE KLOPFENSTEIN JR. 6-5 240 PS#54LB. 10 sts, 20 rec (9.5) LY. HM Big 12. Quinn Sypniewski (6-7 255 Sr) **PS#1**. Jesse Wallace (6-3 245 Sr) 6 sts, 12 rec (5.8) last year.

C John Guydon Jr. 6-2 290 **PS#35JC**. 19 tfl at JC, RS here in '03, moved to OL. Mark Fenton (6-4 295 So) 70 plays, 2nd string LY. LS Greg Pace (6-0 235 Jr).

RG DEREK STEMRICH SR. 6-6 285 16 plays in '02. 11 sts in '03, 717 plays, 22 KD's. **Terrance Barreau** (6-3 320 Sr) 7 sts at **Air Force** in 2000. Garrett Collins is **PS#45**

LG BRIAN DANIELS SO. 6-5 300 **PS#24**. L/9 sts as **true** (CU record), 631 plays. Gary Moore (6-7 340 Jr) **PS#54**. 1 st, 277 plays LY. Fredrick Staugh (6-5 295 So) PS#174.

RT SAM WILDER SR. 6-5 285 PS#224DL. **11 sts at DT** in '02, 42 tkls, 5 sks. 12 sts at OT LY, 791 plays. Jack Tipton (6-4 285 So) **PS#71**. Tyler Polumbus (6-8 275 rFr) **PS#80**.

LT Clint O'Neal Jr. 6-6 285 **PS#69**. 24 plays in '02. 4 sts in '03, 343 plays. Del Scales (6-6 295 So) PS#109, 8 plays last year. **Edwin Harrison** (6-5 300 rFr) **PS#59**.

K MASON CROSBY SO. 6-2 195 PS#31. 59 yd FG in HS. Hit 7 of 9 as true, long of 44, 31 of 37 xp's. Kevin Eberhart (5-10 175 So) PS#19, 57 yd FG in HS. 0 of 2 FG's LY.

DE Marques Harris Sr. 6-2 235 PS#107LB. **13 sts** in '01, 52 tkls, 6 tfl. **14 sts** in '02, 74 tkls, 4 sks. RS LY. Alex Ligon (6-4 240 So) PS#113, 1 st, 3 sks LY. Alonzo Barrett (6-3 240 Fr).

DT BRANDON DABDOUB SR. 6-1 290 PS#99. 7 sts, 22 tkls in '01. 9 sts, 20 tkls, 3 tfl. 442 bench. Marcus Jones (6-5 290 So) PS#156, 4 games last year. Nick Clement (6-2 270 Jr).

NT MATT McCHESNEY SR. 6-4 285 **PS#41**. 2 sts, 29 tkls in '01. 10 sts, 26 tkls, 565 plays LY. Vaka Manupuna (6-1 290 Jr) PS#119, 2 sts, 11 tkls. McKenzie Tilmon (6-4 305 Sr) PS#111JC.

DE JAMES GAREE JR. 6-5 255 PS#144. 8 sts LY, 32 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl. Abraham Wright (6-3 250 So) PS#103JC. In for spring. Chadd Evans (6-4 250 rFr). PS#117DL.

WLB Chris Hollis Jr. 6-1 240 **PS#32**. 4 games as true. 2 sts LY, 23 tkls, 3 tfl. Joe Sanders (6-4 210 Fr) PS#79TE grayshirt LY and LB in spg. John Martin (6-4 235 rFr) PS#98.

MLB THADDAEUS WASHINGTON SO. 6-0 235 **PS#36**. 1 st as rFr, 26 tkls, 2 tfl. **Akarika Dawn** (6-2 230 Jr) PS#101. 1 sk as true. 5 sts in '03, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 448 plays.

OLB Brian Iwuh Jr. 6-1 220 2 sts, 29 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 4 sts LY, 32 tkls, 3 tfl. **Chris Russell** (6-3 195 rFr) **PS#48DB**. Walter Boye-Doe (6-2 230 So) PS#169DL. 17 tkls LY.

CB SAMMY JOSEPH SO. 6-1 180 **PS#12**. 12 starts, 848 plays as rFr, 55 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Vance Washington (5-9 180 Jr) PS#147, 4.48 spd. AJ Anderson (6-0 175 Jr).

CB Terrence Wheatley So. 6-0 165 4.37 speed (#1 tm). 2 sts as **true**, 24 tkls, 5 pbu. Lorenzo Sims (5-11 185 So) **PS#54**, 1 st, 10 tkls as **true**. Gerett Burl (5-10 160 So) PS#105.

SS JJ BILLINGSLEY JR. 5-11 185 **PS#50**. 6 sts as **true**. 69 tkls, 6.5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 94 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. Tyrone Henderson (6-0 180 So) PS#101 in '02. JC LY and back for spg.

FS Dominque Brooks So. 6-2 195 **PS#27**. 3 sts as **true** last year. 24 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Lionel Harris (6-1 195 rFr) PS#132. Chad Cusworth (6-0 205 So). Walk-on.

P JOHN TORP JR. 6-2 200 40.3 avg as senior in HS. 3 punts in '02, 49.7 avg. 63 punts LY, 42.5 avg, team net of 34.3 (poor coverage). JP Heaton (6-2 200 So) PS#66.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Ryan Walters 6-0 190 PS#25
OL	Garrett Collins 6-4 260 PS#45
LB	Brad Jones 6-4 215 PS#49
DB	Reggie Foster 5-11 190 PS#64
QB	Patrick Williams 6-3 195 PS#46
RB	Hugh Charles 5-8 185 PS#78
WR	Reggie Joseph 6-1 185 PS#78
DL	Josh Hunt 6-5 260 PS#114
LB	Maurice Cantrell 6-1 220 PS#97
LB	Greg Newman 6-4 235 PS#99
RB	Byron Ellis 6-1 190 PS#105
DE	Abraham Wright 6-3 250 PS#103
RB	Jordan Dizon 6-1 210 PS#126
DB	Corey Reid 5-11 185 PS#143
DL	Chris Todd 6-3 275 PS#241

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34-28	Straight Up	9-11	Home Favorite
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13-9	Off A SU Loss	8-8	Away Favorite
27-15	Vs Conference	10-5	Away Underdog
		6-11	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

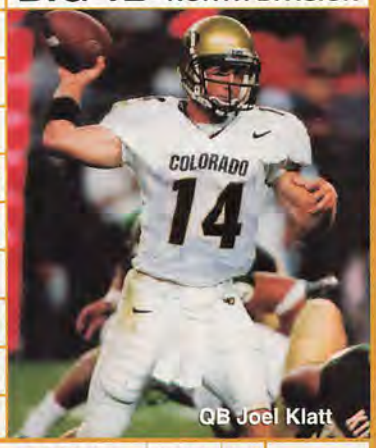
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,19,4)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,431

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Colorado is 7-19 ATS vs non-conference foes since 1996. The Buffaloes are 8-2 ATS the last 10 as a home dog. CU is 15-3 ATS in their last 18 road finales.
Sep. 4	† Colorado St (Invesco Field)	G						The underdog is 7-1 ATS the last 8 meetings & 11-3 ATS the last 14. Colorado is 31-11 SU since 1931 in this rivalry.
Sep. 11	at Wash St (Seattle)	A						The Buffs are 5-12 ATS vs Pac 10 schools since 1987. CU is 6-2 ATS their last 8 games on artificial turf.
Sep. 18	North Texas	G						Colorado is just 1-7 ATS their last 8 home openers. The Buffs are 1-9 ATS prior to their 1st bye of the season since 1993.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Missouri	A						Barnett is a Missouri alum (1969) & is 5-0 SU vs his alma mater! Buffs have run over the Tigers the L4Y going 4-0 ATS (avg score 32-23).
Oct. 9	Oklahoma St (HC)	G						CU is 5-1 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6 vs OSU. Colorado is 6-2 SU but 2-6 ATS their last 8 conference home openers.
Oct. 16	Iowa St	G						LY we had an easy 4★ winner on CU as they downed ISU 44-10 as an 7' pt AF. CU is 5-1 SU & ATS vs the Cyclones since 1998.
Oct. 23	at Texas A&M	G						These teams have met just 5 times with CU going 4-1 SU & ATS. CU is 2-0 SU & ATS visiting College Station.
Oct. 30	Texas	G						Teams last met in 2001 Big 12 Champ a 39-37 win for CU as a 7' pt dog. CU is 4-2 SU but 2-4 ATS since '93 in regular season games vs Texas.
Nov. 6	at Kansas	A						CU is 5-2 SU & ATS the last 7 games in Lawrence. The visitor has won 3 straight ATS in this match-up.
Nov. 13	Kansas St	G						The home team is 5-3 ATS the last 8 in this series. CU is 6-2 SU & ATS the game before Nebraska the last 8 years.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 26	at Nebraska (Fri)	A						CU is 7-1 ATS vs Nebraska since 1996 but lost last year. Last meeting in Lincoln was CU's 1st time being favored S/'94. Buffs won 28-13.



QB Joel Klatt

STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	10-2	9-4	5-7	45-36
ATS	3-8	4-7	7-4	5-6	8-4	8-5	5-7	40-41
Home Fav	1-4	1-4	2-1	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	11-19
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	8-2
Away Fav	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-1	9-12
Away Dog	0-2	2-1	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	2-2	12-8
Favorite	2-6	1-6	3-4	2-5	5-3	6-3	1-4	20-31
Dog	1-2	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	20-10
Grass	1-2	1-2	6-2	4-5	6-3	6-5	4-6	28-25
Artificial	2-6	3-5	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	12-16
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	33-25
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	7-16
Off SU Win	1-4	2-5	4-2	1-2	7-2	6-3	1-4	22-22
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-2	3-1	4-3	1-1	2-1	3-3	16-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Holiday	-6	Washington	33-21	W
98	Aloha	+5'	Oregon	51-43	W
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W
01	Fiesta	-3	Oregon	16-38	L
02	Alamo	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31	L

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Calhoun	195	872	62	810	5	4.2
Bobby Purify	52	179	12	167	3	3.2
Daniel Jolly	47	120	11	109	6	2.3
Lawrence Vickers	28	105	5	100	1	3.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joel Klatt	358	233	65.1	2614	21	10
Erik Greenberg	92	49	53.3	737	6	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
DJ Hackett	78	1013	13.0	7	52	
Derek McCoy	63	883	14.0	11	82	
Jeremy Bloom	22	356	16.2	1	81	
Brian Calhoun	32	266	8.3	1	49	
John Donahoe	16	260	16.3	2	45	
Joe Klopfenstein	20	190	9.5	4	48	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
John Torp	63	2679	42.5	6	37.3	4	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mason Crosby	31-37	4-4	0-0	3-4	0-1	7-9	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Medford Moorer	111	1	4	7	2
Sean Tufts	95	0	4	2	0
JJ Billingsley	94	1	7	3	2
Sammy Joseph	55	0	3	5	2
Clyde Surrell	55	1	3	0	0
Akarika Dawn	48	1	3	2	1
Gabe Nyenhuis	45	4	8	4	0
Phil Jackson	40	0	0	8	0
James Garee	32	4	3	0	0
Brian Iwuh	32	0	3	1	0
Matt McChesney	26	2	2	0	0
Thaddaeus Washington	26	0	2	0	0
Dominique Brooks	24	1	2	5	2
Terrence Wheatley	24	0	0	5	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy Bloom	24	289	12.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jeremy Bloom	24	589	24.5	1	

COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	26.6	20	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	-6	2003	6	33.2	22	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	2000	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3
8*	33.8	23	168	4.0	266	59.9	12.8	+5	1999	6	25.9	17	165	4.3	175	48.1	13.1
4	25.2	18	128	3.1	204	56.0	18.2	+6	1998	6	21.1	18	142	3.5	174	48.6	17.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Colorado St	17	43-102	2.4	21-34	402	4	24	39-246	6.3	18-40	339	1	+2
UCLA	21	47-88	1.9	21-31	157	6	13	26-38	1.5	17-30	205	2	0
Washington St	21	34-97	2.9	32-55	348	2	16	33-153	4.6	17-33	310	0	-4
at Florida St	13	38-83	2.2	15-31	192	6	26	24-93	3.9	35-47	458	0	-2
at Baylor	15	27-57	2.1	19-37	399	1	22	56-203	3.6	18-28	207	2	-4
Kansas	35	39-179	4.6	38-54	419	1	20	37-164	4.4	20-31	422	2	-3
at Kansas St	25	32-132	4.1	29-45	290	0	23	40-142	3.6	20-28	242	2	-1
Oklahoma	15	25-40	1.6	24-33	187	7	24	40-186	4.7	19-28	248	2	+1
at Texas Tech	17	41-81	2.0	18-33	213	5	32	23-91	4.0	30-51	399	2	+3
Missouri	19	33-89	2.7	19-26	187	2	27	41-169	4.1	29-42	278	2	+4
at Iowa St	19	45-110	2.4	21-29	288	4	17	32-102	3.2	16-40	121	4	0
Nebraska	19	31-64	2.1	26-44	269	1	18	59-223	3.8	8-18	146	0	-2
TOTALS	236	435-1122	2.6	283-452	3351	39	262	450-1810	4.0	247-416	3375	19	-6
AVERAGES	19.7	36-94	2.6	24-38	279	3.3	21.8	38-151	4.0	21-35	281	1.6	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-13	14-41	L
San Jose St	-24	63-35	W
Kansas	-16	51-17	W
at Washington	-3'	24-31	L
Missouri	-12	46-39 OT	L
at Texas Tech	-5	10-31	L
at Iowa St	+3	16-12	W
Oklahoma	+4'	38-24	W
at Kansas St	+16	14-20	W
at Baylor	-21'	37-0	W
Nebraska	+14'	30-33 OT	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-4'	24-28	L
at USC	+7	14-17	W
Washington	-4'	14-17	L
Kansas St	+6'	21-44	L
at Texas A&M	+8	26-19	W
Texas	-1	14-28	L
at Kansas	-1'	15-23	L
Oklahoma St	-11	37-21	W
at Missouri	-6'	28-18	W
Iowa St	-5'	27-35	L
at Nebraska	+26'	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-8'	22-24	L
† Colorado St	-4	41-14	W
San Jose St	-16	51-15	W
Kansas	-25'	27-16	L
at Kansas St	+10	16-6	W
Texas A&M	-8'	31-21	W
at Texas	+11	7-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-10	22-19	L
Missouri	-13'	38-24	W
at Iowa St	-4'	40-27	W
Nebraska	+9'	62-36	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-8	14-19	L
San Diego St	-22	34-14	L
USC	-3	3-40	L
at UCLA	+11'	31-17	W
Kansas St	+3'	35-31	W
at Kansas	-21	53-29	W
Baylor	-28	34-0	W
Texas Tech	-6	37-13	W
at Oklahoma	+13'	11-27	L
at Missouri	-4'	42-35 OT	W
Iowa St	-9'	41-27	W
at Nebraska	-1	28-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	+2	42-35	W
UCLA	-3	16-14	L
Wash St	-4'	26-47	L
at Florida St	+20	7-47	L
at Baylor	-19'	30-42	L
Kansas	-6'	50-47 OT	L
at Kansas St	+18	20-49	L
Oklahoma	+25	20-34	W
at Texas Tech	+14	21-26	W
Missouri	+4'	21-16	W
at Iowa St	-7'	44-10	W
Nebraska	+2'	22-31	L

IOWA ST CYCLONES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Iowa St had to replace Sage Rosenfels (#4DC WAS) who was a prototype QB with NFL size, mobility and arm strength and he threw for 2,606 yards. Seneca Wallace (PS#19JC), who gave the offense a different dimension with his 4.49 speed but deft passing touch, took over and had two celebrated seasons as a starter. As a senior he threw for a school record 3,245 yards (55%) with a 15-18 ratio. Wallace's backup Cris Love (6-6 225 Sr), who is more like Rosenfels, played a good portion of the Humanitarian Bowl due to injury and appeared in just four games (10 passes). Three QB's battled for time last year with the most athletic being Austin Flynn (PS#34). Flynn became the first freshman QB to start a season opener. He started the first six games and had seven starts overall, throwing for 1,238 yards (46.7%) with a 5-10 ratio while rushing for 544. JC transfer Waye Terry started the last 4 throwing for 415 yards (43.8%) with a 2-4 ratio while rushing for 163. However he developed neck problems and has quit football. After being suspended in the opener, Love did get in one start (Texas) but was relieved in the 2H by Flynn. Love threw for 424 yards (43.1%) with a 3-2 ratio. Bret Meyer (PS#69) was the co-Scout Tm Off POY and has a rocket for an arm yet is mobile. They also signed JUCO Terrance Highsmith who comes from the same JC that produced former Kansas QB Bill Whittemore. He is faster than Whittemore although not quite as accomplished a passer. I expect him to move to WR. Also in the mix here is Kyle Van Winkle (6-6 200 So, PS#229) and Nate Mechaelsen (6-2 205 rFr, PS#102). I expect significant improvement in the passing stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Dan McCarney has done a tremendous job of developing RB's with Troy Davis getting a couple of 2,000 yard seasons and his brother Darren rushing for 3,763 yards in his career. They had a 1,000 yard rusher in each of his first seven years and actually led the Big 12 in rushing four times! The 1,000 yard streak came to a halt in 2002 with Hiawatha Rutland leading with 614 yards (3.8) and Michael Wagner adding 542 (3.5). Last year Rutland had some off-field problems in August and played in just 4 games with 181 total yards before tearing his ACL. Wagner, due to his experience, had 7 starts and 420 yards (4.4). The biggest surprise to me is that VHT recruit Stevie Hicks (PS#35), who is 215 lbs with solid speed, did not step to the forefront. He was tentative and banged up early. Hicks finally emerged in the season finale when he rushed for 123 yards vs Missouri, the team's only 100 yard performance. Hicks led the team with 471 yards (3.8). FB Ryan Kock was a solid blocker. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Also in the mix is Brian Thompson (5-8 195 Jr, PS#340) who was the Scout Team Off POY in 2001 and had 305 yards (3.7) in 2002. This year's incoming true frosh should have a big impact with McCarney signing 3 of the top 42 backs. I give Hicks an excellent shot at topping 1,000 yards and this unit should be more productive in 2004.

RB Stevie Hicks

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cyclones had perhaps their best receiving corps ever even though it may not have shown statistically due to the lack of a solid QB. In '02 Lane Danielsen (4.3 spd), who is one of the best walk-ons ever, broke the school's single season receiving record (Tracy Anderson '83 - 1,051) with 1,073 yards (17.0). He returned along with basically everyone else. Danielsen saw his numbers drop to 46 rec's (16.8) and the other top WR's were Lance Young (8 sts, 32 rec), Jamaul Montgomery (6 sts, 24) and Jack Whitver (4 sts, 22, 16.1). While the top 4 WR's all depart, they look to be in solid shape as a pair of rFr, Todd Blythe (PS#42) and Milan Moses (PS#64) were very impressive on the scout team and could bring an upgrade in talent as both are big with solid speed. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. TE looked wide open heading into the year and they even moved DE Tim TeBrink over to start two games at the position. James Wright III (PS#79JC) was in for the spring and ended up starting 8 games (3 rec). TeBrink is back at DE and I list the 3 deep below. Also in the mix at TE is Brandon Tinlin (6-4 245 rFr, PS#140). Despite the heavy losses (players lost had 433 career rec's, 6373 yds), with improved QB play, this unit could match last year's numbers and Blythe should have a big debut season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St has had some impressive rushing numbers throughout the years including producing 7 straight 1,000 yard rushers and their best season was 2000 when they paved the way for 4.9 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 7 sacks. Current Minnesota Vikings OL coach Steve Loney was the molder of those units. The 2002 version opened the holes for 3.7 ypc while allowing just 19 sacks with the mobile Seneca Wallace. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup. The team's top OL from 2002, Bob Montgomery, was only able to play in 8 games due to injuries and LT Casey Shelton (12 sts) won the honors of top OL last year. Unfortunately they both depart as does backup C Matt Bockes (3 sts) and LG Collin Menard (9 sts in '02, 1 st LY). McCarney had said prior to last season that Seth Zehr and Aaron Brant were the two most impressive OL's he had recruited in his 10 years here and both started as freshmen. Luke Vander Sanden needs to stay healthy as he is one of the most impressive OL's but got in just 6 starts until a 2nd straight season ending injury. Overall the Cyclones averaged just 3.2 ypc and the OL allowed 32 sacks. This unit clearly has potential under new OC Cotton's direction. I look for much better production from the Cyclones offensive front in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In McCarney's first two seasons, the defense allowed 5.7 ypc rushing. Finally in 2002 the unit had its best performance yielding "only" 4.2 ypc rushing while the D had 31 sacks overall. Last year they appeared to be in good shape only losing one starter but star DE Tyson Smith was injured in the opener (8 tkl) and was lost for the season. Their outstanding DT Jordan Carstens suffered a knee injury in the 4th game and was basically 80% the rest of the year. Two frosh and two soph saw significant action on the front. The DL took a step back allowing 5.0 ypc rushing while the unit had just 14 sacks. A bright spot was DE Jason Berryman, who as a true frosh had 110 tackles and was voted Big 12 Newcomer of the Year as well as team MVP. The good news is that the only losses are DT Carstens (11 sts, 74 tkl, 5 tfl, 3rd Tm B12) and Smith who moves to LB. Provided they can stay healthy, this should be a vastly improved front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cyclones had to replace two starters who were their #1 and #4 tacklers and the 1st string avg just 5-10 229. This year even though they have to replace two starters, they are in much better shape. The losses are WLB Joe Woodley (11 sts, 68 tkl, 3 tfl) and Nik Moser who started the first 6 games at SLB before a season ending injury and moves to SS this year. Also gone is backup SLB Chris Whitaker (1 st, 35 tkl). With Moser's injury both Erik Anderson and Jamarr Buchanan earned starts at SLB and the duo combined for 81 tackles. They return their top LB in Brandon Brown (HM B12) who led the unit with 96 tackles. The big addition this year is Tyson Smith (PS#26LB) who was a 2 year starter at DE. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Taylor Schrage (6-1 205 rFr, PS#112), Boyd Viers (6-1 230 Jr, PS#283, 15 tkl), Kurtis Taylor (6-2 225 Fr, PS#154), Marc Soltis (6-2 230 So) and this year's true frosh. You could almost say they have 3 starters returning and I will call this a much improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ISU finished a solid #58 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and only had to replace one starter last year. Surprisingly the unit struggled and had just 8 int while allowing 19 TD passes. They yielded 66.8% and finished #109. The losses are heavy this year in SS JaMaine Billups (12 sts, #1 tkl'r), FS Marc Timmons (12 sts, 80 tkl, 3 tfl), CB Harold Clewis (9 sts, 41 tkl, 3 tfl), CB Johnny Smith (1 st, 14 tkl), CB Bryan Ollie (15 tkl) and Nick Linder (3 tkl). They bring in LB Nik Moser who is a Big 12 400m finalist, CB Ellis Hobbs, who has been their top CB the last two years and is one of the teams fastest. They also add in 3 JUCO's including Josh Hargis and Jerry Gair who combined for 19 int's in 2003. Despite the heavy losses, this unit should move up in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 ISU ranked #68 in my special teams rankings although Tony Yelk (PS#9) struggled as a kicker hitting just 10 of 23 FG's. He was limited to long FG's in 2002 attempting just 3. Adam Benike (2nd Tm Big 12 in '02) took over the duties hitting 17 of 23 with a long of 48 and his 98 points set a school record. Yelk took over the punting duties in 2002 and averaged a nifty 42.3 and also did KO's with a strong leg. Overall the unit finished #73 in 2002 and everyone returned in 2003. The team even got back LS Eric Schmitz, who in 2001 did not have a single errant snap but missed 2002 for personal reasons. The team struggled (see pg 319) and dropped to #108. Yelk is back for his senior season and did average 41.4 per punt. He could earn back his FG duties as he nailed a 51 yarder last season. The top PR, Todd Miller (7.0 LY, 9.8 in '02), is back for his third year. Lance Young, the team's top KR the last two years, must be replaced. Interestingly, in each of the last two years, ISU has allowed a total of seven blocks and defensive TD's which is unusual for a McCarney-coached team. ISU should show improvement in almost every area in 2004.

COACHES - Iowa St did a great job sticking with Dan McCarney, despite having five straight losing seasons to open his tenure. He rewarded them with 3 consecutive non-losing seasons and bowl bids. He was given a $300,000 raise in 2003 and had his contract extended through 2010. He does have a new OC this year in Barney Cotton who was N Mex St's OC and Nebraska's OC/OL coach last year. They hope Cotton will reclaim the magic as ISU had produced a 1,000 yard RB seven straight years, but haven't come close the last two. DC John Skladany enters his 5th year here and was the Ohio DC from 1985-'89.

PHIL'S FORECAST

ISU has added an $11 million practice facility this year. The new multipurpose athletic center allows them to practice indoors. After going 13-42 in his first 55 games (5 yrs), Dan McCarney went on a streak of 25-15 in his next 40 games including 2-0 to open last season. They had beaten Iowa for 5 straight years and been to 3 consecutive bowl games, but it all came crashing down in 2003 in an injury-plagued season. ISU dropped its last 10 games and were far from competitive in league play being outgained by an amazing 261.7 ypg and outscored by 34 ppg (worse than Baylor!). This is a team that stood as high as #9 in the polls in 2002 when they were 6-1 but since have gone 3-15. The defense, which moved up to #44 and #48 in my rankings in '01 and '02 collapsed last year allowing 36.4 ppg. A key to last year's collapse was the QB play as they went from the outstanding Seneca Wallace to extremely erratic play from 3 different QB's. That position should be much stronger and with their new OC Barney Cotton, I look for the offense to be far more potent than 14.4 ppg, which was less than half of 2002's totals. Six starters are back on D and Tyson Smith's return cannot be understated so they will be tougher on that side of the ball. Last year, out of the Big 12 South, they had to face Okla, Texas and TTech, which contributed to their struggles and great disparity in Big 12 ypg and ppg. This year they draw Baylor, A&M and Okla St, a much more palatable fare. I not only think Iowa St will top their 2 win total of last year, they should be a more confident team. I feel they have a chance at returning to the plus side of the ledger. ISU makes my most improved team list (page 19) which gives them a good chance at going from a losing record to a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRET MEYER rFR. 6-3 205 PS#69. Scout Tm Off POY. **Austin Flynn** (6-1 185 So) **PS#34.** 7 sts last year, 1238 pass (46.7%) 5-10 ratio, 544 rush. **Cris Love** 1 start.
RB STEVIE HICKS SO. 6-1 215 PS#35. 5 sts as rFr. #1 w/471 yds (3.8), 14 rec. **Jason Scales** (5-9 205 Fr) **PS#42** in for spring. Tyease Thompson is PS#90.
FB RYAN KOCK SO. 6-1 245 PS#285LB. 7 sts as rFr. 36 yards. Kyle Smith (6-3 235 So) PS#93DL. Greg Coleman (6-0 212 Fr) **PS#32.** Brandon Gunn is **PS#39.**
WR Todd Blythe rFr. 6-5 205 **PS#42.** Scout Tm Off POY. Andy Kohler (6-5 220 Sr) 7' high jump, inj'd in '03. Eric Snyder (5-9 160 Jr). TJ Klith (5-11 190 Jr) PS#130.
WR Milan Moses rFr. 6-1 190 PS#64. Todd Miller (5-8 175 Sr) PS#156. 3 rec, 3 yrs, 681 return yds. Jon Davis (6-4 200 So). Ryan Baum (5-10 190 So) 1 rec, 16 tkls.
TE JAMES WRIGHT III SR. 6-3 240 **PS#79JC.** 8 sts, 3 rec LY. Brett Kellogg (6-3 250 Sr) PS#100LB. 1 st LY. Kenny Segin (6-5 255 Sr) 4 rec. Ben Barkema (6-3 250 rFr) PS#96.
C SETH ZEHR SO. 6-5 290 PS#97DL. 7 starts as rFr, 3 at G, last 4 at C. Tom Schmeling (6-3 295 rFr) PS#142. Brian Lutter (6-0 270 Sr) long snapper.
RG Luke Vander Sanden Sr. 6-2 300 PS#136DL. 2 games in '02 until injury. 6 sts in '03 (3 at G, 3 at C) until injury. Kory Pence (6-4 310 Jr) 2nd string, 2L. Landon Streit is PS#111.
LG Bastian Schober rFr. 6-3 305 PS#188. Johannes Egbers (6-3 290 Jr) 2nd string in '02 & '03, 2L. Anthony Walker (6-2 270 rFr) PS#211. Trent Claussen (6-4 300 So).
RT AARON BRANT SO. 6-7 315 **PS#62.** 11 sts at RG as true in '03. One of best OL under McCarney. Brandon Cook (6-6 320 rFr) **PS#75.** Chris O'Hollearn (6-6 285 Jr).
LT CALE STUBBE SR. 6-4 300 PS#361LB. 4 tkls in '01. 14 sts at RT in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03. John Tjaden (6-6 290 rFr) **PS#74.** Jordan Goos is PS#123DL.
K Josh Griebahn rFr. 5-8 195 PS#18. 48 yd FG in high school. **Tony Yelk is PS#9,** with a strong leg. 13 of 30 career FG's but 51 yd FG LY. Also does KO's and punting.

DE Cephus Johnson Jr. 6-2 250 PS#196. 9 tkls in '02. First 7 sts in '03, 44 tkls, 10 qbh. Korey Smith (6-5 240 So) PS#90DL. 10 tkls. Nick Davidson (6-2 260 rFr) PS#245.
DT BRENT CURVEY SO. 6-0 285 PS#249. 6 sts, L/5 sts @DE as **true**, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. Matt Scherbring (6-4 325 So) PS#231, 5 tkls as true. Fabian Dodd (6-3 315 Jr) PS#80. Iowa trans.
NG NICK LEADERS JR. 6-2 290 PS#172OL. L/9 sts as true, 75 tkls, 5 sks. 12 sts LY. 96 tkls, 3 tfl. Tim TeBrink (6-4 285 Sr) PS#169. 7 sts, 3Y, 69 tkls. Andy Leaders (6-3 275 Sr).
DE JASON BERRYMAN SO. 6-1 225 **Big 12 N'comer of Yr**, Tm MVP as **true**. 110 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl, 19 qbh. Shawn Moorehead (6-3 230 So) PS#473. Landon Schrage (6-5 210 Jr) PS#191DB.
SLB Erik Anderson Sr. 6-1 225 4 sts in '03, 72 tkls, 1 tfl, 3 yrs. Jimmy Morris (6-1 220 So) PS#90. Dominique Flower (6-1 210 rFr) 3 tkls as **true**, RS. Tim Dobbins is PS#280JC.
MLB BRANDON BROWN SR. 5-11 230 PS#181. 14 sts in '02, 137 tkls, 6 sks. 12 sts LY. HM B12, 96 tkls, 12 tfl. Matt Robertson (6-1 230 So) 41 tkls in L/6 LY. Ron Prelow (6-0 230 rFr) PS#186.
WLB Tyson Smith Sr. 6-2 240 **PS#26.** 12 sts in '01, 12 sts in '02 at DE, 104 tkls, 6 sks, 21 qbh. 8 tkls, 1 game LY (inj). Jamarr Buchanan (6-2 230 Jr) PS#246. 2 sts, 37 tkls LY.
CB DeAndre Jackson So. 5-11 185 PS#112. 2 sts as **true**, 18 tkls, 2 tfl. Jerry Gair is PS#180JC, 8 int LY. LaMarcus Hicks is PS#181JC. Jermaine Hickey (5-9 165 rFr).
CB ELLIS HOBBS SR. 5-9 190 PS#147, 14 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. 12 sts LY, HM B12, 71 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Henry Poullard (5-9 165 Sr) PS#170. Broc Bebout (6-0 190 Jr).
SS NIK MOSER JR. 6-0 195 PS#161. Sp Tm POY in '02. First 6 sts at SLB LY. 43 tkls, 5 tfl until inj. **Caleb Berg** (6-1 195 rFr) PS#79. 4.43 spd. David Rahe (6-1 205 So) 1 tkl.
FS Josh Hargis Jr. 6-2 170 PS#94JC, **11 int** LY. Steve Paris (6-1 200 Jr) PS#251. 1 start in 2 yrs, 28 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Gabe Bakker (6-0 205 Sr).
P TONY YELK SR. 6-1 200 **PS#9.** 48 punts in '01. 44.1 avg, 37.0 net! 46 punts in '02. 42.3 avg, 34.1 net. 73 (41.4) LY. **Troy Blankenship** (6-1 190 Jr) 30 punts, 2Y (39.9).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Greg Coleman	6-0 212 PS#32
RB	Brandon Gunn	5-10 190 PS#39
RB	Jason Scales	5-9 205 PS#42
LB	Travis Ferguson	6-4 230 PS#67
RB	Tyease Thompson	5-10 180 PS#90
RB	Webster Patrick	5-8 200 PS#93
DB	Adam Carper	6-2 200 PS#88
DL	Jordan Goos	6-6 290 PS#123
OL	Landon Streit	6-5 330 PS#111
DB	Bobby Chalk	5-9 175 PS#102
QB	Terrance Highsmith	6-1 175 PS#92JC
DB	Josh Hargis	6-2 170 PS# 94JC
LB	Nick Frere	6-2 215 PS#115
DB	Brandon Hunley	5-10 180 PS#157

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McCarney's records AT IOWA ST

38-67	Straight Up	14-7	Home Favorite
44-51-1	Vs The Spread	13-16	Home Underdog
21-35-1	Off A SU Loss	6-1	Away Favorite
31-39-1	Vs Conference	11-27-1	Away Underdog
		13-12	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

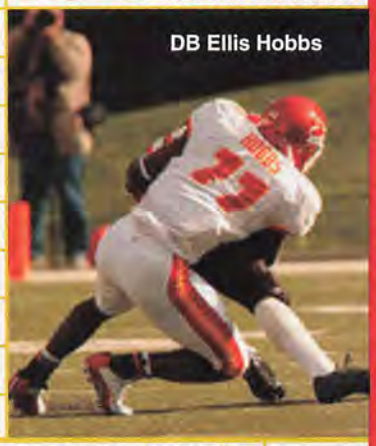
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (15,18,1)
Lost: 28 (14,12,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,822

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#60

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	N Iowa	G						Iowa St is 78-30-4 SU all-time in their season opener. ISU is just 2-15-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1997. Oklahoma has outscored Iowa St 102-10 their last 2 meetings.
Sep. 11	at Iowa	G						Iowa St is 16-6-3 SU all-time including 6-2 SU in this series since 1987. N Iowa was 10-3 LY & finished ranked #6 in Div IAA.
Sep. 18	N Illinois	G						Iowa St is 5-1 SU & ATS since 1998 in this series. The visitor is 13-4 ATS the last 17 in this series.
Sep. 25								Iowa St is 17-2 SU but just 6-4 ATS vs the MAC. ISU is 4-1 ATS after playing their state rival Hawkeyes.
Oct. 2	at Oklahoma St	A						ISU is 4-2-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in this series since 1993. The Cyclones are 1-8 ATS in their conference road opener since 1995.
Oct. 9	Texas A&M (HC)	G						Inlcuding bowls, Iowa St is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS vs Texas A&M. ISU is 0-9 ATS their L/9 as a conf HD being outscored by an avg of 29 ppg.
Oct. 16	at Colorado	G						Cyclones last beat the Buffs SU in 2000 their only SU win in the L/20 meetings. ISU is 1-7 SU & 0-8 ATS in their last 8 Big 12 North divisional games.
Oct. 23	at Baylor	A						ISU has won 3 straight SU & ATS over the Bears since 1997. The favorite is 4-1 SU & ATS all-time in this series.
Oct. 30	Kansas	G						The home team is 10-2-1 ATS in this series since 1991. ISU is 4-2 SU & 4-1-1 ATS vs the Jayhawks since 1998.
Nov. 6	Nebraska	G						The home team is 10-2 ATS the last 12 meetings. ISU is 1-8 SU & -27 ATS S/'95 vs the Huskers losing by an avg score of 48-16.
Nov. 13								
Nov. 20	at Kansas St	A						These 2 teams have played every yr since 1917, ISU leads the series 46-37-4 SU. The Cyclones are 7-3-1 ATS their last 11 season finales (0-2 L2Y).
Nov. 27	Missouri	G						The Cyclones are 15-9 ATS over the Tigers but are 0-2 ATS the L2Y. ISU is 9-4 ATS in home finales since '91 but have lost the last 2 SU & ATS.



STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (45,814)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	4-7	8-3	7-4	7-6	2-10	32-48
ATS	3-8	4-7	5-4-1	7-4	7-3	7-5	1-10	34-41-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	12-6
Home Dog	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	7-14
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	6-0
Away Dog	0-6	2-3	1-2-1	1-1	2-1	3-3	0-5	9-21-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	2-1	6-1	4-0	4-2	1-0	18-6
Dog	3-7	3-6	3-3-1	1-3	3-3	3-3	0-10	16-35-1
Grass	3-5	4-5	5-2	6-3	6-2	7-4	1-5	32-26
Artificial	0-3	0-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-5	2-15-1
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	0-8	22-33-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-2	12-8
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	5-1	4-2	1-1	18-10
Off SU Loss	3-6	3-5	2-3-1	3-0	2-2	2-3	0-9	15-28-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stevie Hicks	**123**	**497**	**26**	**471**	**0**	**3.8**
Michael Wagner	96	458	38	420	3	4.4
Austin Flynn	**124**	**544**	**148**	**396**	**2**	**3.2**
Waye Terry	40	163	89	74	1	1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Austin Flynn	**212**	**99**	**46.7**	**1238**	**5**	**10**
Waye Terry	96	42	43.8	415	2	4
Cris Love	**65**	**28**	**43.1**	**424**	**3**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lane Danielsen	46	772	16.8	5	80
Lance Young	32	467	14.6	1	47
Jack Whitver	22	355	16.1	2	69
Jamual Montgomery	24	239	10.0	2	28
Hiawatha Rutland	9	84	9.3	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tony Yelk	**73**	**3022**	**41.4**	**6**	**35.0**	**2**	**19**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Benike	19-19	4-5	1-2	1-1	0-0	6-8	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
JaMaine Billups	116	1	4	2	1
Jason Berryman	**110**	**3**	**6**	**1**	**1**
Brandon Brown	**96**	**3**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Nick Leaders	**96**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Marc Timmons	80	0	3	5	2
Jordan Carstens	74	2	3	0	0
Ellis Hobbs	**71**	**1**	**1**	**9**	**1**
Joe Woodley	68	0	3	3	2
Brent Curvey	**63**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Erik Anderson	**44**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Cephus Johnson	**44**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Nik Moser	**43**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Harold Clewis	41	0	3	3	0
Matt Robertson	**41**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Todd Miller	**24**	**167**	**7.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Young	19	408	21.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
77	Peach	-2'	NC State	14-24	L
78	All-American	+6'	Texas A&M	12-28	L
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29	W
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14	W
02	Humanitarian	+12	Boise St	16-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	14.4	16	121	3.2	177	45.5	20.6	-6	2003	6	36.4	22	217	5.0	226	66.8	12.2
5*	28.9	20	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	-1	2002	7	28.3	20	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7
5	25.8	22	182	4.2	209	60.6	15.2	+13	2001	3	20.4	19	191	4.6	149	56.3	16.7
7*	28.6	21	196	4.9	223	52.9	14.7	+5	2000	7	26.8	22	192	4.4	221	49.9	15.4
6	22.5	20	200	4.5	174	53.9	16.7	-10	1999	9	24.7	19	203	4.9	149	53.4	14.2
6*	20.1	19	130	3.6	207	50.1	16.8	-9	1998	8	29.8	21	228	4.8	180	54.8	13.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Iowa	13	45-169	3.8	9-18	158	0	17	37-119	3.2	21-33	142	4	-1
Ohio U	23	51-271	5.3	14-27	252	1	12	38-167	4.4	12-22	237	2	+2
Iowa	22	40-71	1.8	26-45	319	3	10	37-171	4.6	7-14	72	0	-1
at N Illinois	22	47-173	3.7	16-33	182	2	18	43-167	3.9	15-22	167	0	0
Oklahoma	10	31-88	2.8	10-26	146	6	35	41-199	4.9	29-39	414	0	-2
at Texas Tech	16	30-85	2.8	16-33	270	2	45	33-240	7.3	52-78	535	1	+2
Texas	16	29-105	3.6	11-34	172	5	28	53-235	4.4	19-26	343	1	+1
at Nebraska	14	30-70	2.3	20-41	160	1	13	54-282	5.2	4-7	35	1	-1
Kansas St	9	28-39	1.4	11-30	101	3	22	48-356	7.4	14-17	147	0	-1
Colorado	16	32-102	3.2	16-40	121	4	19	45-110	2.4	21-29	288	4	0
at Kansas	11	36-97	2.7	10-28	79	2	22	44-180	4.1	18-28	221	1	-1
at Missouri	18	47-178	3.8	13-23	162	3	22	46-376	8.2	15-25	108	0	-4
TOTALS	190	446-1448	3.2	172-378	2122	32	263	519-2602	5.0	227-340	2709	14	-6
AVERAGES	15.8	37-121	3.2	14-32	177	2.7	21.9	43-217	5.0	19-28	226	1.2	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	33-7	–
Iowa	-4	17-10	W
at UNLV	-3'	24-0	W
Kansas St	+15	28-35	W
at Nebraska	+29'	14-49	L
at Missouri	+7'	24-21	W
Colorado	-3	12-16	L
Texas	+10'	41-44	W
at Texas Tech	+2'	16-28	L
Oklahoma	+7	10-31	L
at Kansas	+3	28-31	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-13'	25-15	L
UNLV	-11'	37-22	W
at Iowa	-3	24-14	W
at Baylor	-13'	31-17	W
Nebraska	+15'	27-49	L
at Oklahoma St	-6	33-26	W
Texas A&M	+3	7-30	L
Missouri	-10	39-20	W
at Kansas St	+19	10-56	L
at Colorado	+5'	35-27	W
Kansas	-8'	38-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	45-0	–
at Ohio	+1/2	31-28	W
Baylor	-15	41-0	W
at Nebraska	+23'	14-48	L
at Missouri	-2'	20-14	W
Oklahoma St	-8'	28-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	21-24	W
Kansas St	+6	3-42	L
Colorado	+4'	27-40	L
at Kansas	-9'	49-7	W
Iowa	+4	17-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+22	31-38	W
Kansas	-21	45-3	W
Tenn Tech	NL	58-6	–
at Iowa	+3'	36-31	W
Troy St	-17	42-12	W
Nebraska	-1	36-14	W
Texas Tech	-6'	31-17	W
at Oklahoma	+8'	3-49	L
at Texas	+12'	10-21	W
Missouri	-9	42-35	L
at Kansas St	+13'	7-58	L
at Colorado	+9'	27-41	L
UConn	-17	20-37	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	17-10	–
Ohio U	-18'	48-20	W
Iowa	+4	21-40	L
at N Illinois	+6'	16-24	L
Oklahoma	+21	7-53	L
at Texas Tech	+16'	21-52	L
Texas	+17	19-40	L
at Nebraska	+24	0-28	L
Kansas St	+18	0-45	L
Colorado	+7'	10-44	L
at Kansas	+10	7-36	L
at Missouri	+26'	7-45	L

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Nebraska, in the option offense, has had mostly running QB's throughout the years including Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch in 2001. In 2002 Jammal Lord took over the starter's job and surprisingly set a school record for net rushing by a QB with 1,412 yards and an even more impressive 5.6 ypc. He did only complete 46.6% of his passes for 1,362 yards with a 12-12 ratio. Lord (#6DC HOU), who was much maligned by Nebraska fans, struggled last year throwing for 1,305 yards (48.3%, 6-8 ratio) with 948 net rush yards (4.4). Fan favorite and backup true frosh Joe Dailey (PS#43) saw his most significant action against Iowa St where he played for 2+ quarters when the Huskers had a big lead. For the year he hit just 9 of 14 for 117 yards with a 2-2 ratio while rushing for 157. Mike Stuntz (6-1 205 Jr, PS#25) hit 11 of 26 for 163 yards in his first two years here but was redshirted last year. Garth Glissman (6-5 210 Jr) is a dropback passer and a better fit for the new offense. This year's true frosh (Joe Ganz, Beau Davis), and JUCO signee Jordan Adams have an excellent chance at winning the job as they are Callahan recruits. Lord's numbers were not very strong last season but in the first year of switching from the option to the West Coast offense, no matter who wins the job will likely struggle.

RUNNING BACKS - For thirty straight years from 1968-1998, an I-back led the team in rushing, but the position has struggled recently. Last year the team had to replace Dahrran Diedrick who had 931 yards (5.2) as the team's #2 rusher in 2002. They did have some VHT's waiting to fill in but it was an off year for the Husker running game and the team's 236 ypg average was its lowest since 1976. Josh Davis led the I-backs with 600 yards (4.3). Late in the season, Cory Ross (PS#33DB) who is a diminutive 5-6, emerged with three 100 yard efforts in the last four games and had 575 yards rushing (4.4). David Horne (PS#14) had 441 yards (4.1) after rushing for 651 (5.1) in 2002. Besides Davis (10 sts), the team also loses FB Judd Davies (9 sts, 89 yds) as well as I-back Robin Miller (PS#54, 65 yds) and FB DeAntae Grixby (PS#22, 1 yd).Despite not being highly touted out of high school, Tierre Green (6-0 195 rFr, PS#232) who is the cousin of Ahman, is highly regarded by the coaches. Some of this year's signees figure to play right away but with less emphasis on the running game, it will be tough to match even last year's below average (for here) production.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Huskers had to replace all three starters from this unit but the receivers have been better known for their blocking than their pass catching ability. TE Matt Herian continued to be the big play man on offense and led the team with 22 rec's and a super 22.0 ypc, earning 1st Tm Big 12 honors. WR Ross Pilkington (PS#56), a physical downfield blocker also had 22 rec's (15.4). The most explosive receiver was Isaiah Fluellen who was on the scout team at the beginning of the year but started the last four games. The sprinter on the track team averaged 19.1 ypc. He also had a memorable game against Iowa St where he rushed for 78 yards on 5 reverses and became the first WR to lead the team in rushing in a game since 1986. The good news for the Huskers is that everyone is back but the bad news is that some are not a perfect fit for the West Coast offense. In fact, Callahan may add some JUCO WR's over the summer. The TE's are arguably the best group in the Big 12 with 2 VHT's backing up Herian. Not listed below are Kade Pittman (5-11 200 rFr, PS#127RB), Jack O'Holleran (5-10 200 Sr, 2 sts), Ronnie Smith (5-10 165 rFr), Mike McLaughlin (5-11 180 Jr), true frosh Nathan Swift (PS#66), and Terrance Nunn (PS#92). Another change for the WR's this year is 17 year WR Coach Ron Brown was booted out after the season and Turner Gill who coached QB's last year takes over. You can expect far more production from this group in the new offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Nebraska is famous for its "Pipeline" which is the nickname for the O-line. Last year the Huskers' 29 year OL coach and his 17 year assistant both retired. The Huskers averaged 5.2 ypc rushing in 2002 but allowed 26 sacks. They had to replace two starters and two part-time backups last season and averaged just 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 17 sacks. Most of Nebraska's OL were recruited for their run blocking ability so some may struggle with the pass blocking demands of the new offense. They must replace C Josh Sewell (13 sts, #6DC DEN) and T Dan Vili Waldrop (13 sts). While a very experienced group returns, three of the OL's missed spring due to injury including 2 of the 3 returning starters. The other returning starter, Richie Incognito, was moved from LT to C, his more natural position. There is plenty of talent in the group I list below, but with the drastic switch in offenses and with little continuity in the spring, this figures to be a learning year on the O-line.

LB Barreti Ruud

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskers D-line haven't had an All American since 1997. The Huskers allowed 3.7 ypc rushing in 2002 and recorded just 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 26 starts including a 2nd round DC but did have a lot of experience returning and trimmed the ypc allowed to 3.5 despite only recording 27 sacks. This year they must replace NT Ryon Bingham (11 sts, 2nd Tm B12, 56 tkls, 8 tfl, #7DC SD), DE Trevor Johnson (13 sts, 68 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl, #7DC NYJ), NT Patrick Kabongo (2 sts, 35 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Jason Lohr (2 tkls) plus three 3rd string DL's that moved to the O-line. Two full-time starters are back but the projected front four accounted for just 2 sacks last season. They did make a solid hire in new DL coach John Blake who has been with Oklahoma and the Dallas Cowboys but this group is not as experienced as last year's version.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers had two star LB's returning last year but this year one departs in WLB Demorrio Williams (#4DC ATL) who was 1st Tm Big 12 and had 11 sacks, 10 tfl's and 128 tackles. Also departing this year is TJ Hollowell (13 sts, 80 tkl, 7 tfl, HM B12) and Chad Buller (25 tkls). In the 2 deep I list below, they do have 4 VHT's so there is some talent including Barrett Ruud who broke the NU single season record for tackles with 149 (old record Lee Kunz, 141 in 1977). He is just 53 tackles away from NU's career tackle record. Overall this group is less experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers finished #11 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but with just 1 starter back dropped some to #24 in 2002. Last year they had to replace their top cover CB and a backup but had 8 players back with starting experience. They did lose starting SS Philip Bland to injury after 4 games. Josh Bullocks had an incredible season leading the NCAA with 10 int's which set a school record. The Huskers moved up to #5 in my pass D rankings with an incredible 10-32 ratio. The 32 int's led the NCAA by 8 pickoffs. This year they must replace CB Pat Ricketts (13 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu), Bland (4 sts, 7 tkl), CB Terrell Butler (3 tkl), FS Jerrell Pippens (1 st, 50 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu) and SS Fred Thorne (8 tkl). Four players return with starting experience including Fabian Washington, who was the team's best cover corner and of course the Bullocks brothers should be solid at safety. This looks like one of the best secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last nine years, Nebraska has ranked in the Top 10 of my special teams rankings five times including two of the last three years. Last season they had to replace K Josh Brown, as well as dangerous PR DeJuan Groce (17.0). After finishing #2 in my special teams rankings in 2002 they dropped down to #24 in 2003. Number three on the depth chart coming into the year was true frosh K David Dyches (PS#36) but when Dale Endorf tore his ACL and Sandro DeAngelis (PS#4) struggled. Dyches hit 14 of 21 FG's with a long of 41. Both DeAngelis and Dyches return this year. P Kyle Larson had a fantastic season with a net of 40.1 but unfortunately he departs. I list his potential backups below including Sam Koch (PS#53) who over the last 7 games had 17 TB's on 28 KO's. The Huskers have had 18 blocked punts in the last five years. In the return department Josh Davis LY led the team in both PR's (8.9) and KR's (25.9) and will be missed. It looks like another step back in the rankings for the special teams this season.

COACHES - Nebraska makes a dramatic change at head coach bringing in Bill Callahan who, unlike the previous two head coaches, has not been a longtime NU assistant. He is also scrapping NU's patented option offense. His OC is Jay Norvell who was the Raiders TE coach the last two years and was an Iowa St QB coach from 1995-'97. The DC is Kevin Cosgrove who had been the Wisconsin DC from 1994-2003.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed to the Big 12 Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colorado 62-36. Since that game, NU has had 6 losses by 22 or more points. The team went just 7-9 in their next 16 games after that 11-0 start. Last year they were much stronger finishing 10-3 and earned an amazing 35th straight bowl bid. The team opened up 5-0 and had a 24-14 4Q lead at Missouri but lost that game. After a 24 point loss to Texas and a 29 point home loss to K-State the AD fired Solich prior to the bowl game. Interim HC/DC Bo Pelini led the win over Mich St but was let go in the offseason. When a team tries to switch from the option offense with option personnel to a passing offense, they struggle and I expect the Huskers to do so this year. This is a team with a great weight training program and that had a niche offense that clearly gave them an edge on their opponents for the last several decades. I feel it will be tough for NU to consistently recruit passing personnel to Lincoln. Virtually every HS program in the state has run the option since NU adopted it. The Huskers also only have 12 starters back, the 2nd fewest in the league and last year benefitted from an amazing +23 in turnovers. They will clearly have less than 10 wins this season falling into the typical syndrome of Turnovers=Turnaround. It would not surprise me if the Huskers needed a win over Colorado in the season finale just to keep their bowl streak intact.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Joe Dailey So. 6-0 205 PS#43. 274 ttl yds as true. Mike Stuntz (6-1 205 Jr) PS#25. Garth Glissman (6-5 210 Jr). **Jordan Adams** is PS#278JC. Joe Ganz is PS#117.

RB David Horne Jr. 6-0 195 **PS#14**. 651 rush (5.1) as true, L/9 gms. 441 yds (4.1) LY. **Cory Ross** (5-6 200 Jr) **PS#33**, 3 sts, 575 (4.4) LY. **Tierre Green** (6-0 195 rFr).

FB Steve Kriewald Sr. 5-10 245 PS#76. 2 sts as rFr, 98 ttl yds. 1 st in '02, 19 yds. 105 yds LY. Dane Todd (5-10 235 So) PS#152, 6 yds LY. Grant Miller (6-0 225 So) PS#227LB.

WR ROSS PILKINGTON JR. 6-0 185 PS#56, 2Y baseball. 14 rec (21.5) in '02. 13 sts, 22 rec (15.4) LY. Andy Birkel (6-2 185 So) PS#69, 4 gms true. Willie Amos (6-0 190 Sr) 7 sts in '01, ACL in '02.

WR ISAIAH FLUELLEN SO. 6-0 180 Sprinter on track team, 15 rec (19.1), 4 sts, HM B12. Mark LeFlore (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#24**, 5 sts in '03, 19 rec (10.4).

TE MATT HERIAN JR. 6-5 240 **PS#24**, 7 rec (43.0) as true. 13 sts LY, 22 rec (22.0), **1st Tm B12**. Josh Mueller (6-5 260 rFr) **PS#7**. Dusty Keiser (6-3 250 Sr). Chris Septak (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#6**.

C RICHIE INCOGNITO JR. 6-3 290 **PS#22**. 13 sts at LT as rFr. HM B12. 13 sts at LT in '03, **1st Tm B12**. Greg Austin (6-1 285 So) PS#200. Brett Byford (6-3 290 rFr) PS#51.

RG JAKE ANDERSON SR. 6-1 295 **PS#76**. 6 games in '01 & '02, 2 letters. 600 squat. 11 sts at RG LY. Inj spg. Nick Povendo (6-3 300 Sr) **PS#38**, 2 sts in '02, 13 games LY.

LG MIKE ERICKSON SR. 6-4 300 **PS#24**. 14 sts in '02, 101 pancakes. 13 sts LY, HM B12. Brandon Koch (6-3 310 Jr) 2 sts at RG in '03. **Jared Helming** (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#17** moved from DL.

RT Darren DeLone Sr. 6-5 310 PS#76JUCO. 12 games here in '03. Chris Patrick (6-5 265 rFr) PS#80DL. DE LY. Chris Loos (6-3 290 Sr) PS#54. 6th year med RS.

LT Seppo Ewaraye Jr. 6-5 300 **PS#95OL**. 9 games, 4 tkls at DT in '02 & '03. Spring's most improved on offense. Kurt Mann (6-3 285 So) **PS#80**. 5 sts at C in '03.

K DAVID DYCHES SO. 6-1 200 PS#36. Hit 14 of 21 FG's as true, long of 41. Sandro DeAngelis (5-8 200 Sr) **PS#4**. 3 of 6 FG's, long of 28 in 3Y. Tyler Kester (6-1 195 rFr).

DE BERNARD THOMAS SR. 6-4 265 **PS#53LB**. 9 tkls, 6 tfl in '00 & '01. RS in '02. 10 sts in '03, 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 pbu. Jay Moore (6-4 260 So) **PS#31**. Spring defensive most improved.

DT Titus Adams Jr. 6-3 285 **PS#14**. 21 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl, 6 qbh as rFr. 1 st in '03, 27 tkls, 2 int, 3 qbh. Brandon Teamer (6-5 280 So) **PS#62DL**, 13 tkls as true, 3 pbu.

DT LeKEVIN SMITH JR. 6-2 310 **PS#31**. ACL in '01. 42 tkls in '02. 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 44 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 pbu, 4 qbh. Brandon Greeson (6-3 290 So) PS#64OL. Matt O'Shea (6-0 285 Jr).

DE Adam Carriker So. 6-6 270 PS#92DL. 3 tkls, 1 sk, 3 qbh LY. Lifter of the Year award. Wali Muhammad (6-1 245 Jr) PS#46JUCO LY but inj'd. Jeff McBride (6-4 255 Sr).

SLB Bo Ruud rFr. 6-3 215 **PS#34LB**. Stewart Bradley (6-4 240 So) 6 tkls, 3 tfl in 2003. 1 of team's top performance indexes. Adam Ickes (6-2 215 Jr). 3 tkls, 2 years.

MLB BARRETT RUUD SR. 6-2 240 **PS#16**. 49 tkls in '01. 14 sts, 91 tkls, 12 tfl. 13 sts LY, 149 tkls, 14.5 tfl, **2nd Tm Big 12**. Ira Cooper (6-2 225 Sr) **PS#35**, 30 tkls, 1 st in 3 years.

WLB Chad Sievers Sr. 6-3 230 New Mex St transfer. 51 tkls, 2 yrs. Corey McKeon (6-1 215 rFr) **PS#29**. Mitch Reeves (6-3 230 So) PS#290.

CB Lornell McPherson Sr. 5-9 180 **PS#38**. 3 sts, 29 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu in '01. 4 sts, 17 tkls in '02, 2 sts, 34 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu LY. Donald DeFrand (6-0 170 Jr) PS#171JC LY. Titus Brothers (5-11 190 rFr) PS#143.

CB FABIAN WASHINGTON JR. 5-11 180 **PS#33**. 11 sts as true, 4 int, 13 pbu. 13 sts LY, 55 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu, 3rd Tm B12. Adrian Turner (5-9 180 rFr) PS#165. Ben Eisenhart (5-11 185 rFr).

SS DANIEL BULLOCKS JR. 6-1 205 PS#87, 1 start as rFr, 16 tkls. 9 starts in '03, 69 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 4 tfl. HM B12. Shane Siegel (6-2 220 Jr) 1 st in '02, 22 tkls in 2 years.

FS JOSH BULLOCKS JR. 6-0 205 PS#96. 5 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. 13 sts in '03, 49 tkls, **10 int**, 7 pbu, **1st Tm Big 12**. Andrew Shanle (6-1 205 So) 9 tkls, 1 sk last year.

P Sam Koch Jr. 6-1 235 PS#53K. Did KO's in last 7 games in '03 and 17 TB's on 28 KO's. Tyler Kester (6-1 195 rFr) PS#109. Eric Lueshen (6-2 195 rFr) PS#110.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Lydon Murtha 6-8 305 PS#4
DB	Courtney Grixby 5-9 160 PS#6
LB	Lance Brandenburgh 6-1 220 PS#35
LB	Michael Keenan 6-2 220 PS#44
RB	Brandon Jackson 6-0 220 PS#50
DL	Adam Blankenship 6-3 230 PS#70
DL	Andrew Christensen 6-3 275 PS#74
DL	Ty Steinkuhler 6-3 235 PS#88
WR	Nathan Swift 6-3 185 PS#66
LB	Clayton Sievers 6-4 230 PS#86
OL	Danny Muy 6-4 270 PS#101
WR	Terrence Nunn 6-0 185 PS#92
OL	Mike Huff 6-5 305 PS#116
OL	Cornelius Thomas 6-6 300 PS#88JC
QB	Joe Ganz 6-3 190 PS#117
QB	Beau Davis 6-4 185 PS#131
QB	Jordan Adams 6-3 195 PS#278JC
DB	Santino Panico 6-0 200 PS#267

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#49

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	W Illinois	A						NU is 15-0 SU but 4-10 ATS vs current non-BCS schools (1 non-lined gm) S/'97. Huskers' 35 gm win streak over KU is the 2nd longest major college streak. NU is 3-0 SU in non-lined games S/'92 winning by a combined 162-35.
Sep. 11	S Mississippi	A						The Leathernecks have made the IAA playoffs 6 of the L8Y, including LY. W Ill is 4-5 SU vs IA schools since 1996! Only lost to LSU in 2003, 35-7.
Sep. 18	at Pittsburgh	G						Cornhuskers are 12-0 SU & 8-4 ATS in their 1st lined gm of the yr S/'92. The Huskers are 8-3 ATS as a home favorite since 2002.
Sep. 25								Pitt leads the all-time series 15-4-3 but they have not met since 1958. NU is 0-6 ATS in the game before a bye since 2000.
Oct. 2	Kansas	A						Huskers are 16-4 ATS vs Kansas since '84 (including 8-1 ATS in Lincoln). NU is 8-2 ATS in the conference home opener since 1994.
Oct. 9	at Texas Tech	A						In 3 meetings in Lubbock, Texas Tech has been outscored 122-29. The visitor has won 3 straight ATS in this series.
Oct. 16	Baylor	A						NU is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS (favored by 33+ in each) vs Baylor in Big 12 play. Huskers outscored the BU by a combined 205-28 in those games (2 shutouts).
Oct. 23	at Kansas St	A						Huskers are 6-4 ATS the last 10 vs KSU but 0-4 ATS the last 4. Nebraska is just 1-3 SU & ATS as an away dog since 1999.
Oct. 30	Missouri (HC)	A						LY's 41-24 loss as a 7' pt AF was the 1st loss to MO S/'78. (24 straight gms). Could apply here. NU is 3-0 SU & ATS last year after a SU loss.
Nov. 6	at Iowa St	G						NU is 6-1 ATS against the cyclones but lost SU & ATS last game in Ames. The home team has covered 10 of the last 12.
Nov. 13	at Oklahoma	G						Cornhuskers are 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS the last 9 games vs the Sooners. The home team is 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings.
Nov. 20								Bonus: Nebraska is just 4-11 ATS in road finales since 1989.
Nov. 26	Colorado (Fri)	A						NU is 6-2 SU, but 1-7 ATS vs CU since the gm was moved to the end of the season. Nebraska is 1-5 ATS in their home finale since 1998.

BILL CALLAHAN (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Nebraska

Callahan's records AT NEBRASKA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (27,17,4)
Lost: 34 (15,17,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,754

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

FS Josh Bullocks

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (Tom Osborne Field 73,918)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-0	9-3	11-1	9-2	11-1	7-6	9-3	68-16
ATS	5-7	4-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	6-6	7-5	40-42-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-5	4-2	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	23-21
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2
Away Fav	1-4	1-2-1	3-3	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	13-16-1
Away Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	3-3
Favorite	4-7	3-7-1	7-5	4-7	7-5	4-3	7-3	36-37-1
Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-2	4-5
Grass	0-1	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	9-11-1
Artificial	5-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-4	5-4	5-4	31-31
vs Conf	4-5	3-5	5-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	30-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2-1	2-1	0-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	10-14-1
Off SU Win	5-6	2-5-1	5-4	3-5	7-4	3-4	3-5	28-33-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	3-0	8-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jammal Lord	215	1160	212	948	10	4.4
Josh Davis	138	633	33	600	2	4.3
Cory Ross	**130**	**596**	**21**	**575**	**4**	**4.4**
David Horne	**107**	**464**	**23**	**441**	**4**	**4.1**
Joe Dailey	**33**	**157**	**35**	**122**	**0**	**3.7**
Isaiah Fluellen	**12**	**120**	**4**	**116**	**1**	**9.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jammal Lord	176	85	48.3	1305	6	8
Joe Dailey	**14**	**9**	**64.3**	**117**	**2**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Matt Herian	**22**	**484**	**22.0**	**3**	**77**
Ross Pilkington	**22**	**338**	**15.4**	**1**	**44**
Isaiah Fluellen	**15**	**287**	**19.1**	**2**	**58**
Mark LeFlore	**19**	**197**	**10.4**	**2**	**55**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Larson	66	2978	45.1	10	40.1	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Dyches	**32-32**	**7-10**	**4-7**	**3-4**	**0-0**	**14-21**	**41**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Barrett Ruud	**149**	**2.5**	**12**	**5**	**1**
Demorrio Williams	128	11	10	5	1
TJ Hollowell	80	1.5	7	8	2
Daniel Bullocks	**69**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**2**
Trevor Johnson	68	4	5	3	0
Ryon Bingham	56	2	6	0	0
Fabian Washington	**55**	**0**	**3**	**10**	**4**
Jerrell Pippens	50	1	3	5	2
Josh Bullocks	**49**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**10**
LeKevin Smith	**44**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Benard Thomas	**42**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Pat Ricketts	35	0	2	5	3
Patrick Kabongo	35	0	2	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	29	257	8.9	0
Cory Ross	**6**	**62**	**10.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Josh Davis	23	596	25.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Fiesta	-4	Tennessee	31-21	W
00	Alamo	-14'	Northwestern	66-17	W
01	Rose	+8'	Miami, FI	14-37	L
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27	L
03	Alamo	-3	Michigan St	17-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	24.8	18	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	+23	2003	7	14.5	17	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5
5	27.4	19	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	-3	2002	5	23.9	19	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1
4*	35.6	22	306	5.5	131	54.2	12.3	-1	2001	6	17.4	16	116	3.4	185	44.9	17.3
9*	43.5	23	360	6.1	115	48.4	10.9	+1	2000	5	19.2	16	124	3.9	204	45.0	17.1
5*	34.0	19	270	5.1	128	51.8	11.7	+6	1999	7	13.2	14	75	2.1	182	43.7	13.3
3	31.0	21	241	4.7	136	55.1	12.2	+8	1998	7	15.8	17	116	3.0	194	50.3	19.6

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Oklahoma St	19	65-268	4.1	8-16	78	0	11	30-86	2.9	13-28	97	1	+3
Utah St	22	64-273	4.3	12-17	132	0	14	23-60	2.6	17-35	178	4	+1
Penn St	23	72-337	4.7	4-6	60	0	13	21-44	2.1	16-33	159	0	0
at S Mississippi	11	45-141	3.1	6-15	124	5	19	36-108	3.0	18-42	211	2	+4
Troy St	15	47-186	4.0	9-15	160	0	10	37-66	1.8	11-23	84	6	+1
at Missouri	23	54-253	4.7	12-19	146	2	20	44-211	4.8	15-29	241	1	-3
Texas A&M	21	68-333	4.9	3-9	51	1	15	37-135	3.6	9-27	109	3	+8
Iowa St	13	54-282	5.2	4-7	35	1	14	30-70	2.3	20-41	160	1	+1
at Texas	8	40-53	1.3	5-15	122	5	25	51-353	6.9	13-27	131	0	+2
at Kansas	27	53-290	5.5	7-12	110	0	19	29-88	3.0	24-34	204	2	+2
Kansas St	16	41-195	4.8	8-26	98	3	26	53-248	4.7	15-28	313	0	-1
at Colorado	18	59-223	3.8	8-18	146	0	19	31-64	2.1	26-44	269	2	+2
† Michigan St	20	54-229	4.2	8-17	160	0	13	23-18	0.8	21-39	156	5	+3
TOTALS	236	716-3063	4.3	94-192	1422	17	218	445-1551	3.5	218-430	2312	27	+23
AVERAGES	18.2	55-236	4.3	7-15	109	1.3	16.8	34-119	3.5	17-33	178	2.1	1.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	-27	42-7	W
California	-32	45-0	W
S Mississippi	-26'	20-13	L
at Missouri	-17	40-10	W
Oklahoma St	-27	38-14	L
Iowa St	-29'	49-14	W
at Texas	-9	20-24	L
at Kansas	-32	24-17	L
Texas A&M	-13'	37-0	W
Kansas St	-9'	41-15	W
at Colorado	-14'	33-30 OT	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-49'	49-13	L
at Notre Dame	-13'	27-24 OT	L
Iowa	-41'	42-13	L
Missouri	-32	42-24	L
at Iowa St	-15'	49-27	W
at Texas Tech	-20	56-3	W
Baylor	-47	59-0	W
at Oklahoma	-2'	14-31	L
Kansas	-31	56-17	W
at Kansas St	-3'	28-29	L
Colorado	-26'	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-30	21-7	L
Troy St	-49	42-14	L
Notre Dame	-13	27-10	W
Rice	-34	48-3	W
at Missouri	-24'	36-3	W
Iowa St	-23'	48-14	W
at Baylor	-33	48-7	W
Texas Tech	-26	41-31	L
Oklahoma	-4	20-10	W
at Kansas	-30	51-7	W
Kansas St	-13'	31-21	L
at Colorado	-9'	36-62	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	-22	48-10	W
Troy St	-32	31-16	L
Utah St	-30'	44-13	W
at Penn St	-5	7-40	L
at Iowa St	+1	14-36	L
McNeese St	NL	38-14	–
Missouri	-8	24-13	W
at Oklahoma St	-8'	21-24	L
at Texas A&M	+5'	38-31	W
Texas	+3'	24-27	W
Kansas	-36	45-7	W
at Kansas St	+12'	13-49	L
Colorado	+1	13-28	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-7'	17-7	W
Utah St	-32'	31-7	L
Penn St	-10	18-10	L
at S Mississippi	-10'	38-14	W
Troy St	-27'	30-0	W
at Missouri	-7'	24-41	L
Texas A&M	-10	48-12	W
Iowa St	-24	28-0	W
at Texas	+5'	7-31	L
at Kansas	-18	24-3	W
Kansas St	+2'	9-38	L
at Colorado	-2'	31-22	W

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Here is an alarming statistic for Jayhawks fans: Bill Whittemore was 8-8 in games he started and finished in the last 2 years. Without him they went 0-9. Whittemore was the Big 12 Off Newcomer of the Year in 2002 throwing for 1,666 yards (49.5%) with an 11-6 ratio while rushing for 749 yards despite missing the last 3.5 games with a knee injury. Whittemore had more arm strength last year after joining KU with a shoulder injury. In the opener vs Northwestern, it was very rainy and Mangino wanted Whittemore to stay in the pocket (4 rush att) and the offense was not as effective. The next week, he had 15 rush attempts in the upset of UNLV. Unfortunately, Whittemore was injured vs Kan St and the team had 76 yards against the tough Wildcat defense in the 1Q but just 84 in the last 3 without him. Brian Luke (6-6 225 Jr) hit just 17 of 47 for 214 yards with an 0-3 ratio in 2002. After replacing Whittemore vs Kan St, he fumbled and John Nielsen (6-3 215 Sr) replaced him. Nielsen, a walk-on JUCO, hit 8 of 12 for just 33 yards with (-17) yards rushing. The coaches were very high on true frosh Adam Barmann (PS#65) who has 4.64 speed and a very strong arm as well as a heady field presence. Barmann got the start in the next game vs Texas A&M and hit 14 of his first 16 passes with the 2 incompletions both being dropped. He threw for 294 yards in a very hostile environment. Barmann hit 24 of 34 for 204 yards but with 3 int's vs Nebraska. Barmann was injured early vs Okla St and Luke hit 22 of 38 for 193 yards. Whittemore returned for the final two games and finished with 2,385 yards (60.6%) with an 18-6 ratio while rushing for 606 yards. Barmann threw for 564 (67.1%) with a 4-5 ratio while rushing for 104. Also in the mix are Kevin Long (6-5 225 Sr, PS#17), Joe Hogan (6-2 185 So) who QB'd the scout team and JUCO signee Jason Swanson (PS#95) who threw for 3652 yds with a 27-10 ratio the last two years and is also mobile. Whittemore's 18 TD's were a school record in 2003 and he will be tough to replace but Barmann could come close to matching his numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Clark Green caught Mangino's eye in 2002 and ended up beating out the returning starting RB. He rushed for 813 yards (4.1) while also snagging a school record 37 rec's (11.0) for a RB. He is also a solid pass blocker. He was the only RB in 2002 to top 100 yards rushing. Green returned last year and just missed ending a six year KU drought of not having a 1,000 yard rusher as he finished with 968 (4.7). True frosh John Randle (PS#107) rushed for 400 yards (6.2) and had 19 rec's (7.2) while also playing some CB at the end of the year. Also in the mix at TB is Canadian Jon Cornish (6-0 205 So) who was recruited by USC and Wash St but missed 2002 due to injury and got in just one carry last year. Brandon McAnderson (6-0 220 rFr, PS#114) and Nick Kurtenbach (5-10 185 rFr) add depth as do this year's signees. When the team uses a FB they have Austine Nwabuisi (6-0 235 Sr, 1 st, 24 yds) and Cullen Homolka (5-10 235 Sr, 4 gms). I give Kansas a good shot at ending that seven year streak and Green should become just the 4th KU back since 1965 to lead the team in rushing 3 straight years.

RB Clark Green

RECEIVERS - The 2002 Jayhawk receiving corps was plagued by dropped passes and last year the team had to replace their top two WR's who had just 39 and 29 rec's. The team did not have a single WR top 500 yards in either 2001 or 2002 but had three last season and four players topped 40+ rec's. The team did have a pair of VHT's in top KR Greg Heaggans (PS#36QB) who had 1 rec in 2002 and his brother, Purdue transfer Gary (PS#25) who had 3 rec (13.7) last year. Charles Gordon led the team with 57, (13.5) while splitting time at CB at the end of the year. Gordon could see time at WR in 2004 (see DB's) Mark Simmons, who only averaged 9.0 ypc in 2002, had 40 rec with a super 19.2 last season. Brandon Rideau led the team with 9 rec's in the bowl game and had 51 on the year (13.3) after snagging 27 (11.4) in 2002. Moderick Johnson (PS#206) had 3 starts and 13 rec's (10.6) as a true frosh and is 6-5 with hands like glue. The good news for KU is basically everyone returns with the only loss being TE Denver Latimore (3 sts, 11 rec). Keep in mind, Mangino likes to go to the TE and Trent Smith led all TE's in the NCAA in rec's when Mangino was the OC at Oklahoma. This unit has a lot more experience than 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Jayhawks averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters but despite the losses, Mangino said the unit was light-years ahead despite having a JUCO at C and a converted TE at LT. In August, projected starting LG Johnny Urrutia left the team and two backups did not make the fall roster. In October backup RT Richard Estrella left the team. JUCO center Joe Vaughn allowed just 1 sack and was voted the Big 12 Off Newcomer of the Year. He was a big part in the OL paving the way for 4.4 ypc while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they must replace LT Adrian Jones (13 sts, 3rd Tm B12, #4DC NYJ) and RT Danny Lewis (13 sts). I list the 2 deep below and this unit has more experience and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Jayhawks allowed 5.8 ypc rushing with the defense recording just 23 sacks in Mangino's first year. Last season they had to replace one starter and two backups and were counting on 323 lb JUCO Phil Tuihalamaka to make an impact. Unfortunately he redshirted and then left the program. Returning starting DT Travis Watkins missed almost the entire season with an injury and the other returning starter at DT, Tim Allen, was injured in August and lost his starting spot. Basically they had one starting DL back in DE David McMillan who was the star of the unit. Kansas did trim the ypc allowed to 4.9 while the defense recorded 23 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again. They must replace DE Cory Kipp (13 sts, 31 tkl), DT Sid Bachmann (9 sts, 11 tkl), DE Reggie Curry (11 sts, 25 tkl, 5 tfl), DE Monroe Weekley (2 sts, 18 tkl, 3 sks) and DE Chuck Jones (3 sts, 23 tkl, 3 tfl). Basically with Watkins and Allen back at DT they have two starters returning although I expect JUCO John McCoy to win a job if he is available (military commitment). McMillan returns and Charlton Keith, who led Minnesota in sacks in 2002 and had 11 more sacks at JC last year, should take over the other DE spot. Keith, Watkins and McMillan are all top-notch DL's and despite losing 3 starters, this unit should be stronger in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Jayhawks had to replace two starters last year including their #1 tackler and in the spring moved their other returning starter, Nick Reid, to SS. Reid did return to the LB corps and the unit got back Banks Floodman who had 2 starts as a true in 2001 but missed 2002 with injury. They also got the huge addition of Gabe Toomey (PS#20), who originally redshirted at Oklahoma and then went to JUCO. Toomey lived up to his VHT billing earning Def MVP and 2nd Tm Big 12 honors with his 4.5 speed despite being 235 lbs. Reid led the team in tackles (133) and Floodman had a productive season (93 tkls, 9 tfl). The great news for Kansas is that all 3 return as do their backups. Not listed in the 2 deep is Darren Rus (6-3 220 Jr) who was the Special Teams POY last year. This unit is clearly the strength of the KU defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - KU was just #107 in my pass D rankings in 2002 with a very inexperienced secondary. Last year they had to replace one starter and two other players who combined for seven starts. They had moved LB Nick Reid to SS but he moved back to LB prior to the season so basically two starters were back. They did manage to rise to #98 in my pass D rankings allowing 62.1% with an 18-12 ratio but at the end of the season had to resort to bringing in RB John Randle and WR Charles Gordon and both earned starts. After Gordon had 3 int's in the 2004 spring game, Mangino said he will remain in the secondary while Randle could see less time as a DB. I list the 2 deep below and the only losses this year are CB Remuise Johnson (10 sts, 45 tkls, 7 pbu), FS Dan Coke (1 st, 18 tkl) and FS Zach Dyer (4 tkl). Theo Baines (PS#254JC) is a JUCO that will contend for time. While this is not an overwhelming secondary, they should move up further in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Johnny Beck set an NCAA frosh record with a 59 yard FG and hit 14 of 20 as a true. Beck and Mangino have not seen eye-to-eye over the last 2 seasons and Beck hit just 7 of 17 FG's with a long of 42 in 2002. Last year he hit 9 of 16 with a long of 51 but was 0 for 5 from 40-49, and also missed 3 xp's. At one point Mangino went to walk-on Jerod Brooks and he hit 5 of 5 FG's but with a long of just 28 yards and 7 of 8 xp's. Against Colorado, the special teams suffered a shanked punt, blocked punt, missed a FG and an xp and they lost the game in OT. They did go through four different LS's in the first seven games with Kevin Kane ending up the LS on punts and true frosh Zack Hood taking off his redshirt to handle FG's. KU did have some dangerous returnmen with Charles Gordon avg 13.1 on PR's and KR Greg Heaggans averaged 23.8 last year after averaging 24.7 in 2002. The Jayhawks finished #66 in my special teams rankings. This year they must replace P Curtis Ansel who avg 38.9 with a net of 33.3 and I list his possible replacements below including Chris Tyrrell (PS#37) who had a 34.5 net in 2001. I give rFr Scott Webb (PS#20) an excellent shot at beating out Beck for the starting kicker job. Beck was solid on KO's and the team allowed just 18.9 per return. Overall I look for more improvement from the special teams.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 3rd season here after being the OC and OL coach at Oklahoma for 3 seasons. Prior to that he spent 8 years at K-St as an asst. His OC is Nick Quartaro who was the asst HC at Iowa St from 1998-01. The DC is Bill Young who held that spot with Ohio St, Okla and USC from 1988 to 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Mangino inherited a KU team that was outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg in Big 12 play in 2001 and outscored by 27.1 ppg with the fewest returning starters in the league. I called for a winless Big 12 season and the Jayhawks achieved just that. They were not only 0-8 in league play, but outscored by 31.9 ppg. Mangino has weeded out a lot of bad apples since he's taken over and of the 67 underclassmen on the 2002 spring roster, 31 of them had left by the start of last season. They were a much better conditioned team in 2003 than in recent years. They had heavy JUCO infusion last year as Mangino signed 13 but only 3 ended up being starters. Last year was outstanding for KU. Despite finishing with a 6-7 record, they made it to their first bowl game since 1995. When they beat Missouri to move to 4-1 the fans tore down the goal posts. They could have achieved a winning record overall, had they not lost in OT to Colorado. This is Mangino's best team yet as they have 15 starters returning and they are now in the 3rd year of his system. Despite last year's success, it must be noted they beat just one Div IA team with a winning record. Kansas has a difficult schedule this year with eight of their opponents having played in a bowl last season. The toughest change of the schedule comes in the Big 12 South foes. Last year they took on Baylor, Tex A&M and Okla St but this year they draw Texas, Oklahoma and Tex Tech. That is a dramatic update and because of it they may not match last year's 6 win total.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Adam Barmann So. 6-4 210 PS#65. 3 sts as true. 564 pass (67%) 4-5 ratio, 104 rush. Jason Swanson PS#95JC in for spring. 3652 yds (67%) 27-10 ratio in 2Y at JC.

RB CLARK GREEN JR. 5-11 220 11 sts, 813 yds (4.1) as rFr. 37 rec (11.0). 13 sts LY, 968 (4.7), 44 rec (10.5). John Randle (6-0 185 So) PS#107. **RB/CB as true**. 664 ttl yds, 22 tkls.

WR CHARLES GORDON SO. 5-11 270 12 sts as rFr, #1 w/57 rec (13.5). 2 sts at CB, 26 PR (13.1). Scott Bajza (6-5 215 Sr). Dominic Roux (5-11 175 So) PS#68. Garrett Guzman (6-3 190 rFr).

WR MARK SIMMONS JR. 5-11 175 1 st as true, 23 rec (9.0). 13 sts last year, 40 rec (19.2). Gary Heaggans (6-2 200 Sr) **PS#25**. Purdue transfer. 3 rec (13.7) in 2003.

WR BRANDON RIDEAU SR. 6-4 190 10 sts in '02, 27 rec (11.4). 13 sts LY, 51 rec (13.3). Moderick Johnson (6-5 190 So). 3 sts as true 13 rec (10.6). Greg Heaggans (6-0 185 Jr) PS#36QB.

TE LYONEL ANDERSON SR. 6-3 250 PS#121JC. 6 sts LY, 10 rec (15.7). Derek Fine (6-3 240 So) PS#63. Brandon Watkins (6-2 245 Sr) 2 sts (LB, FB) 2Y. Jim Reuber is PS#41.

C JOE VAUGHN SR. 6-1 285 **PS#64JC. Big 12 Off Newcomer of Yr**. 13 sts LY. Top OL award, 3rd Tm Big 12. Nick McCaslin (6-2 285 Sr) LS Zack Hood (6-4 255 So).

RG TONY COKER SR. 6-5 315 **PS#98OL**. JC in '01. 9 sts as rFr at RT in '02. 12 sts at RG in '03. Travis Dambach (6-5 295 So) PS#297. 1 start, 12 games in 2003.

LG BOB WHITAKER SO. 6-5 320 **PS#93OL**. 13 sts as rFr. Justin Henry (6-4 290 Jr) PS#216LB. 2 sts at RG in '02, 8 games. 4 games in '03. Chris Roberts (6-1 285 So).

RT Matt Thompson Jr. 6-4 295 Lettered at Air Force in 2002. David Ochoa (6-4 290 So) PS#422, 12 games as rFr. Reid Kirby (6-4 305 rFr) PS#195DL.

LT Cesar Rodriguez rFr. 6-7 265 PS#185DL. Long arms and +12 lbs. Todd Haselhorst is **PS#63OL**. Marcus Ford (6-5 300 rFr). Ryan Cantrell (6-3 275 Fr) PS#141.

K JOHNNY BECK SR. 6-1 215 14 of 20 FG's in '01. NCAA Fr rec 59 yd FG. 7 of 17 in '02, 9 of 16 LY, L/51. Scott Webb (5-11 180 rFr) **PS#20**. Jerod Brooks (5-11 215 Sr) 5 of 5 FG LY.

DE Charlton Keith Jr. 6-5 230 5 sts at **Minnesota** in '02. 33 tkls, 12 games, 522 plays, #1 w/7 sks. 11 sks, 18 tfl at JUCO in '03. Jermail Ashley is PS#219JC.

DT Travis Watkins Sr. 6-4 295 **PS#62OL**. 10 sts, 38 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 38 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 1 st (inj) LY. Andy Temple (6-3 230 rFr) PS#287. Chris Brant (6-3 285 So).

DT John McCoy Sr. 6-3 250 **PS#32JUCO**. 525 bench, 4.56 speed. 11 tkls, 1 sk last year. Tim Allen (6-1 260 Jr) PS#184DL. **7 sts** in '02, 19 tkls, 2 tfl. 23 tkls, 1 tfl in '03.

DE DAVID McMILLAN SR. 6-3 240 PS#199DL. 1 st, 27 tkls in '01. 12 sts in '02, 55 tkls, 9 tfl, 12 qbh. 13 sts LY, 31 tkls, 6 tfl. Zach Mims (6-3 235 Jr) PS#251JC. 4.5 spd, RS LY.

SLB BANKS FLOODMAN SO. 6-3 230 PS#100DB. 2 sts as true. 41 tkls, 4 tfl. RS in '02. 13 sts LY, 93 tkls, 9 tfl, HM B12. Brandon Perkins (6-1 225 Jr) 20 tkls, **7 sks**, 3 tfl LY. Joe Mortensen is PS#82.

MLB GABE TOOMEY JR. 6-4 235 **PS#20**. Transfer from Oklahoma. JC. **2nd Tm B12** LY. 13 sts, 121 tkls, 10 tfl, 7 pbu. Greg Tyree (6-0 245 Sr) 15 tkls LY. Bruce Ringwood (6-1 215 rFr) PS#102.

WLB NICK REID JR. 6-4 226 PS#60QB. 6 sts as true. 62 tkls, 6 sks. 13 sts LY, 133 tkls, 6 tfl, HM B12. Kevin Kane (6-1 225 Jr) PS#93, 48 tkls, 4 tfl, 2Y. Clark McCracken (6-1 230 Sr).

CB DONNIE AMADI JR. 5-10 180 10 sts, 41 tkls, 6 pbu as rFr. 10 sts, 21 tkls, 2 pbu LY. **Rodney Harris** PS#186JUCO in for spring. John Randle 1 st at CB, 22 tkls LY, also RB.

CB Charles Gordon So. 5-11 170 2 sts at CB, 13 tkls LY Shelton Simmons (5-11 175 Sr) PS#426JC. 2 sts here LY, 23 tkls, 2 pbu. Kenneth Thompson (5-11 180 So) 8 tkls, 3 sks as true.

SS TONY STUBBS SR. 5-10 200 PS#231RB. 2 sts in '02, 24 tkls. 13 sts LY, 98 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu, **HM Big 12**. Jerome Kemp (5-9 200 So) PS#158. Johnnie Watkins (5-8 175 Sr) **PS#82.**

FS JONATHAN LAMB SO. 6-2 190 13 sts as rFr, 89 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. Rodney Fowler (6-0 195 Jr) JC. 2 int vs Iowa St LY. Marcus Hicks (5-10 185 Sr) JC. 103 yards rush last year.

P Chris Tyrrell Sr. 5-11 235 PS#37. 53 punts in '01, 40.5 avg, net of 34.5. No punts last 2 years. Walker Douglas (6-1 210 rFr). Kyle Tucker is PS#83.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Todd Haselhorst	6-5 290 PS#63
LB	Mike Rivera	6-3 250 PS#81
LB	Joe Mortensen	6-2 235 PS#82
DL	James McClinton	6-1 295 PS#120
QB	Jason Swanson	6-0 190 PS#95JC
K	Jeff Edwards	5-10 180 PS#124JC
OL	Ryan Cantrell	6-3 275 PS#163
TE	Jim Reuber	6-4 238 PS#41
RB	Gary Green	5-9 170 PS#144
DB	Raymond Brown	6-3 190 PS#148
OL	Scott Haverkamp	6-4 275 PS#183
S	Rodney Harris	6-0 185 PS#186JC
DE	Jermail Ashley	6-5 250 PS#219
CB	Theo Baines	5-11 190 PS#220

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	Tulsa	A					
Sep. 11	Toledo	A					
Sep. 18	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 25	Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 2	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 9	Kansas St	A					
Oct. 16							
Oct. 23	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 30	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 6	Colorado	A					
Nov. 13	Texas	A					
Nov. 20	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Kansas is just 5-17 ATS in Lawrence since 2000.
The Jayhawks are 10-25 ATS on the road since 1997.
Eight of the Jayhawks 11 opponents played in a bowl last year.

Kansas is 3-0 SU & ATS in this series since 1991.
KU is 4-2 ATS in non-conference games under Coach Mangino.

Kansas won the only prior meeting 30-7 as a 6' pt away favorite in 1991.
KU is 3-1 SU & ATS vs MAC schools since 1991.

Kansas is just 8-13 ATS on grass since 1997.
The Jayhawks are just 2-5 ATS in their road opener since 1997.

Kansas is 8-4 ATS in their conference opener since 1992.
The Jayhawks are just 3-13 ATS in conference home games since 2000.

This is the longest uninterrupted series in Div IA as they have played every yr S/'06.
Nebraska has defeated KU SU for 35 straight yrs (2nd longest streak in NCAA).

KU leads the all-time series 61-35-5 SU but has lost the last 11 straight.
KU is 4-7 ATS before a bye since 1992.

Kansas is 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS their last 6 conference road games.

The visitor is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1993.
Kansas is 4-1 ATS against the Sooners since 1995.

Teams have played every yr S/'32 & KU leads the all-time series 44-33-6 SU.
The favorite is 8-2-1 ATS in this series since 1993 (4-0 ATS L/4).

KU is 2-4 SU, but 4-2 ATS in the last 6 meetings.
Kansas is just 3-16 SU against the Buffs since 1985.

The Jayhawks are just 3-6-1 ATS in their home finales since 1994.
Kansas is 2-10 SU & 1-10 ATS (1 non-lined gm) the wk prior to Missouri.

Only once since 1988 has the outright winner failed to cover.
KU is 1-11 ATS in their road finale since 1992.

KU replaces Baylor, TX A&M & OK St w/TX, OK & TX Tech from the South TY.

MARK MANGINO (Career 8-17)
3rd Year at Kansas

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

8-17	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
8-14	Vs The Spread	2-7	Home Underdog
4-10	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
4-12	Vs Conference	4-6	Away Underdog
	4-2 Vs Non-Conference		

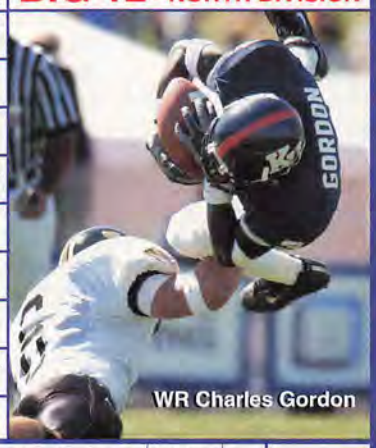
2003 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (23,25,2)
Lost: 22 (7,14,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,750

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



WR Charles Gordon

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-7	3-8	2-10	6-6	29-51
ATS	5-6	2-8	5-5-1	3-7	3-7	3-8	5-6	26-47-1
Home Fav	3-1	0-1	2-1-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	7-7-1
Home Dog	2-0	2-2	2-0	1-2	0-4	0-5	2-2	9-15
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	0-5	0-3	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	9-22
Favorite	3-1	0-3	2-1-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-1	8-10-1
Dog	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	2-6	2-8	4-5	18-37
Grass	0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	2-1	8-13
Artificial	5-5	2-4	4-3-1	1-5	2-6	1-6	3-5	18-34-1
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	4-3-1	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	19-36-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	7-11
Off SU Win	1-4	1-3	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-1	9-15
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-4	4-1-1	1-5	3-5	2-6	2-4	16-27-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Clark Green	204	1015	47	968	6	4.7
Bill Whittemore	127	606	72	534	10	4.2
John Randle	64	418	18	400	2	6.2
Adam Barmann	28	104	51	53	1	1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bill Whittemore	263	159	60.6	2385	18	6
Adam Barmann	85	57	67.1	564	4	5
Brian Luke	47	28	59.6	285	3	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charles Gordon	57	769	13.5	5	50
Mark Simmons	40	769	19.2	7	74
Brandon Rideau	51	677	13.3	6	64
Clark Green	44	464	10.5	2	48
John Randle	19	136	7.2	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Curtis Ansel	50	1945	38.9	7	33.3	1	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Johnny Beck	31-34	5-6	3-4	0-5	1-1	9-16	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Reid	133	2	4	4	1
Gabe Toomey	121	0	10	7	1
Tony Stubbs	98	0	4	5	2
Banks Floodman	93	2	7	2	1
Jonathan Lamb	89	0	1	3	2
Remuise Johnson	45	0	2	7	1
David McMillan	31	3	3	0	1
Cory Kipp	31	0	2	2	0
Reggie Curry	25	2	3	0	0
Chuck Jones	23	1	2	0	0
Tim Allen	23	1	5	0	0
Shelton Simmons	23	0	0	2	0
John Randle	22	0	0	0	0
Kevin Kane	21	0	2	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Gordon	26	341	13.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Heaggans	28	665	23.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
75	Sun	NL	Pittsburgh	19-33	–
81	All American	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10	L
92	Aloha	+3	BYU	23-20	W
95	Aloha	+5	UCLA	51-30	W
03	Tangerine	+12	NC State	26-56	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	29.5	22	166	4.4	256	61.6	14.3	-7	2003	6	30.5	23	195	4.9	218	62.1	13.5
4	20.7	20	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	-9	2002	4	42.3	22	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2
6	16.5	15	117	2.9	153	44.7	16.3	-8	2001	6	36.2	23	237	4.9	190	53.1	11.8
8*	23.7	19	157	3.7	184	45.2	14.4	-6	2000	7	32.6	21	198	4.4	203	57.9	12.3
8*	24.5	18	171	4.0	162	51.9	13.6	+1	1999	5	29.5	19	150	3.8	233	57.2	13.0
10*	25.5	18	149	3.8	171	49.3	12.6	-2	1998	4	31.0	20	236	4.6	152	51.5	12.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Northwestern	14	27-100	3.7	13-30	255	1	25	51-248	4.9	23-36	219	0	-4
UNLV	32	48-276	5.8	22-31	270	0	20	35-244	7.0	17-30	177	0	0
at Wyoming	19	40-162	4.1	13-16	295	0	27	36-179	5.0	33-46	328	3	+2
Jacksonville St	32	42-245	5.8	24-39	396	0	13	35-73	2.1	10-25	161	7	-1
Missouri	21	48-207	4.3	14-23	111	1	13	37-134	3.6	12-24	62	2	-1
at Colorado	20	37-164	4.4	20-31	422	2	35	39-179	4.6	38-54	419	1	+3
Baylor	20	37-132	3.6	19-30	252	5	14	33-110	3.3	15-24	175	5	+1
at Kansas St	7	30-89	3.0	12-19	71	2	25	51-257	5.0	10-20	138	1	-1
at Texas A&M	26	34-153	4.5	26-38	328	2	26	54-253	4.7	15-23	294	1	-2
Nebraska	19	29-88	3.0	24-34	204	2	27	53-290	5.5	7-12	110	0	-2
at Oklahoma St	26	36-136	3.8	30-53	259	2	25	36-295	8.2	14-22	190	1	-1
Iowa St	22	44-180	4.1	18-28	221	1	11	36-97	2.7	10-28	79	2	+1
† NC State	28	40-220	5.5	20-42	243	1	34	22-172	7.8	38-46	481	0	-2
TOTALS	286	492-2152	4.4	255-414	3327	19	295	518-2531	4.9	242-390	2833	23	-7
AVERAGES	22.0	38-166	4.4	20-32	256	1.5	22.7	40-195	4.9	19-30	218	1.8	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Notre Dame	+17	13-48	L
CS Northridge	NL	71-14	–
at Colorado	+16	17-51	L
San Diego St	-1	13-41	L
SMU	-8	27-9	W
at Kansas St	+29	9-50	L
at Texas A&M	+31'	17-34	W
Missouri	+8	21-0	W
Nebraska	+32	17-24	W
Baylor	-14	45-10	W
at Oklahoma St	+7	13-45	L
Iowa St	-3	31-28	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-4	17-31	L
UAB	-9	23-20	L
S Illinois	NL	42-0	–
at Oklahoma	+24'	16-34	W
Kansas St	+23'	13-52	L
at Missouri	+6'	38-17	W
Colorado	+1'	23-15	W
Texas Tech	-3	39-45	L
at Nebraska	+31	17-56	L
Texas	+11'	16-51	L
at Iowa St	+8'	17-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	24-10	–
UCLA	+13	17-41	L
at Colorado	+25'	16-27	W
at Texas Tech	+13'	34-31 2OT	W
Oklahoma	+21'	10-38	L
Missouri	-1	34-38	L
at Kansas St	+21	6-40	L
Nebraska	+30	7-51	L
at Texas	+34'	0-59	L
Iowa St	+9'	7-49	L
Wyoming	-4	27-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+21	3-45	L
at UNLV	+14	20-31	W
SW Missouri St	NL	44-24	–
Bowling Green	+10'	16-39	L
at Tulsa	-4	43-33	W
at Baylor	+4	32-35	W
Colorado	+21	29-53	L
Texas A&M	+23	22-47	L
at Missouri	+21	12-36	L
Kansas St	+33	0-64	L
at Nebraska	+36	7-45	L
Oklahoma St	+23	20-55	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	+6	20-28	L
UNLV	+10'	46-24	W
at Wyoming	+4	42-35	W
Jacksonville St	NL	41-6	–
Missouri	+9'	35-14	W
at Colorado	+6'	47-50 OT	W
Baylor	-21	28-21	L
at Kansas St	+20	6-42	L
at Texas A&M	+11'	33-45	L
Nebraska	+18	3-24	L
at Oklahoma St	+20	21-44	L
Iowa St	-10	36-7	W

ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chris Rix, Florida St	Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	Bryan Randall, Virginia Tech	Darian Durant, N Carolina
RB	TA McLendon, NC State	Wali Lundy, Virginia	Josh Allen, Maryland	Chris Barclay, Wake Forest
RB	Lorenzo Booker, Florida St	Tyrone Moss, Miami	PJ Daniels, Georgia Tech	Frank Gore, Miami
WR	Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St	Jason Anderson, Wake Forest	Richard Washington, NC State	Sterling Hicks, NC State
WR	Ryan Moore, Miami	Tramain Hall, NC State	Chris Davis, Florida St	Nate Curry, Georgia Tech
WR	Airese Currie, Clemson	Chauncey Stovall, Florida St	Justin Hamilton, Virginia Tech	**TE** Ben Patrick, Duke
TE	Heath Miller, Virginia	Ben Hall, Clemson	Kevin Everett, Miami	TJ Williams, NC State
C	Jason Brown, N Carolina	Kyle Schmitt, Maryland	David Castillo, Florida St	Joel Rodriguez, Miami
G	Elton Brown, Virginia	Chris Myers, Miami	Leroy Harris, NC State	Will Montgomery, Virginia Tech
G	CJ Brooks, Maryland	Cedric Johnson, Clemson	Matt Meinrod, Florida St	Brad Honeycutt, Georgia Tech
T	Eric Winston, Miami	Ray Willis, Florida St	Jon Dunn, Virginia Tech	Chris Colmer, NC State
T	Alex Barron, Florida St	Derek Morris, NC State	D'Brickashaw Ferguson, Virginia	Willie McNeill, N Carolina
DL	Eric Henderson, Georgia Tech	Eric Moore, Florida St	Travis Johnson, Florida St	Phillip Alexander, Duke
DL	Orien Harris, Miami	Baraka Atkins, Miami	Bryan Andrews, Wake Forest	Kevin Eli, Maryland
DL	Jonathan Lewis, Virginia Tech	John McCargo, NC State	Thomas Carroll, Miami	Kevin Lewis, Virginia Tech
DE	Chris Canty, Virginia	Mario Williams, NC State	Shawne Merriman, Maryland	Isaiah Thomas, N Carolina
LB	Leroy Hill, Clemson	Kai Parham, Virginia	Ernie Sims, Florida St	Wesley Jefferson, Maryland
LB	Ahmad Brooks, Virginia	Pat Thomas, NC State	Roger McIntosh, Miami	Brandon Manning, Virginia Tech
LB	D'Qwell Jackson, Maryland	Darryl Blackstock, Virginia	AJ Nicholson, Florida St	Gerris Wilkinson, Georgia Tech
CB	Antrel Rolle, Miami	Domonique Foxworth, Maryland	Bryant McFadden, Florida St	Eric King, Wake Forest
CB	Jimmy Williams, Virginia Tech	Antonio Cromartie, Florida St	Justin Miller, Clemson	Lamont Reid, NC State
SS	Andre Maddox, NC State	Jerome Carter, Florida St	Dawan Landry, Georgia Tech	Greg Threat, Miami
FS	James Butler, Georgia Tech	Vincent Fuller, Virginia Tech	BJ Ward, Florida St	Gerald Sensabaugh, N Carolina
K	Connor Hughes, Virginia	Nick Novak, Maryland	Jon Peattie, Miami	Xavier Beitia, Florida St
P	Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	Adam Podlesh, Maryland	Vinnie Burns, Virginia Tech	Cole Chason, Clemson
KR	Devin Hester, Miami	Senterrio Landrum, Duke	Mike Mason, N Carolina	Lamont Reid, NC State
PR	Steve Suter, Maryland	Roscoe Parrish, Miami	Leon Washington, Florida St	Tramain Hall, NC State

N Carolina
C Jason Brown

Wake Forest
WR Jason Anderson

Georgia Tech
DE Eric Henderson

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 ACC FORECAST

1. FLORIDA ST - The two Florida schools appear to be a level ahead of the other members of the ACC this year. The season opener will likely determine who wins the conference. Miami has had great success vs FSU and won 5 straight at home in the Orange Bowl including 2 wins last year, even though FSU had more athletic talent. FSU missed a late FG ("the jinx") which would have given them the bowl win. The Sems are loaded once again and have the best talent in the league. Should they get past Miami in the opener, FSU is capable of running the table and getting to the National Title game.

2. MIAMI (FL) - The Hurricanes had their 3rd consecutive outstanding season going 11-2 and finishing #5 in the polls. They were probably the most talented team in the country the last 3 years. Last year's team was fortunate as it beat Florida, after being down by 23 in the 2H, then again vs WV keeping a drive alive with a 4th & 13 pass and finally a missed FG by FSU in the bowl game. They could have easily finished just 8-5. While Miami has just 10 starters back, they should get more consistent QB play and naturally have NFL caliber talent throughout the 3 deep. This team must be considered a National Title contender.

3. VIRGINIA - Al Groh is doing a tremendous job recruiting and the athletic talent at Virginia is starting to rival that of Florida St and Miami. While Virginia won just 8 games last year, it happened with a team that was very loaded with talented underclassmen. This team is now a year older and probably the one team in the ACC capable of challenging FSU and Miami for the top. Even though they play Miami at home and travel to FSU and VT, the Cavaliers should have no trouble topping last year's 8 win total.

4. VIRGINIA TECH - The Hokies had a horrible finish to their season for the second consecutive year after expectations were raised very high at mid-year. Last year's team had the talent and schedule to contend for a National Title. This year's appears to be in a rebuilding mode with just 10 starters back. You can go through the schedule and easily forecast a losing season but Beamer does an excellent job for the Hokies. Keep in mind that at one point in 2002, they were ranked #3 in the country with just 11 starters back and expectations low. They have been ranked in the Top 5 in each of the last 4 years and with most of the tough ACC games at home, this should be another successful season for VT.

5. CLEMSON - Tommy Bowden was almost out, but un-like-VT, Clemson had a great finish to the season saving his job. It began with the 26-10 upset win vs FSU and then dominating Duke, SC and Tenn in the final 3 games. Tommy would actually walk away as the ACC Coach of the Year. This is Bowden's best team yet and QB Charlie Whitehurst looks like one of the best in the league. The defense continues to make strides and allowed just 19.2 ppg last season. Clemson does have to face the top 3 teams in the league in Florida St, Virginia and Miami all on the road but are capable of winning the rest, while avoiding VT in conference play.

6. MARYLAND - The Fridge is doing a tremendous job with the Terps and they are one of only six teams in the country to have 3 consecutive 10 win seasons. In his first 3 years, he's had 16, 13 and 15 starters returning. This year Maryland has just 9 back with 25 lettermen lost, the most in the conference. Last year Maryland outgained league foes by 42 ypg which was the second best mark in the league. They have an outstanding 19-5 record in ACC play under Friedgen. With a rebuilt team and a strengthened conference, I'll call for Maryland's streak of 10 win seasons to end this year. They have a tough schedule facing Clemson, Virginia and VT on the road, while hosting FSU. However, as always, the Terps should be in the thick of the ACC race.

7. NC STATE - This is the most unpredictable team in the conference for me. Their overall talent on both sides of the ball is clearly the best in the league. The big question is how will the team fare without Philip Rivers at QB? Of course, when Rivers took over as a frosh, there were big questions of his capabilities but they were answered affirmatively. Should the new QB play well, the Wolfpack have tremendous surrounding talent and one of the best D's in the league. They do have a tough schedule and unfortunately do not get to play Duke this year in league play but do avoid Virginia. Maryland, Clemson and VT must all be played on the road with a young QB and they host the two league powers (Miami & FSU). This is a team clearly capable of moving into the upper half of the standings and talent-wise belong there but with the schedule and uncertainty at QB, I will peg them here.

8. GEORGIA TECH - It is very rare that I think a coach did a tremendous job when I forecast a team for 5th in the conference and they finish 5th. However, that is exactly what happened for GT last year. After the magazine went to the presses, GT lost 10 players including many of their stars but still fashioned a 7-6 season and their 7th consecutive bowl bid. GT has 14 starters back this year and are in better shape than they were heading into last season (provided they don't have any major departures like 2003). They now have an experienced QB in Reggie Bell (ACC Frosh of the Year). This is a more talented team but the ACC is an improved league with the new additions. I feel Gailey got them to overachieve in each of his first two years and could easily do so again.

9. WAKE FOREST - Jim Grobe is doing a tremendous job at WF and in each of the last two years, his team has been outplayed greatly on the field but still managed decent records. Last year they were outgained by 80.1 ypg in ACC play but managed to outscore those same ACC foes by 6 points on the season and finished 3-5. WF has 14 starters back and is a stronger team this year. This is now the 4th year opposing DC's have had to look at the Demon Deacon option offense. Grobe can pull some surprises once again but I feel they've overachieved the last few years and it catches up with them here.

10. N CAROLINA - Defense is this year's big question for NC. They have the athletic talent on that side of the ball and I figured they would be improved last season but they still allowed 38.3 ppg. Once again they have 7 starters back and a lot of talent but they underachieved last year. Offensively they will be potent led by QB Durant and 7 other starters. Last year NC was -15 in turnovers which would normally have me pointing to the Turnover=Turnaround article but it was a fourth consecutive season for them to accomplish that (negative double digit TO's). They were outgained by 132 ypg in league play, the worst in the ACC and finished in the basement for the first time since 1989. NC is a talented team and has proven in past years they are capable of some surprises like knocking off SYR and NC St in '02. They must face Duke and WF on the road but should still be able to escape the basement.

11. DUKE - Last year I was very high on Duke and thought they would get out of the cellar with an experienced squad with 20 starters returning. They underachieved greatly during the start of the year but played up to their talent level once Ted Roof took over as interim HC. Under him they were 2-3 and played Tenn tough, while they waxed GT 41-17 and ended their losing streak to NC. This year they lose 21 lettermen and have just 5 starters back on offense. It will be interesting to see the job that Roof is able to do with a full season at the helm. There are very few winnable games on the card in conf play and it looks like a trip back down to the basement.

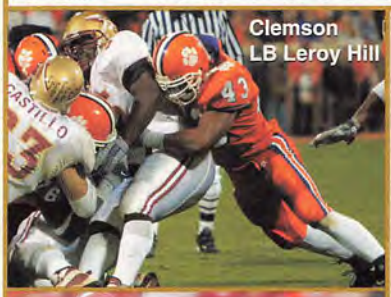
ACC Notes: The ACC had the best record of the conferences in bowl games going an outstanding 5-1. Even including their loss, they outscored their bowl opponents by an average of 20.6 ppg with their only loss being FSU's 2 point loss to Miami (FL). The ACC is the newest powerhouse conf with the additions of Miami and VT this year and BC next year. Three teams have 5 players on my 1st Tm ACC list, FSU, Miami and Virginia. FSU used to be an automatic pick to win the league every season, but after starting out 70-2 in ACC play their first 9 years, they have actually lost 4 league games the last 3. The ACC was 5-10 in bowls from 1998-2000 but 13-6 the last 3 years. Surprisingly the ACC was just 22-14 in non-conf games, the 6th best mark of the conferences and 9-11 vs BCS conf teams last year during the regular season. This year the conf loses Philip Rivers, the ACC's all-time career leading passer. With the addition of Miami, they now have 2 National Title contenders. The ACC rates as my third toughest conference, their highest rating ever thanks to the new additions.

2003 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
11	N Carolina St	32.0	2	451.4	1	90.1	9	3.1	9	361.3	1	70.5	1	14.1	3	13.0	6	9.0	2
15	Florida St	33.6	1	421.1	3	154.5	4	4.2	4	266.6	4	56.1	6	12.5	1	14.0	8	17.0	5
28	Clemson	26.3	6	427.5	2	130.5	7	3.7	5	297.0	2	59.1	5	16.3	6	12.0	1	20.0	7
29	Maryland	27.5	4	401.0	4	186.6	2	4.6	3	214.4	6	51.7	8	14.6	5	12.0	1	11.0	3
34	Virginia	27.0	5	388.9	6	109.9	8	3.6	8	279.0	3	69.7	2	14.4	4	12.0	1	7.0	1
41	N Carolina	23.0	7	400.0	5	147.1	5	4.8	1	252.9	5	59.7	4	17.4	7	17.0	9	19.0	6
60	Wake Forest	30.3	3	387.0	7	236.9	1	4.7	2	150.1	9	59.7	3	12.8	2	12.0	1	12.0	4
68	Georgia Tech	18.9	8	335.3	9	143.5	6	3.7	7	191.8	7	52.1	7	17.8	8	13.0	6	20.0	7
87	Duke	17.4	9	339.1	8	169.8	3	3.7	6	169.4	8	46.2	9	19.5	9	12.0	1	23.0	9

2003 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
7	Florida St	17.3	1	324.0	1	104.0	1	2.9	1	220.0	2	58.8	3	18.8	1	19.0	1	24.0	1
17	Maryland	19.9	3	359.4	4	138.6	4	3.7	4	220.8	3	50.8	1	18.1	2	14.0	4	22.0	2
19	Georgia Tech	22.3	4	344.6	3	120.1	2	3.6	3	224.5	5	59.1	4	15.5	6	14.0	4	13.0	6
22	Clemson	19.8	2	335.3	2	129.8	3	3.6	2	205.5	1	56.4	2	17.0	4	17.0	2	17.0	4
37	Virginia	22.6	5	387.1	6	163.9	7	4.3	7	223.3	4	59.9	5	17.1	3	9.0	7	15.0	5
59	N Carolina St	31.3	7	415.6	7	153.1	6	3.9	5	262.5	7	60.2	7	13.3	7	9.0	7	20.0	3
63	Duke	33.1	8	386.1	5	139.1	5	4.1	6	247.0	6	61.3	8	11.7	9	14.0	4	11.0	7
76	Wake Forest	29.5	6	467.1	8	178.9	8	4.8	8	288.3	8	59.9	6	15.8	5	15.0	3	10.0	8
108	N Carolina	40.3	9	532.0	9	241.4	9	5.1	9	290.6	9	63.9	9	13.2	8	6.0	9	9.0	9


Clemson
LB Leroy Hill

Virginia Tech
QB Bryan Randall

2003 ACC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	7	1	269	138	10	3	419	217
Maryland	6	2	220	159	10	3	406	206
Clemson	5	3	210	158	9	4	365	250
NC State	4	4	256	250	8	5	489	285
Virginia	4	4	216	181	8	5	364	265
Georgia Tech	4	4	151	178	7	6	274	266
Wake Forest	3	5	242	236	5	7	335	347
Duke	2	6	139	265	4	8	211	343
N Carolina	1	7	184	322	2	10	317	459

Coach of the Year: Tommy Bowden, Clemson

2002 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	7	1	275	142	9	5	428	301
Maryland	6	2	247	161	11	3	451	228
Virginia	6	2	220	185	9	5	402	348
NC State	5	3	192	127	11	3	460	238
Clemson	4	4	197	223	7	6	330	349
Georgia Tech	4	4	148	150	7	6	280	267
Wake Forest	3	5	196	198	7	6	374	327
N Carolina	1	7	113	285	3	9	223	421
Duke	0	8	137	254	2	10	227	353

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia

2001 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Maryland	7	1	261	173	10	1	390	210
Florida St	6	2	304	194	7	4	373	287
N Carolina	5	3	237	145	7	5	321	261
Georgia Tech	4	4	246	215	7	5	381	267
NC State	4	4	212	185	7	4	300	223
Clemson	4	4	246	268	6	5	320	315
Wake Forest	3	5	213	247	6	5	292	311
Virginia	3	5	178	244	5	7	249	331
Duke	0	8	164	390	0	11	212	491

Coach of the Year: Ralph Friedgen, Maryland

Clemson
WR Airese Currie

2003 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Philip Rivers, NC St	483	348	72.0	7	4491	9.3	34	170.5
Scott McBrien, Maryland	314	173	55.1	6	2672	8.5	19	142.7
Matt Schaub, Virginia	403	281	69.7	10	2952	7.3	18	141.0
Chris Rix, Florida St	**382**	**216**	**56.5**	**13**	**3107**	**8.1**	**23**	**137.9**
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	**465**	**288**	**61.9**	**13**	**3561**	**7.7**	**21**	**135.6**
Darian Durant, N Carolina	**389**	**234**	**60.2**	**10**	**2551**	**6.6**	**18**	**125.4**
Cory Randolph, Wake	**246**	**144**	**58.5**	**10**	**1773**	**7.2**	**8**	**121.7**
Reggie Ball, Georgia Tech	**350**	**181**	**51.7**	**11**	**1996**	**5.7**	**10**	**102.8**
Mike Schneider, Duke	**208**	**97**	**46.6**	**6**	**1220**	**5.9**	**4**	**96.5**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

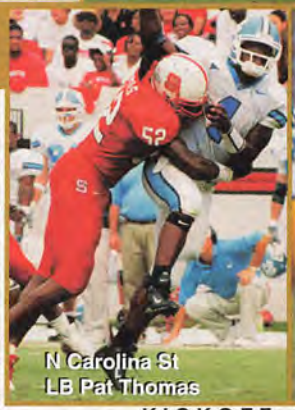
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Jerricho Cotchery, NC St	13	86	1369	10	105.3	6.6	15.9
Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St	**11**	**51**	**994**	**11**	**90.4**	**4.6**	**19.5**
Jonathan Smith, Georgia Tech	13	78	1138	5	87.5	6.0	14.6
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	13	62	1026	10	78.9	4.8	16.5
Kevin Youngblood, Clemson	13	70	897	2	69.0	5.4	12.8
Heath Miller, Virginia	**13**	**70**	**835**	**6**	**64.2**	**5.4**	**11.9**
Jason Anderson, Wake Forest	**12**	**44**	**751**	**6**	**62.6**	**3.7**	**17.1**
Jarwarski Pollock, N Carolina	**12**	**71**	**745**	**1**	**62.1**	**5.9**	**10.5**
Tramain Hall, NC St	**13**	**69**	**799**	**7**	**61.5**	**5.3**	**11.6**
PK Sam, Florida St	13	50	735	5	56.5	3.8	14.7

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
PJ Daniels, Georgia Tech	**13**	**283**	**1447**	**5.1**	**10**	**111.3**
Chris Barclay, Wake Forest	**12**	**235**	**1192**	**5.1**	**12**	**99.3**
Chris Douglas, Duke	12	236	1138	4.8	6	94.8
Wali Lundy, Virginia	**12**	**227**	**929**	**4.1**	**10**	**77.4**
Bruce Perry, Maryland	10	147	713	4.9	6	71.3
Josh Allen, Maryland	**13**	**186**	**922**	**5.0**	**8**	**70.9**
Ronnie McGill, N Carolina	**12**	**128**	**654**	**5.1**	**7**	**54.5**
Alvin Pearman, Virginia	**13**	**134**	**643**	**4.8**	**4**	**49.5**
Duane Coleman, Clemson	**13**	**133**	**619**	**4.7**	**2**	**47.6**
Greg Jones, Florida St	13	144	618	4.3	7	47.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Philip Rivers, NC St	13	78	109	483	4491	4600	353.8
Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	**13**	**92**	**45**	**465**	**3561**	**3606**	**277.4**
Matt Schaub, Virgina	11	26	-23	403	2952	2929	266.3
Chris Rix, Florida St	**13**	**89**	**130**	**382**	**3107**	**3237**	**249.0**
Darian Durant, N Carolina	**12**	**91**	**396**	**389**	**2551**	**2947**	**245.6**
Scott McBrien, Maryland	13	82	259	314	2672	2931	225.5
Reggie Ball, Georgia Tech	**13**	**139**	**384**	**350**	**1996**	**2380**	**183.1**
Cory Randolph, Wake	**12**	**94**	**404**	**246**	**1773**	**2177**	**181.4**
Mike Schneider, Duke	**10**	**84**	**181**	**208**	**1220**	**1401**	**140.1**


N Carolina St
LB Pat Thomas

Maryland
LB D'Qwell Jackson

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Michael Waddell, N Carolina	15	475	1	31.7
Senterrio Landrum, Duke	**25**	**709**	**0**	**28.4**
Mike Mason, N Carolina	**25**	**651**	**1**	**26.0**
Justin Miller, Clemson	**17**	**417**	**0**	**24.5**
Antonio Cromartie, Florida St	**24**	**568**	**0**	**23.7**
Steve Suter, Maryland	**15**	**351**	**0**	**23.4**
Kenny Scott, Georgia Tech	**35**	**779**	**0**	**22.3**
Willie Idlette, Wake Forest	**20**	**410**	**0**	**20.5**
Lamont Reid, NC St	**14**	**275**	**0**	**19.6**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest	**12**	**57**	**2600**	**45.6**
Austin Herbert, NCSt	13	53	2265	42.7
Adam Podlesh, Maryland	**13**	**53**	**2241**	**42.3**
Jessie Stein, Florida St	13	57	2401	42.1
Trey McDonald, Duke	**12**	**55**	**2236**	**40.7**
Cole Chason, Clemson	**13**	**58**	**2238**	**38.6**
Tom Hagan, Virginia	13	63	2193	34.8

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jonathan Smith, Georgia Tech	31	364	2	11.7
Tramain Hall, NC St	**19**	**202**	**2**	**10.6**
Marques Hagans, Virginia	**28**	**269**	**0**	**9.6**
Steve Suter, Maryland	**37**	**334**	**2**	**9.0**
Derrick Hamilton, Clemson	29	218	0	7.5
Willie Idlette, Wake Forest	**21**	**146**	**1**	**7.0**
Lance Johnson, Duke	**21**	**105**	**0**	**5.0**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Connor Hughes, Virginia	**13**	**23**	**25**	**92.0**	**53**
Dan Burnett, Georgia Tech	13	17	21	81.0	48
Xavier Beitia, Florida St	**13**	**19**	**25**	**76.0**	**48**
Nick Novak, Maryland	**13**	**24**	**32**	**75.0**	**54**
Dan Orner, N Carolina	12	12	16	75.0	51
Adam Kiker, NC St	13	12	17	70.6	41
Aaron Hunt, Clemson	13	18	26	69.2	44

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Keyaron Fox, Georgia Tech	13	81	74	155	11.9
Terrell Smith, Duke	12	75	65	140	11.7
Ryan Fowler, Duke	12	79	57	136	11.3
Leroy Hill, Clemson	**13**	**110**	**35**	**145**	**11.2**
Andre Maddox, NC St	**13**	**113**	**32**	**145**	**11.2**
Dexter Reid, N Carolina	12	91	38	129	10.8
D'Qwell Jackson, Maryland	**13**	**88**	**48**	**136**	**10.5**
Pat Thomas, NC St	**13**	**69**	**61**	**130**	**10.0**
Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech	13	69	59	128	9.8
John Leake, Clemson	13	88	40	128	9.8
James Butler, Georgia Tech	**13**	**59**	**60**	**119**	**9.2**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Leroy Hill, Clemson	**27.0**	**92**
Eric Henderson, Georgia Tech	**24.5**	**97**
Phillip Alexander, Duke	**18.5**	**79**
Keyaron Fox, Georgia Tech	18.0	60
Matt Zielinski, Duke	18.0	49
Darnell Dockett, Florida St	17.5	42
Daryl Smith, Georgia Tech	17.0	35
Darryl Blackstock, Virginia	**15.0**	**57**
Pat Thomas, NC St	**15.0**	**71**
Randy Starks, Maryland	14.5	73

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Eric Henderson, Georgia Tech	**10.5**	**73**
Shawne Merriman, Maryland	**8.5**	**56**
Leroy Hill, Clemson	**8.0**	**57**
Pat Thomas, NC St	**8.0**	**53**
Randy Starks, Maryland	7.5	57
Eric Moore, Florida St	**7.5**	**48**
Matt Zielinski, Duke	7.0	34
Phillip Alexander, Duke	**6.5**	**45**
Darryl Blackstock, Virginia	**6.0**	**35**
Kevin Eli, Maryland	**5.5**	**52**

Virginia
LB Darryl Blackstock

Florida St
QB Chris Rix

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001, for the first time in Bowden's 28 years here, a freshman started the opener at QB. Chris Rix was trying to fill the large shoes of Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke. Rix (PS#10) has outstanding size (6-4 210) and can throw a football 70 yards. After a slow start where he had a 9-8 ratio, he had a 17-6 ratio in the last 6 and threw for 3,060 yards (56.9%) on the year. In 2002 he lost his starting job to Adrian McPherson for 4 games and threw for 1,684 yards (52.4%) with a 13-7 ratio. He was then suspended for the bowl game after winning back the job. Last season Rix managed to start all 13 games but has been either the reason that FSU wins with an outstanding effort, or perhaps the reason it loses, due to turnovers. He had 4 turnovers vs Miami in the first meeting and in the 2nd matchup hit just 6 of 19. He guided the big comeback vs Florida including his 52 yard TD pass which won it. Rix is 24-10 as a starter with the 10 losses being more losses than the previous four QB's combined. Fabian Walker did have 164 yards passing in the final 8:00 vs Clemson but played in just 7 games with 342 yards on the year and opted to transfer to Valdosta St. Rix has better stats than Carson Palmer did after three years as he has a career ratio of 62-34 and last season threw for 3,107 yards (56.5%). Rix is also a dangerous runner with 4.6 speed and a career 1,271 gross yards rushing. Wyatt Sexton (6-3 206 So) was PS#23 and got in 5 passes in 5 games last year. Lorne Sam (6-2 206 So) was PS#47WR and moved to QB last year, but moves back to WR. This year's top signees are Xavier Lee (PS#2) and Drew Weatherford (PS#15) and it is possible that one may play to gain experience for the future. I look for Rix to have his best year as a senior.

QB Chris Rix

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly FSU has not had a RB top 1,000 yards rushing since Warrick Dunn (1996). Greg Jones (PS#17) appeared on his way to doing it in 2002 with 938 yards (5.8) but missed the last four games with a knee injury. Jones returned last year as did 3 other VHT's. Leon Washington (PS#8) had 273 yards (4.6) including two starts as a true frosh but missed four games last year with an elbow injury and had just 387 yards (5.2). He did have 207 all-purpose yards vs Wake Forest. Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) also suffered through an injury plagued year and had 334 yards (5.4). Willie Reid (5-10 186 Sr, PS#21), has one start, 289 yards (4.7) rushing and 26 rec the last two years and now moves to WR. Jones (#2DC of JAX) led the team in rushing with 618 yards (4.3) but was not 100% recovering from knee surgery. I list the FB's below. They add in PS#5 this year in Jamaal Edwards. Even with the loss of their top rusher, this is one of the most talented RB corps in the country and could finally have their first 1,000 yard back in eight years.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Seminoles had to replace all of their starters from this unit including a couple of NFL DC's and their leading returning receiver, Craphonso Thorpe had just 17 rec. Thorpe was impressive on the track team finishing first in the ACC in both the 100 and 200m. He was clearly the top receiver here last season as he snagged an ACC high 11 TD rec and averaged 19.5 on his 51 rec, almost breaking the 1,000 yard barrier. He would have topped it had he not broken his leg and missed the final two games of the season. FSU may have caught a break because of it, as Thorpe clearly considered making the jump to the NFL until the injury. One player who did turn pro early was PK Sam (13 sts, 50 rec, 14.7, #5DC of NE) who was the #2 receiver. This year 4 players return with starting experience and the only other loss from this unit is WR Joey Kaleikini (2 rec, 13.5). Naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep I list below which doesn't even include former RB Willie Reid (PS#21) who missed spring. This unit showed solid improvement in 2003 as in 2002 they dropped 35 passes but last year the number was under 15 and I expect them to shine in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 FSU averaged 4.7 ypc rushing but the OL allowed 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters including three NFL DC's but did have 5 players back with starting experience. As you would expect, the inexperienced group only paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks. This year the unit is in great shape as all 5 starters return, although 4 of them missed spring practice due to injuries. I list a very talented 3 deep below which includes 10 players with starting experience and including this year's true frosh, they have 13 VHT's in the group. This should be one of the top OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 FSU had 4 of their top 8 DL's returning but allowed 3.3 ypc rushing, their highest total since 1995 and managed just 19 sacks. Almost everyone returned in 2002 but two starters missed most of the year with injuries and the team allowed 3.7 ypc rushing, their worst in over a decade although the defense did have 34 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and the defense reduced the ypc to 3.3 while increasing the sacks to 36. This year the losses are heavier. They must replace DE Kevin Emanuel (13 sts, 10 tfl), DT Darnell Dockett (13 sts, 3rd Tm AA, 17.5 tfl, #3DC of ARZ) and NG Jeff Womble (11 sts, 40 tkls). The team did extensively rotate at both DE and DT so six players return that logged 18 or more tackles last season. In the 3 deep I list below there are 8 VHT's including five who are among the top 8 at their position coming out of HS. This is a very talented line but not as experienced as it was heading into last year.

LINEBACKERS - FSU had one of the top LB corps in the country last year with all 3 starters returning including former walk-on Allen Augustin. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are SLB Michael Boulware (13 sts, Bednarik Award finalist, 3rd Tm AA, #2DC of SEA), MLB Augustin (13 sts, 82 tkls, 7 tfl) and WLB Kendyll Pope (10 sts, 56 tkls, 7 tfl, #4DC of IND). There is a lot of athletic talent available and while NFL scouts will be on the lookout, this group is less experienced than the 2003 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU has had four Top 2 finishes in my pass D rankings in the past ten years. They actually finished #40 in the rankings in 2002 which was their lowest finish since 1994. Last year all 4 starters returned but Rufus Brown (PS#26) lost his job to Bryant McFadden. This year they must replace CB Stanford Samuels (11 sts, 40 tkls, 11 pbu, 1st Tm ACC), Brown (22 tkls, 6 pbu) and Kasey Anderson (5 tkls). The unit boasts 10 VHT's including a pair of PS#1's in CB McFadden and FS Pat Watkins. FSU moved up to #14 in my pass D rankings last year allowing 55% with a 12-15 ratio and will contend for top honors this year, even with an inexperienced front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU was #60 in my special teams rankings in 2002 which is surprising for the amount of VHT's they have on the roster. Last year they had to break in a new punter and Leon Washington, who led the team in KR's (28.3) and PR's (11.5) in 2002, missed 4 games due to injury. They still managed to rise to #18. Punter Jesse Stein averaged 42.1 per boot and the team had a super net of 39.4. Kicker Xavier Beitia (PS#14) has had a great career if you take away the Miami games. In 2002 he hit 19 of 28 with a long of 47 but his wide left miss against the Canes cost them the win over their rival. Last year he hit 19 of 25 with a long of 48 but once again in the bowl game missed a 39 yarder which would have delivered the win. They went out and recruited PS#5K Gary Cismesia to contend and already had Chase Goggans (PS#1) on the team. Stein departs but Chris Hall almost beat him out for the job last year. Antonio Cromartie emerged as the top KR (23.7). He and Washington are both back and all the top PR's are back as well. Not listed is Chris Davis who had 12 returns (9.2). If the new punter comes close to Stein's production, this unit will once again contend for Top 20 honors.

COACHES - Bobby Bowden is now the NCAA record holder for career wins and is in his 29th season. His OC, Jeff Bowden, has been here for 11 years and enters his fourth year as OC. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 21st year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years finishing in the Top 5 in the final polls but with 8 starters back in 2001 including just 5 seniors saw many streaks end. A streak of 14 straight 10 win seasons was snapped, their 54 game unbeaten streak at home ended, they lost their first home game ever in ACC play and had a 210 week stay in the Top 25 end. For the first time since joining the ACC, the Noles did not finish the season in first place. In 2002 they surprisingly fell to 9-5 but did have some close losses during the season in games they could have easily won. The 9 losses in 2001 and 2002 were more than the previous 8 years combined. I called for their defense to be much improved last season with 10 starters back and they allowed just 16.7 ppg. This year they have just 4 starters back but have plenty of talent and could be just as tough. Offensively the big question mark is Chris Rix. Rix will win you the tough games, but can also be the main reason for the team's loss with erratic play. Carson Palmer of USC was much maligned but blossomed in his senior season and FSU fans can only hope that Rix does the same. The keys here this year are probably their first and last game, as I expect them to be favored and win all the rest. They have to travel to Miami and have lost 5 straight to the 'Canes and in their season finale, host Florida. Last year's team outgained ACC foes by 97 ypg, the best mark in the league, even though it was the first time since 1986 FSU was not in the Top 10 in the preseason polls. While FSU was picked to win the ACC last year, it was by the smallest margin ever. Bowden has also lost some of his bowl magic and after an 11 game bowl winning streak, is just 3-5 the last 8. Bowden may be running out of chances to bag another National Title but this season he has the talent to make another run. However, he needs to beat the team that's been the biggest nightmare in his tenure (Miami). If the Noles can conquer their nemesis then this team is capable of going undefeated.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS RIX SR. 6-4 210 PS#10. 12 sts, ACC Fr of Yr, 3060 pass (57%). 9 sts in '02, 1684 pass (52.4%). 13 sts, 3107 pass (57%) LY. Career 62-34 ratio, 1271 rush.
RB Lorenzo Booker So. 5-11 187 **PS#1**. 334 yds (5.4) as rFr. **Leon Washington** (5-9 202 Jr) **PS#8WR**. 2 sts, 273 yds (4.6) as true. 1 st, 387 yds (5.2) LY, 386 return yds.
FB BJ DEAN JR. 5-11 258 PS#66LB. 13 sts 3Y. 91 yds LY. Torrance Washington (6-1 241 So) PS#91. 2 sts as true, 86 yds (4.8) RS LY. James Coleman (6-0 245 Jr) 4 sts LY.
WR CRAPHONSO THORPE SR. 6-2 177 **PS#4**. ACC 100m champ! 11 sts in '03, 51 rec (19.5), 11 TD's. Dominic Robinson (6-1 205 Sr) **PS#5**. 2 sts, 25 rec (17.1) 2Y. DeCody Fagg is PS#74.
WR Chauncey Stovall Sr. 6-2 216 **PS#22JC**. 4 sts here LY. 19 rec (17.9). Chris Davis (6-0 176 So) **PS#4QB**. 1 st, 23 rec (11.5). Lorne Sam (6-2 206 So) PS#47. QB in '03.
TE PAUL IRONS SR. 6-2 242 PS#103RB. 9 sts, 6 rec (13.2) LY. **Matt Henshaw** (6-4 231 Jr) PS#37QB. 5 rec (18.8) LY. Donnie Carter (6-4 255 Jr). Matt Root (6-6 258 So) PS#23.
C DAVID CASTILLO JR. 6-2 301 3 sts in '02. **2nd Tm ACC**. 12 sts LY, missed spg '04 (inj). John Frady (6-4 298 So) **PS#29**. 1 st, 10 gms as true. Matt Heinz (6-4 268 Jr) **PS#49**.
RG BOBBY MEEKS SR. 6-3 299 **PS#41**. 2 sts in '02. 9 sts LY, miss 2 w/shoulder inj. Eric Broe (6-6 316 So) **PS#38**. 1 st, 5 games as rFr (inj). Cory Niblock (6-4 301 So).
LG MATT MEINROD JR. 6-4 297 **PS#61**. 444 bench. 12 gms in '02. 13 sts in '03, **3rd Tm ACC**. David Overmyer (6-5 284 rFr) PS#78. Brian Ross (6-2 290 Jr). 9 gms '01 & '02 LY.
RT RAY WILLIS SR. 6-6 320 **PS#70**. 3 sts as rFr. 8 sts in '02. 13 sts LY. Missed '04 spg (inj). Ron Lunford (6-5 358 Jr) **PS#18**. 440 bench. 2 games in '02. 3 sts, 12 games LY.
LT ALEX BARRON SR. 6-6 308 **PS#12**. 5 sts in '02, 14 gms. 13 sts LY, **1st Tm All American**. Mario Henderson (6-7 307 So) PS#152, 1 st, 11 gms as true. Courtney Abbott PS#54.
K XAVIER BEITIA SR. 5-10 198 PS#14. 16 of 17 FG's here in '01, L/50! 19 of 28 L/47 in '02. 19 of 25 L/48 LY. Groza finalist. Chase Goggans (5-9 180 rFr). Gary Cismesia is **PS#5**.

DE Kamerion Wimbley Jr. 6-4 228 **PS#6**. 17 tkls as true. 38 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 qbh. Chauncey Davis (6-2 258 Sr) **PS#7**. 18 tkls, 8 tfl LY. Alex Boston (6-3 225 rFr) **PS#59**. DJ Norris is PS#27TE.
DT Travis Johnson Sr. 6-5 290 **PS#1**. 8 sts in '02, 50 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl. 36 tkls, 3.5 tfl LY. Charles Howard (6-3 265 Sr) PS#79. 3 sts, 66 tkls, 6 sks, 3Y. Chris Bradwell (6-5 265 rFr) **PS#59**.
DT Brodrick Bunkley Jr. 6-3 291 PS#65. 13 tkls, 1 tfl as true. 2 sts LY, 38 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 2 pbu. Clifton Dickson (6-4 308 So) **PS#49**. 4 tkls as true. Andre Fluellen (6-4 270 rFr) PS#93.
DE ERIC MOORE SR. 6-4 244 **PS#2**. 1 st, 25 tkls, 11 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 25 tkls, 7.5 sks, 2nd Tm ACC. Darrell Burston (6-2 228 So) PS#51. Willie Jones (6-1 242 Jr) **PS#8**. Inj LY.
SLB Ernie Sims So. 6-0 220 **PS#5**. 4.44 spd. 42 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Marcello Church (6-1 233 Jr) PS#166RB, 15 tkls as true. RS in '02. 13 tkls LY. Lawrence Timmons is **PS#11**.
MLB Sam McGrew Jr. 6-3 226 **PS#30**. 8 tkls as true. 19 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Buster Davis (5-11 248 So) **PS#8**. 5 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Barry Wright (6-1 220 Jr) PS#54JC. 4.4 spd. In for spg.
WLB AJ Nicholson Jr. 6-2 235 **PS#5**. 4.56 spd. 23 tkls, 1 sk as true. 3 sts LY, 55 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Ray Piquion (6-0 212 Sr) **PS#26DB**. 27 tkls, 2Y. Jae Thaxton is **PS#27**.
CB Antonio Cromartie So. 6-0 197 **PS#3**. 19 tkls, 2 pbu as true, 568 KR yds. Leroy Smith (5-10 190 Sr) PS#110. 5 sts, 2Y, 54 tkls, 4 int, 16 pbu. Tony Carter is **PS#3**.
CB BRYANT McFADDEN SR. 6-0 186 **PS#1**. 22 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr, 21 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu in '02. 9 sts, 28 tkls, 9 pbu in '03. Gerard Ross (6-2 190 Jr) **PS#14**. 4 tkls, 2Y. JR Bryant is **PS#13**.
ROV JEROME CARTER SR. 6-0 219 **PS#7**. 11 sts in '02, 94 tkls. 13 sts LY, 78 tkls, 6.5 tfl, 2 int. Kyler Hall (6-0 194 Sr) PS#76. 6 sts in '02. 73 tkls, 3Y. Claudius Osei (6-0 197 Sr) 3 sts, 81 tkls, 3Y.
FS BJ WARD SR. 6-3 208 **PS#25LB**. 8 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 2 pbu. 12 sts LY, 80 tkls, 6 pbu. Pat Watkins (6-4 204 Jr) **PS#1**. 1 st, 62 tkls, 3 int, 8 pbu in '03, 4.45 speed.
P Chris Hall Jr. 5-10 220 PS#55. 45.4 avg on punts as a senior in HS. 2 punts (35.6) in '02. Almost won job last year but 3 punts (49.3). Gary Cismesia is PS#5 & will do KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Xavier Lee 6-4 200 PS#2
DB	Tony Carter 5-9 175 PS#3
RB	Jamaal Edwards 6-0 202 PS#5
LB	Lawrence Timmons 6-3 225 PS#11
DL	Aaron Jones 6-3 270 PS#20
QB	Drew Weatherford 6-3 205 PS#15
DB	J.R. Bryant 6-1 170 PS#13
OL	Dumaka Atkins 6-4 280 PS#27
DB	Kenny Ingram 6-6 200 PS#19
LB	Jae Thaxton 6-3 225 PS#27
DB	Trevor Ford 6-1 187 PS#35
LB	Rodney Gallon 6-0 210 PS#43
OL	Courtney Abbott 6-9 335 PS#54
WR	Kenny O'Neal 6-1 195 PS#46
WR	Greg Carr 6-6 200 PS#49
RB	Lamar Lewis 5-9 188 PS#56
OL	Jacky Claude 6-4 290 PS#62
OL	Geoff Bernaird 6-8 320 PS#71
LB	Barry Wright 6-1 220 PS#54JC
DB	Jonathan Warren 6-1 190 PS#99
OL	Cornelius Lewis 6-4 305 PS#99
PK	Gary Cismesia 5-11 209 PS#5

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#8

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 6	at Miami, Fl (Mon)	G						FSU is 3-6 ATS in bowl games since 1995. Seminoles are 0-3 ATS on the road prior to meeting Florida at home S/'98. Florida St is 7-1 SU, but 3-5 ATS the last 8 ACC openers.
Sep. 11								Including LY's Orange Bowl FSU has lost 5 straight to Miami going 1-4 ATS. The Seminoles are 5-10-1 ATS before a bye week since 1994.
Sep. 18	UAB	G						FSU was only 5-10 ATS vs non-conf foes from 1999-'02 but were 3-1 ATS LY. The Seminoles are 3-3 SU & 2-4 ATS at home after a bye week S/'99.
Sep. 25	Clemson	G						After LY's 26-10 upset by the Tigers the HT is now 7-1-1 ATS L/9. FSU is 48-1 SU & 29-18-2 ATS at Doak S. Campbell Stadium vs ACC foes S/'92.
Oct. 2	N Carolina	G						The home team is now 2-6 ATS the last 8 in this series. The winner in the L/6 meetings has won by 26+ pts (FSU 5 wins NC 1 win).
Oct. 9	at Syracuse	A						Including bowls S/'96 FSU has had only 4 gms on art turf going 2-2 SU & 1-3 ATS. FSU is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS S/'99 on the road after a 2+ game homestand.
Oct. 16	Virginia	G						Florida St is 11-1 SU & 8-4 ATS vs Virginia since joining the ACC. Pending earlier results, FSU is 20-10 the L/30 gms as a 21 pt of less fav.
Oct. 23	at Wake Forest	G						FSU is 12-0 SU vs WF S/'92 winning by a 45-12 avg but is 2-4 ATS L6Y. Pending 9/6, FSU is 12-3 SU & 10-5 ATS their L/15 ACC road games.
Oct. 30	at Maryland	G						Since joining the ACC Florida St is 12-0 SU & 9-3 ATS vs Maryland. The L5Y the Seminoles have won by an avg 46-14 score (5-0 SU & ATS).
Nov. 6	Duke (HC)	G						FSU is 6-0 ATS vs Duke when favored by 32' or less but 1-5 ATS when 33 or more S/'92. Seminoles have outscored the Blue Devils by a 56-15 avg the last 6 meetings.
Nov. 11	at NC State (Thur)	G						Bowden is 1-2 SU & 0-3 ATS facing ex-asst Amato the last 3 years. The Seminoles are only 4-3 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 7 road finales.
Nov. 20	Florida	G						FSU is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 vs Fla & are 7-0-1 SU & 7-1 ATS at Tallahassee S/'88. Seminoles are 11-0-1 SU & 10-2 ATS in home finales as an ACC member.
Nov. 27								

BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 311-93-4) (Div IAA 31-6)
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Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

269-67-4	Straight Up	84-58-2	Home Favorite
166-123-2	Vs The Spread	5-4	Home Underdog
30-17	Off A SU Loss	57-46	Away Favorite
88-67-2	Vs Conference	20-15	Away Underdog
		78-56	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (27,23,3)
Lost: 18 (5,11,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,149

ACC

QB Chris Rix

STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	11-1	11-0	11-1	7-4	9-4	10-2	69-13
ATS	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	7-5	44-38
Home Fav	4-1	5-1	2-5	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-3	23-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	2-4	2-4	3-1	3-3	3-1	3-3	4-2	20-18
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
Favorite	6-5	7-5	5-6	8-4	5-4	5-7	7-5	43-36
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	1-2
Grass	6-5	7-4	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	7-5	44-37
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-3	4-4	4-4	32-24
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	0-3	2-3	3-1	12-14
Off SU Win	6-4	6-4	5-5	6-4	2-4	3-5	6-3	34-29
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	0-2	7-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Greg Jones	144	655	37	618	7	4.3
Leon Washington	**74**	**421**	**34**	**387**	**1**	**5.2**
Lorenzo Booker	**62**	**343**	**9**	**334**	**3**	**5.4**
Chris Rix	**89**	**309**	**179**	**130**	**5**	**1.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Rix	**382**	**216**	**56.5**	**3107**	**23**	**13**
Fabian Walker	50	30	60.0	342	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Craphonso Thorpe	**51**	**994**	**19.5**	**11**	**79**
PK Sam	50	735	14.7	5	67
Chauncey Stovall	**19**	**340**	**17.9**	**2**	**71**
Dominic Robinson	**16**	**285**	**17.8**	**1**	**35**
Chris Davis	**23**	**264**	**11.5**	**2**	**24**
Willie Reid	**20**	**189**	**9.4**	**1**	**43**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jesse Stein	57	2401	42.1	11	39.4	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Xavier Beitia	**50-51**	**9-10**	**4-7**	**6-8**	**0-0**	**19-25**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Boulware	111	2.5	2	4	0
Allen Augustin	82	4	3	2	0
BJ Ward	**80**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**1**
Jerome Carter	**78**	**0.5**	**6**	**2**	**2**
Pat Watkins	**62**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**3**
Kendyll Pope	56	3	4	0	0
Darnell Dockett	55	1.5	16	0	0
AJ Nicholson	**55**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Ernie Sims	**42**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Jeff Womble	40	1	5	0	1
Stanford Samuels	40	0.5	2	11	2
Brodrick Bunkley	**38**	**1.5**	**7**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon Washington	**16**	**189**	**11.8**	**1**
Dominic Robinson	**12**	**125**	**10.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Cromartie	**24**	**568**	**23.7**	**0**
Leon Washington	**8**	**197**	**24.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Sugar	-5'	Virginia Tech	46-29	W
00	Orange	-10	Oklahoma	2-13	L
01	Gator	+2	Virginia Tech	30-17	W
02	Sugar	+8	Georgia	13-26	L
03	Orange	-1'	Miami, Fl	14-16	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FLORIDA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	32.2	21	133	3.7	270	56.8	12.5	+8	2003	10	16.7	17	119	3.3	213	55.0	19.9
6*	30.6	21	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	+11	2002	8	21.5	18	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0
4	33.6	22	155	3.9	271	56.0	12.7	+4	2001	4	25.3	19	119	3.3	234	55.0	13.9
6*	39.3	25	154	4.3	376	60.5	13.5	+11	2000	7	10.5	16	73	2.2	204	50.4	26.4
9*	38.2	23	115	3.3	305	59.1	11.0	+10	1999	7	16.9	18	114	3.1	207	52.7	19.0
5	30.8	20	147	3.4	243	51.2	12.6	+12	1998	5	12.4	13	83	2.3	146	42.1	18.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Carolina	29	42-236	5.6	24-37	317	2	17	27-72	2.7	27-47	223	1	+1
Maryland	23	46-196	4.3	17-30	231	2	13	31-73	2.4	14-31	124	3	+2
Georgia Tech	18	32-91	2.8	15-30	160	0	15	39-112	2.9	12-25	128	6	0
Colorado	26	24-93	3.9	35-47	458	0	13	38-83	2.2	15-31	192	6	+2
at Duke	24	31-96	3.1	22-34	328	6	17	45-106	2.4	15-34	169	4	+1
Miami, Fl	20	37-61	1.6	20-42	235	3	13	34-131	3.9	15-28	181	0	0
at Virginia	18	45-196	4.4	12-25	189	1	17	9-(-5)	-0.6	39-54	326	1	+2
Wake Forest	27	41-138	3.4	25-40	367	1	16	52-230	4.4	8-15	96	5	-1
at Notre Dame	18	37-98	2.6	17-31	327	3	15	30-146	4.9	20-52	175	2	0
at Clemson	18	17-11	0.6	27-52	358	3	25	50-152	3.0	17-27	272	3	-2
NC State	25	43-272	6.3	15-32	183	2	20	35-92	2.6	28-39	422	1	+2
at Florida	22	43-134	3.1	14-19	256	1	21	34-142	4.2	23-37	303	2	0
† Miami, Fl	10	32-110	3.4	6-19	96	1	16	48-218	4.5	14-29	157	2	+1
TOTALS	278	470-1732	3.7	249-438	3505	25	218	472-1552	3.3	247-449	2768	36	+8
AVERAGES	21.4	36-133	3.7	19-34	270	1.9	16.8	36-119	3.3	19-35	213	2.8	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana Tech	-36	41-7	L
Georgia Tech	-18	41-35	L
NC State	-28	42-11	W
at N Carolina	-19'	42-10	W
† Duke	-40	51-23	L
Miami, Fl	-14	31-21	L
Wake Forest	-30'	33-10	L
at Clemson	-16	17-14	L
at Virginia	-13'	35-10	W
Maryland	-33	49-10	W
at Florida	-3	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† BYU	-25'	29-3	W
at Georgia Tech	-22	26-21	L
N Carolina	-25	63-14	W
Louisville	-33'	31-0	L
at Maryland	-30	59-7	W
at Miami, Fl	-6'	24-27	L
Duke	-48	63-14	W
Virginia	-32	37-3	W
at NC State	-18'	58-14	W
Clemson	-19	54-7	W
at Wake Forest	-48	35-6	L
Florida	-11'	30-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-30	55-13	W
UAB	-29	29-7	L
at N Carolina	-17	9-41	L
Wake Forest	-26'	48-24	L
Miami, Fl	+7'	27-49	L
at Virginia	-12'	43-7	W
Maryland	-8	52-31	W
at Clemson	-8	41-27	W
NC State	-18	28-34	L
at Florida	+16	13-37	L
Georgia Tech	-10	28-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa St	-22	38-31	L
Virginia	-26'	40-19	L
at Maryland	-15	37-10	W
Duke	-44'	48-17	L
at Louisville	-14'	20-26 OT	L
Clemson	-14	48-31	W
at Miami, Fl	+13	27-28	W
Notre Dame	-10	24-34	L
at Wake Forest	-10	34-21	W
at Georgia Tech	-7	21-13	W
N Carolina	-31'	40-14	L
at NC State	-6	7-17	L
Florida	-3'	31-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	-16	37-0	W
Maryland	-15	35-10	W
Georgia Tech	-23'	14-13	L
Colorado	-20	47-7	W
at Duke	-29'	56-7	W
Miami, Fl	-7	14-22	L
at Virginia	-7'	19-14	L
Wake Forest	-18'	48-24	W
at Notre Dame	-12'	37-0	W
at Clemson	-17'	10-26	L
NC State	-13'	50-44 2OT	L
at Florida	-1	38-34	W

MIAMI, FL HURRICANES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Ken Dorsey was a two-time Heisman Trophy finalists (3rd in 2001, 5th in '02) and left Miami with almost every school record except for completion percentage. He compiled a 38-2 record as a starting QB. He threw for 3,369 yards (56.5%) with a 28-12 ratio in his senior season. Brock Berlin (PS#1) threw for 849 yards with a 12-4 ratio and one start in two years at Florida but transferred. Derrick Crudup (6-1 216 Sr, PS#22) was Dorsey's backup for two years throwing for 326 yards with a 3-0 ratio. Last year they signed PS#1QB, Kyle Wright but were able to redshirt him. Berlin opened the season with a shaky outing vs Louisiana Tech having 3 int's dropped. He did lead the big comeback against Florida and set a UM single game record with 37 completions vs W Virginia. Following the Tennessee game he had 14 int's and 3 fumbles with just 9 TD's and was benched for Crudup. They opted to go to a conservative offense in order to cut down on mistakes. Crudup hit just 5 of 13 for 80 yards with a 1-2 ratio and 29 yards rushing as the team generated just 250 yards in his start vs Syracuse. Berlin did win the job back and finished the year throwing for 2,419 yards (59.9%) with a 12-17 ratio while Crudup threw for 377 (59.6%) with a 3-3 ratio. Both return but I expect Wright to battle Berlin for the starter's job despite his lack of experience. Also in the mix is true frosh Kirby Freeman (PS#14) who was in for the spring. No matter who is the starter, they should improve upon last year's poor stats in which Miami had back-to-back games with under 100 yards passing for the first time since 1972 (Syracuse, Rutgers).

RUNNING BACKS - The Hurricanes surprisingly have had just seven 1,000 yard rushers in their history but had a streak of three straight including 2002's leading rusher Willis McGahee who had 1,753 yards (6.2) and an amazing 28 TD's. Larry Coker said that Frank Gore (PS#10) was the best RB he had been around since Barry Sanders. Gore did have three 100 yard efforts to open the season but suffered a season ending injury against W Virginia and finished with 468 yards (5.3). It was a second straight year an ACL injury had put him out making him a medical question mark. Tyrone Moss (5-10 221 So, PS#2) is a power runner with breakaway speed that played in the last 11 games as a true frosh and had 511 yards (4.8). Jarrett Payton (Walter's son) nearly became Miami's 4th consecutive 1,000 yard rusher finishing with 985 yds (5.4) despite just 8 starts. Payton had 131 yards in their big game vs Pitt and another 131 in the Orange Bowl vs Florida St. He departs this year but everyone else returns. I list the FB's below and added to the mix with Gore and Moss at TB are this year's top newcomers (PS #2, #6 & #8!!). I look for more production out of Miami's RB's and a 1,000 yard rusher to emerge.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Miami had to replace a 1st round DC at TE in Jeremy Shockey and last year lost a #1DC WR in Andre Johnson. They did have back the top TE in the NCAA in Kellen Winslow and starting WR Kevin Beard (#4 rec). Winslow led the team for the 2nd straight year with 60 rec's (10.1) but the WR's were hit hard by injuries. Roscoe Parrish underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in August and did not regain full speed until Wk 4 and then suffered an injury vs Florida St and missed two games. Akieem Jolla (PS#5) was suspended early and redshirted. Jason Geathers missed 2 games with a hamstring injury and also spent time at TB after Gore was injured. This year they must replace Winslow (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, #1DC of CLE), Geathers (PS#3, 23 rec's, 12.0) and Kevin Beard (13 sts, 19 rec, 13.1). I list a talented 2 deep below that has plenty of VHT's. Coker calls Parrish the most exciting player he's ever coached and naturally this is a dangerous group that is in better shape at WR, although they look a little weaker at TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UM had to replace 1st, 4th & 7th round DC's but the unit still paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup and Miami averaged 4.6 ypc rushing with 17 sacks allowed. This year they lose RG Vernon Carey (PS#1, 11 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 2 yr st'r, #1DC of MIA), RT Carlos Joseph (PS#1, 9 sts, 2 yr st'r, #7DC of SD), LG Joe McGrath (3 sts) and LS Chris Harvey who had 399 snaps without an error in 41 career games. I list a very talented 2 deep below with plenty of VHT's ready to step in including PS#3JC Tyler McMeans and rFr Andrew Bain (PS#6). This is once again a talented group and just as experienced as last year's line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami allowed 3.2 ypc rushing and had 52 sacks in 2001. They had the top 8 DL's back in 2002 but surprisingly allowed 3.8 ypc rushing with 47 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace two 1st round DC's plus 3rd, 4th & 5th round picks and two backups. The Canes, however, cut it to 3.3 ypc rushing but recorded just 37 sacks. This year they must replace DT Vince Wilfork (13 sts, 64 tkls, 6 sks, 20 qbh, #1DC of NE) and DE John Square (1 st, 19 tkls). Naturally plenty of VHT's are in the mix and six players return with starting experience. This is one of the top D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Miami has had a veteran LB corps in each of the last two seasons with 5 of their top six LB's returning in 2002. Last year once again the unit had to replace just one player who accounted for 3 starts and SLB Roger McIntosh lost his starting job to Darrell McClover. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are WLB DJ Williams (PS#1, 12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 3rd Tm AA, #1DC of DEN), SLB McClover (10 sts, 37 tkls, 2 sks, #7DC of NYJ), MLB Jonathan Vilma (12 sts, 1st Tm AA, 127 tkls, 12 tfl, #1DC of NYJ) and two 3rd stringers in Jarrell Weaver (7 tkls) and Carl Walker (PS#11, 5 tkls). Seven of the top nine LB's ranked among the Top 25 at their position coming out of HS. McIntosh, however, is the only one with starting experience and this group is less experienced than last year's version but still solid.

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DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami finished #5 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and #2 in 2001 with a veteran secondary. In 2002 they lost an amazing three 1st round DC's but thanks in part to a strong pass rush, the Hurricanes were able to protect the young (3 frosh and 2 soph earned starts) secondary and Miami still finished a strong #9 in my pass D rankings. That unit even tied an NCAA record for fewest yards allowed per completion for a single season at 9.5. Everyone returned last year and all 4 starters were on the preseason Thorpe list, although CB Kelly Jennings lost his job to Alfonso Marshall. As you would expect, Miami was near the top again finishing #3 in my pass D rankings allowing 50.9% with a 9-19 ratio. This year the losses are much heavier including their star, FS Sean Taylor (11 sts, 10 int, 13 pbu, 1st Tm AA, #1DC of WAS) who was simply Big East Def POY at 6-3 with 4.38 speed. Also departing are SS Maurice Sikes (12 sts, 51 tkls, 2nd Tm BE) and CB Alfonso Marshall (12 sts, 29 tkls, 9 pbu, #7DC of CHI). Five players do return with starting experience and in the 3 deep I list below there are 7 VHT's. This is a very talented group that will finish near the top of the pass D rankings again but is less experienced than last year's outstanding unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Miami finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 2000 but slipped the next two years to #27 and #49. Last year they had to replace both their punter and kicker but had some dangerous returnmen back and also added Devin Hester. Hester boldly predicted he would return his first KR for a TD on the season but was a little off as he actually had to wait for his 3rd KR which opened the Florida game. He averaged a dynamite 28.7 on his returns. Roscoe Parrish set Miami's school record with a 92 yard PR TD and averaged 10.4. True frosh punter Brian Monroe (PS#11) struggled at times including in the bowl where he had 8, 25, 23 and 19 yard punts. On Miami's last two punt attempts, Jon Peattie had a 28 yard punt and they successfully ran a fake from their own 32. I look for significant improvement from him as a sophomore. The other area was KO's where both Monroe and Mark Gent (6-1 207 Jr) struggled. Perhaps the best area of the special teams was Peattie's FG's where he hit 22 of 28 with a long of 51. Miami finished #12 in my special teams rankings and when you include the kicker finished #8. With basically everyone back this year, they will contend for the #1 spot.

COACHES - Larry Coker, who did not have any previous head coaching experience, has done a tremendous job here. His 3 year start is the 3rd best ever by a head coach in the history of college football in terms of winning percentage as he is 35-3, trailing only Walter Camp of Yale (41-2 95%) from 1888-'90 and Barry Switzer (32-1-1 97%) of Oklahoma from 1973-'75. They do have a new OC this year in Dan Werner who is in his 4th year as QB coach here. Randy Shannon is in his 11th year at Miami and 4th as the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 2000-2002 Miami was arguably the best team in the country each season. In 2000 they did not get a chance to play in the National Title game despite a 10-1 regular season record and a win over FSU, a team that appeared in the title game. They rectified matters in 2001 blazing through the schedule undefeated as they beat teams by an average of 42.7 to 9.8 and won the school's 5th National Title by wiping out Nebraska 37-14 in the Rose Bowl. They had just 10 starters back in 2002 from a team that benefitted from +27 in turnovers and went undefeated again but this time "only" outscored foes by an average of 40.5 to 19.1. Still they were an 11' point favorite in the Fiesta Bowl but lost in 2 OT's vs Ohio St ending their 34 game winning streak. Last year they had to replace a much maligned QB Ken Dorsey and the team drastically missed him. Their ypg passing went from 284 to 215 and at the end of the season Coker was hesitant to throw the ball much at all, with the final 3 regular season games seeing 17 or less passes (very un-Miami-like). Miami achieved another solid finish going 11-2 but were rather fortunate to get there. Florida led Miami by 23 in the 2H but the Hurricanes made a miracle comeback and pulled out the win. Versus W Virg, Miami needed a 4th & 13 pass with 1:05 left to keep a drive alive and got a game winning FG for a 22-20 win. Later Syracuse trailed 17-10 and had the ball deep in Miami territory but were stopped on downs. In the bowl game, FSU missed yet another crucial FG and Miami was able to win by 2. This year Miami has 10 starters back which is the 2nd fewest in the ACC. Despite that fact, I expect better QB play from the Hurricanes and they are still one of the most talented teams in the country. A look at their schedule shows they will likely be favored in all 11 games this year with the toughest two tests being the opener vs Florida St and a Nov 13th road trip to UVA. In their first year of ACC play, Miami will be one of the favorites to win the conference and is a National Title contender once again.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BROCK BERLIN SR. 6-1 215 **PS#1.** 1 st, 849 pass (60%) at Florida. 12 sts here LY, 2419 pass (60%), 12-17 ratio. Kyle Wright (6-5 208 rFr) **PS#1.** Kirby Freeman is PS#14.

RB Tyrone Moss So. 5-10 221 **PS#2.** 511 yds (4.8) as true. **Frank Gore** (5-10 220 Jr) **PS#10.** 565 yds (8.8) as true until ACL. 5 sts LY, 468 yds (5.3) but ACL again.

FB QUADTRINE HILL JR. 6-2 221 PS#89. 12 sts in' 02, 15 rec (12.8). 6 sts LY, 86 ttl yds. **Kyle Cobia** (6-2 235 Sr) 5 sts, 110 yds, 3Y. **Talib Humphrey** (6-2 250 Sr) 6 sts, 36 yds LY.

WR RYAN MOORE SO. 6-3 215 **PS#2.** 13 sts LY, 44 rec (14.5). Darnell Jenkins (5-10 183 So) **PS#35.** 3 rec as true. Devin Hester (5-11 185 So) **PS#13** 659 all-purp yds LY.

WR Roscoe Parrish Jr. 5-9 170 3 sts, 19 rec (17.9) in '02. 24 rec (13.4) LY. **Akieem Jolla** (6-4 188 So) **PS#5.** 5 rec (19.2) as true. RS LY. Sinorice Moss (5-8 182 Jr) PS#51. 11 rec, 2Y.

TE Kevin Everett Sr. 6-6 251 PS#26JC. 4 sts, 9 rec (10.0) LY. **Greg Olsen** (6-6 247 rFr) **PS#1.** Buck Ortega (6-5 224 Jr) PS#67QB. Brandon Sebald (6-6 252 Jr) PS#14.

C JOEL RODRIGUEZ SR. 6-3 284 PS#134. 12 gms as rFr. 13 gms in '02. 10 sts LY, 25 pancakes. Anthony Wollschlager (6-6 291 So) **PS#27.** 2nd string LY.

RG CHRIS MYERS SR. 6-5 300 **PS#52.** 7 gms as rFr. 13 sts in '02, 41 pancakes. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE.** Alex Pou (6-4 281 So) **PS#22.** 1 st, 7 gms LY. Alex Garcia (6-1 291 Sr).

LG Tony Tella Jr. 6-5 298 PS#151, 12 games, 2Y. Derrick Morse (6-5 325 rFr) **PS#27.** 4 games as true but redshirted. Pete Marti (6-2 284 rFr).

RT Rashad Butler JR. 6-5 286 **PS#43.** 8 games as rFr. 4 sts at RT in '03. Andrew Bain (6-4 334 So) **PS#6.** Robert Bergman (6-5 289 Jr) **PS#30,** 1 letter.

LT ERIC WINSTON JR. 6-7 310 **PS#2TE.** 2 rec as true. 13 sts at LT LY, OL of Yr. **1st Tm BE.** Cyrim Wimbs (6-5 325 rFr) **PS#42.** Tyler McMeans (6-5 337 Jr) **PS#3JC.** In for spg.

K JON PEATTIE SO. 6-3 207 PS#75. 57 yd FG in HS. **1st Tm Big East** LY, 22 of 28 FG's, long of 51, 37 of 37 xp's. Mark Gent (6-1 207 Jr). Francesco Zampogna (5-9 207 rFr).

DE BARAKA ATKINS SO. 6-4 263 **PS#50.** 12 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl. Alton Wright (6-4 240 Sr) PS#45. JUCO. 9 tkls here LY. Eric Moncur (6-3 264 Fr) PS#17 last year.

DT Santonio Thomas Sr. 6-4 308 **PS#40OL.** 35 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 yrs. 22 tkls, 1 tfl last year. Kareem Brown (6-5 301 So) **PS#48OL.** 1 st, 23 tkls, 4 sks LY. Kellen Heard is PS#26OL.

DT ORIEN HARRIS JR. 6-4 300 **PS#6.** 36 tkls, 1 sk, 14 qbh as rFr. 10 sts, 39 tkls, 18 qbh LY. Dave Howell (6-4 284 rFr) PS#75. Teraz McCray (6-0 286 rFr) PS#205.

DE THOMAS CARROLL JR. 6-5 230 **PS#19.** 10 sts LY, 51 tkls, 5 sks. **Javon Nanton** (6-3 240 Jr) 3 sts, 22 tkls, **8 sks** LY. Bryan Pata (6-4 267 So) **PS#42.** 2 sts as true, 26 tkls, 4 sks.

WLB Tavares Gooden So. 6-1 220 **PS#7.** 10 tkls as true, 13 games. James Bryant (6-3 240 Fr) is **PS#7.** Romeo Davis (6-3 215 Fr) PS#374, 4.6 speed.

MLB Leon Williams Jr. 6-4 237 **PS#3.** 14 tkls as rFr. 23 tkls, 1 tfl in '03, 13 games. Jon Beason (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#24DB.** 2 games before injury last year and redshirted.

SLB Roger McIntosh Jr. 6-3 237 **PS#13.** 6 sts as rFr, 43 tkls, 8 tfl. 23 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. 4.4 spd. Glenn Cook (6-1 222 rFr) PS#65. Calais Campbell is PS#12, 4.6 speed.

CB Kelly Jennings Jr. 6-0 177 PS#84WR. **11 sts** in '02, 25 tkls, 6 pbu. 5 sts LY, 18 tkls. Travarous Bain (6-0 177 So) **PS#9.** 7 games. Terrell Walden (6-0 162 rFr) PS#44WR.

CB ANTREL ROLLE SR. 6-1 202 **PS#3. 3rd Tm AA.** 12 sts in '02, 66 tkls, 7 pbu, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 51 tkls, 7 pbu. Glenn Sharpe (5-11 181 Jr) **PS#21.** 3 sts as true, 18 tkls. 4 pbu LY but ACL.

SS Greg Threat Jr. 6-2 193 **PS#14.** 3 sts in '02, 16 tkls. 3 sts LY, 19 tkls, 7 games. Willie Cooper (6-1 201 rFr) **PS#15.** Tanard Davis (6-0 186 Sr) 1 tkl. Inj'd last year.

FS Brandon Meriweather So. 6-1 184 **PS#26.** 3 tkls as true but RS. 1 st, 22 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu last year. Marcus Maxey (6-3 198 Jr) **PS#44,** 20 tkls in 2 yrs. Joe Tolliver (5-11 183 rFr).

P BRIAN MONROE SO. 6-2 201 PS#11. 44.2 avg as senior in HS. 49 punts as true, 35.7 average, net of 33.3. Jon Peattie 36.0 average in HS. Mark Gent (6-1 207 Jr) PS#78.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Willie Williams 6-2 225 PS#1
RB	Bobby Washington 6-0 200 PS#2
LB	James Bryant 6-3 240 PS#7
DL	Rhyan Anderson 6-6 245 PS#8
RB	Andrew Johnson 6-0 205 PS#6
RB	Charlie Jones 5-11 200 PS#8
WR	Lance Leggett 6-4 178 PS#11
DL	Dwayne Hendricks 6-4 246 PS#16
LB	Calais Campbell 6-7 230 PS#12
QB	Kirby Freeman 6-2 188 PS#14
OL	Kellen Heard 6-6 335 PS#26
OL	Tyler McMeans 6-5 337 PS#3JC
OL	Tyrone Byrd 6-6 260 PS#52
DB	Lovon Ponder 6-1 190 PS#44

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15-19	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-2	Off A SU Loss	7-7	Away Favorite
8-13	Vs Conference	2-0	Away Underdog
	7-6 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

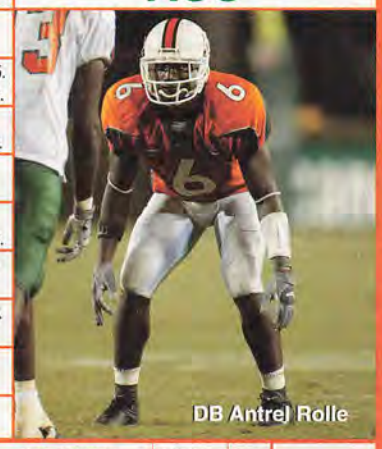
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,18,4)
Lost: 23 (9,13,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,135

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 6	Florida St (Mon)	G						Hurricanes are 13-8 ATS on artificial turf since 1996. Since 1983, the Hurricanes are 169-15 SU when scoring first. Miami posted a 72-11 Big East record with 8 championships.
Sep. 11								Including LY's Orange Bowl, the Canes are 5-1 SU & ATS vs Seminoles S/'99. Could apply: Miami is only 6-12 ATS as home favs under Coker.
Sep. 18	Louisiana Tech	G						Bonus: Canes are 19-3 SU & 10-6-1 ATS in home openers since 1982.
Sep. 23	at Houston (Thur)	G						The Canes are 3-0 SU & 1-1 ATS vs the Bulldogs both as a fav of 28 + pts. Miami is 6-1 SU, but 1-6 ATS after a bye the last 3 years.
Oct. 2	at Georgia Tech	G						Hurricanes are 4-0 SU & ATS as non-conference road favorites S/'01. UM leads series 9-7 SU, but are 5-0 SU & ATS S/'80 the last meeting 40-10 win in '91.
Oct. 9								Pending 9/6, Hurricanes are 21-9 ATS before a bye since 1990. Miami was 9-1 SU, but 3-7 ATS on Big East road under Coker.
Oct. 14	Louisville (Thur)	G						UM leads all-time series 8-0-1 going 5-0 SU & 2-2 ATS most recently 1980-'85. Pending 9/23: since 2000 Canes are 6-0 SU, but 2-4 ATS on Thursdays.
Oct. 23	at NC State	G						Pending earlier results, Miami was 19-12 ATS as AF's since 1996. Including '98 Micron PC Bowl, Canes are 3-0 SU & ATS S/'81 & lead all-time 6-3-1 SU.
Oct. 30	at N Carolina	G						First meeting since 1963, the Tar Heels lead series 4-3 SU. Miami is 1-3 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ road trip the last 5 years.
Nov. 6	Clemson	G						In the Canes last 6 Big East Conf HG's they went 6-0 SU & 1-5 ATS. UM is 10-0 SU & 8-1 ATS S/'85 in their 1st HG a wk after 2 straight AG's.
Nov. 13	at Virginia	G						Only meeting was in 1996 Carquest Bowl w/Miami winning 31-21 (-3'). Hurricanes are 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in road finales the last 4 years.
Nov. 20	Wake Forest	G						Miami is 11-0 SU & 8-2 ATS the game prior to playing Big East rival Hokies S/'93. Entering 2004 Miami is 1-10 ATS the last 11 games as DD HF's.
Nov. 27								
Dec. 4	Virginia Tech	G						Hurricanes are 11-1 SU & 8-4 ATS in their last 12 home finales. Miami is 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS vs Virginia Tech since 1995.



STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	8-4	10-1	11-0	12-0	10-2	64-16
ATS	3-8	7-3	7-5	8-3	6-5	4-7	5-7	40-38
Home Fav	1-4	2-1	4-1	3-2	4-2	1-4	1-6	16-20
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-2	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-1	16-12
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	6-3
Favorite	2-6	5-1	5-3	7-3	6-5	3-7	4-7	32-32
Dog	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	8-6
Grass	2-6	4-2	6-4	5-2	6-4	3-5	4-7	30-30
Artificial	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-2	1-0	10-8
vs Conf	2-5	5-2	4-3	7-0	3-4	2-5	3-4	26-23
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	2-3	14-15
Off SU Win	2-3	4-3	4-3	7-2	5-5	4-7	4-5	30-28
Off SU Loss	0-5	3-0	2-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	6-9

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jarrett Payton	182	1018	33	985	7	5.4
Tyrone Moss	**107**	**531**	**20**	**511**	**5**	**4.8**
Frank Gore	**89**	**489**	**21**	**468**	**4**	**5.3**
Jason Geathers	35	155	4	151	1	4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brock Berlin	**352**	**211**	**59.9**	**2419**	**12**	**17**
Derrick Crudup	**57**	**34**	**59.6**	**377**	**3**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Moore	**44**	**637**	**14.5**	**3**	**45**
Kellen Winslow	60	605	10.1	1	39
Roscoe Parrish	**24**	**322**	**13.4**	**2**	**50**
Jason Geathers	23	277	12.0	3	78
Kevin Beard	19	249	13.1	1	62
Jarrett Payton	17	136	8.0	1	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Monroe	**49**	**1749**	**35.7**	**8**	**33.3**	**0**	**11**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jon Peattie	**37-37**	**10-11**	**7-10**	**4-6**	**1-1**	**22-28**	**51**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Vilma	127	1	11	3	0
DJ Williams	82	6	2	3	0
Sean Taylor	77	1	6	13	10
Vince Wilfork	64	6	6	0	0
Antrel Rolle	**51**	**1**	**3**	**7**	**2**
Maurice Sikes	51	0	3	3	2
Thomas Carroll	**51**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Baraka Atkins	**43**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Orien Harris	**39**	**4**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Darrell McClover	37	2	0	1	0
Alfonso Marshall	29	0	1	9	2
Bryan Pata	**26**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roscoe Parrish	**23**	**240**	**10.4**	**1**
Antrel Rolle	**13**	**203**	**15.6**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Hester	**18**	**517**	**28.7**	**1**
Darnell Jenkins	**10**	**202**	**20.2**	**0**

MIAMI

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Gator	-4'	Georgia Tech	28-13	W
00	Sugar	-6'	Florida	37-20	W
01	Rose	-8'	Nebraska	37-14	W
02	Fiesta	-11'	Ohio St (2OT)	24-31	L
03	Orange	+1'	Florida St	16-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	27.8	20	180	4.6	215	59.8	14.2	-4	2003	7	15.1	14	117	3.3	141	50.9	17.1
4*	40.5	21	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	-1	2002	6	19.1	18	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2
6*	42.7	22	197	5.3	260	57.6	10.7	+27	2001	8	9.8	17	138	3.2	132	43.9	27.7
6	42.2	22	194	4.9	266	57.9	10.9	+13	2000	8	15.8	19	115	3.4	228	50.1	21.7
7	33.2	20	177	4.5	229	56.5	12.2	+5	1999	9	16.9	18	114	3.1	196	53.6	18.4
6	37.3	23	208	5.1	255	58.8	12.4	+6	1998	6	24.8	21	149	3.6	235	55.5	15.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Louisiana Tech	26	43 - 192	4.5	18 - 35	275	1	13	19 - 98	5.2	19 - 34	212	3	+2
Florida	23	30 - 114	3.8	27 - 41	340	1	18	39 - 178	4.6	18 - 27	219	4	-3
E Carolina	24	37 - 223	6.0	17 - 27	226	1	14	36 - 103	2.9	16 - 24	126	2	+3
at Boston Coll	20	34 - 136	4.0	20 - 33	164	0	17	45 - 119	2.6	8 - 26	94	1	-1
W Virginia	28	28 - 88	3.1	37 - 54	352	0	12	37 - 170	4.6	9 - 19	200	1	0
at Florida St	13	34 - 131	3.9	15 - 28	181	0	20	37 - 61	1.6	20 - 42	235	3	0
Temple	28	46 - 342	7.4	22 - 33	259	1	6	27 - 150	5.6	5 - 14	21	2	0
at Virginia Tech	21	38 - 116	3.1	29 - 47	261	4	11	41 - 175	4.3	2 - 8	44	1	-2
Tennessee	16	25 - 108	4.3	22 - 35	213	1	16	40 - 89	2.2	11 - 18	81	3	-4
Syracuse	15	49 - 170	3.5	5 - 14	80	3	11	37 - 107	2.9	12 - 21	85	1	-2
Rutgers	13	43 - 220	5.1	7 - 17	93	2	18	35 - 130	3.7	24 - 46	213	6	+3
at Pittsburgh	21	52 - 280	5.4	12 - 17	195	1	17	33 - 26	0.8	17 - 30	206	9	+1
† Florida St	16	48 - 218	4.5	14 - 29	157	2	10	32 - 110	3.4	6 - 19	96	1	-1
TOTALS	264	507 - 2338	4.6	245 - 410	2796	17	183	458 - 1516	3.3	167 - 328	1832	37	-4
AVERAGES	20.3	39 - 180	4.6	19 - 32	215	1.3	14.1	35 - 117	3.3	13 - 25	141	2.8	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Ohio St	+5'	23-12	W
Florida A&M	-40	57-3	W
Penn St	+2	23-27	L
at E Carolina	-11	23-27	L
at Florida St	+14	21-31	W
at Boston Coll	-18	31-28	L
W Virginia	-17'	28-20	L
at Pittsburgh	-8	33-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+8'	10-43	L
Rutgers	-33	55-0	W
Syracuse	-10'	45-13	W
Temple	-31	55-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	-55	61-14	L
at Washington	-3	29-34	L
at W Virginia	-7'	47-10	W
at Rutgers	-30	64-6	W
Florida St	+6'	27-24	W
at Temple	-22	45-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-40'	42-31	L
Virginia Tech	-9'	41-21	W
Pittsburgh	-20'	35-7	W
at Syracuse	-12'	26-0	W
Boston Coll	-27	52-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	-13'	33-7	W
Rutgers	-44	61-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-27	43-21	L
Troy St	-50	38-7	L
at Florida St	-7'	49-27	W
W Virginia	-35	45-3	W
Temple	-42	38-0	L
at Boston Coll	-20	18-7	L
Syracuse	-20'	59-0	W
Washington	-25'	65-7	W
at Virginia Tech	-14	26-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida A&M	NL	63-17	–
at Florida	+2'	41-16	W
at Temple	-37'	44-21	L
Boston Coll	-26	38-6	W
Connecticut	-43'	48-14	L
Florida St	-13	28-27	L
at W Virginia	-20	40-23	L
at Rutgers	-39	42-17	L
at Tennessee	-9	26-3	W
Pittsburgh	-19	28-21	L
at Syracuse	-20'	49-7	W
Virginia Tech	-17'	56-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	-28	48-9	W
Florida	-14	38-33	L
E Carolina	-41	38-3	L
at Boston Coll	-11'	33-14	W
W Virginia	-25'	22-20	L
at Florida St	+7	22-14	W
Temple	-31	52-14	W
at Virginia Tech	-3'	7-31	L
Tennessee	-12'	6-10	L
Syracuse	-19	17-10	L
Rutgers	-27	34-10	L
at Pittsburgh	-3	28-14	W

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In his first 2 years Matt Schaub split time with Bryson Spinner. In 2002 he had a rough outing to open the season and it looked like Marques Hagans would win the starting job as he electrified the offense against Colo St, mostly with his running ability. Hagans started the next week but went 1 of 7 for 4 yards vs Fla St and Schaub came in, played well and took over the job for the rest of the year. He set the school single season record for TD passes (28). Against GT, he set the school record for single game attempts (58) and completions (41). His 68.9% was the 2nd best percentage in the NCAA and he was named the ACC POY, finishing with a school record 2,976 yards passing and only 7 int's. Hagans was moved to WR in 2003 but Schaub went down to injury in the first game. Backup Anthony Martinez (PS#15) started vs S Carolina and struggled with just 28 total net yards offense. Hagans started the 3rd game vs W Michigan and had 68 yards rushing and 162 passing. Schaub returned the next game and had 326 yards. Schaub hit 41 of 55 passes for a school record 393 yards vs NCSt breaking Aaron Brooks' mark of 390. Despite missing 3 games, Schaub threw for 2,952 yards (69.7%) with an 18-10 ratio and was the bowl MVP. Martinez did not make the travel squad for a couple of games and played in 3 overall. Chris Olsen (PS#14) transferred from Notre Dame where he was the MVP of their spring game last year. Kevin McCabe (6-3 192 rFr) was PS#16. Hagans will also be in the mix. There is a lot of talent at the QB position but it will be tough to replace the efficiency of Schaub (#3DC ATL) so I'll call this unit down a few notches.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the RB's were beset with injuries and Alvin Pearman (first true frosh RB to start here since '88) led the team in rushing with just 371 yards, the lowest for a Cavs top rusher since 1977. He returned in 2002 but played in just 9 games before a knee injury ended his season (343 yards, 21 rec). True frosh Wali Lundy (PS#21) stepped in with 826 yards (4.2) and also hauled in 58 rec's (7.5). He averaged 112.7 ypg over the last three games vs three very tough D's and was the bowl MVP. Michael Johnson (PS#5) had 133 yards rushing (5.1) in nine games as a true frosh. Everyone returned last year but they lost starting FB Jason Snelling for the year to an injury. Pearman had 91 yards rushing vs S Carolina but fumbled twice. Lundy was leading the ACC in rushing but suffered an ankle injury against Clemson and had just 13 carries the next 3 weeks. Even 3rd string RB Marquis Weeks (289 yds in '02-'03) missed two games with an injury and was moved to FS. Pearman set a school and tied an ACC record with 16 rec's against Fla St and then had 138 yards rushing against Troy St. Lundy finished with 929 yards (4.1) and added 29 rec's (8.7). Pearman had 643 yards rushing and another 518 receiving. They must replace FB Kase Luzar (9 sts, 13 rec). They were able to redshirt VHT Johnson last year and he could be a big factor. I see this as one of the ACC's best RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace Billy McMullen, the school's all-time career leading receiver who was the #3 DC of PHI. Basically everyone else returned including TE Heath Miller, a converted QB who was 2nd Tm ACC as a frosh. Groh moved QB Marques Hagans and CB Art Thomas to WR to add talent. Prior to the season the team lost its leading returning WR, Michael McGrew, to a broken leg and basically had just one returning starter. Miller turned out to be a John Mackey Award semifinalist and set the ACC record for rec's by a TE in a season with 70 (old record 51). Thomas started 3 games and had 14 rec's but was benched after fumbles vs WF and NC. True frosh Fontel Mines moved into the lineup in Wk 3 and another true frosh, Deyon Williams who is 6-3 185 with speed, looked like a game breaker but played in just 10 games with 8 rec's (team leading 15.2 ypc). Ryan Sawyer turned out to be the top WR with 39 rec's (12.3) but now departs. They are extremely deep at TE as Miller is backed up by 3 VHT's (including a true frosh) and they get McGrew back. This unit has more experience and should be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Virginia's O-line paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. A true frosh, D'Brickashaw Ferguson, started all 14 games despite being undersized at 265 lbs. For the bowl the team had 3 frosh starters. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 18 starts but had a veteran group. The Cavs OL paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing and allowed just 12 sacks all season. RG Elton Brown won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy for the top OL in the ACC but surprisingly was only 2nd Tm ACC. The big news is that basically all five starters and 9 of the top 10 return. The only loss is C/G Kevin Bailey (4 sts). There are plenty of VHT's in the mix including Ian Yates-Cunningham who started the last 5 games as a true frosh. This should be one of the better O-lines in the ACC this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the front wall had to replace all 3 starters and the D allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while recording just 26 sacks. Last year all three starters returned to the front wall including 2nd Tm ACC DE Chris Canty, the first UVA DL selected 1st or 2nd Tm ACC in 3 years. There was improvement as the D allowed 4.2 ypc rushing and increased the sack total to 27. All 3 starters return again this year as do all 3 backups and there are 3 VHT's pressing for time. I look for continued improvement from a very experienced Cavalier defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - UVA had to replace two starters last year including a 3rd round DC but added in Ahmad Brooks (PS#2) and Kai Parham (PS#4) who lived up to their VHT billings as frosh. Those two will have NFL scouts' attention along with Darryl Blackstock who set an ACC frosh record with 10 sacks in 2002 and had 23 qbh and 16 tfl last year. Groh brought in recruited walk-on Jon Copper (6-1 230 Fr) who led Fork Union in tackles last year and has 4.6 speed with a 385 bench. He also adds more VHT's in true Olu Hall (PS#16), rFr Jermaine Dias (PS#13) and Vince Redd (PS#48). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Marvin Richardson (6-4 219 rFr, PS#85), Alex Hall (5-11 227 Jr) and this year's true frosh. The only loss from the unit is OLB Ray Mann (13 sts, PS#7, 7 tfl) and this looks like one of the ACC's top LB units.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UVA was just #82 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace four players who combined for 24 starts and 204 tackles plus moved CB Art Thomas (2 sts) to WR. FS Willie Davis was injured in the second game and missed the rest of the year. The Cavs did move up the pass D rankings to #40 however allowing 56.6% with a 14-13 ratio. The secondary's shining moment came in the bowl when they stopped Larry Fitzgerald's streak of 18 straight games with a TD. Unfortunately this year CB Almondo "Muffin" Curry (13 sts, 60 tkls, 6 int, 9 pbu) departs as does Jamaine Winborne (7 sts at CB, 6 sts at S, HM ACC). Also gone is FS Jay Dorsey (5 sts, 35 tkls). Tony Franklin did start the last six at CB. They moved in RB Marquis Weeks who had 5 starts and 1,026 all-purpose yards in 3 years and have some VHT's which are added to the mix that I list in the 2 deep below. SS Jermaine Hardy played 10 games with a torn ACL last year and was #3 tackler and should be more productive after surgery. This group does have potential and could move up in my pass D rankings with a stronger front 7 but is a little less experienced than last year's unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 the Cavs were #48 in my special teams rankings. They had all of their key players back in 2002 but surprisingly dropped to #76. Last year basically everyone returned and shockingly finished at #77 but if you include an incredible year from K Connor Hughes, they finished #39 overall. Hughes was clearly one of the best K's in the country with three 50+ yard FG's including a 53 yarder to tie the game vs Wake Forest and a 38 yarder to win it with both coming in the last 2:00. He missed just 2 FG's on the year with one from 50+ and is on my AA Team. His 23 FG's and 92% success rate were both school records. P Tom Hagan had his struggles including a 28.5 average on 8 punts vs Florida St and finished with just a 34.8 average and 32.2 net. Hagan surprisingly opted to concentrate on baseball and quit the team before the spring. All of the top PR's and KR's return including Marquis Weeks who averaged 30.5 on KR's in 2002 and 27.5 in 2003. KO man Kurt Smith is also back and had 51 of 71 KO's go into the EZ with 36 TB's. LS Ryan Childress who was a perfect 69 of 69 on FG's and xp snaps and handled the duty for four years departs. It will be tough for Hughes to improve upon last year's numbers but the overall special teams unit should improve with almost everyone back.

COACHES - Al Groh earned ACC Coach of the Year honors in just his second year at the school in 2002. He has been doing a tremendous job despite a 5-7 record in his debut season of 2001, which was the school's first losing season since 1986. Groh previously coached at Wake Forest from 1981 to 1986 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. Last year OL coach Ron Prince took over the OC duties. Al Golden enters his fourth year as the DC and previously was the LB coach and recruiting coordinator at Penn St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Al Groh is doing a tremendous job here at UVA bringing in outstanding recruiting classes. In 2002 he had just 6 seniors overall and 29 lettermen returning which was the school's lowest total since 1981. Of the 93 players on the roster that season, 26 were walk-ons. They made five 2H comebacks in 2002 earning a bowl bid and then whipped WV 48-22 in the Continental Tire Bowl to finish #22 in the country. Keep in mind they have had only 8 Top 25 finishes in school history (#13 in 1951 is the highest). Last year on the 105 man roster there were 31 walk-ons. Groh had a more experienced team with 15 starters back and he guided them to an 8-5 record and their first back-to-back 8 win seasons since 1994 and 1995. It was still a rather young team and this year just 16 lettermen depart and a lot of those talented rFr and soph's have an extra year of experience. The major question mark for UVA is at QB as the record breaking Matt Schaub departs and provided the new QB plays adequately, there is plenty of talent surrounding him on offense. Defense is where UVA will probably make their mark this year as they have a lot of athletic talent on that side of the ball rivalling that of Florida St or Miami (FL). They have shown steady improvement under Groh trimming the ppg allowed from 27.6 to 24.9 to 20.4 last season and should continue to improve. I think UVA has 8 clear wins on the schedule (although not all will be easy) and the 3 games which could determine how far they get this year are at FSU, at VT and hosting Miami. The Cavs are capable of achieving wins in any or all of the those 3 so the sky is the limit provided their new QB can get the job done.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Chris Olsen So. 6-4 220 PS#14. ND trans. **Marques Hagans** (5-10 207 Jr) 2 sts at QB, 361 pass yds, 227 rush, 266 rec yds 2Y. Anthony Martinez is **PS#15**. 1 st LY.

RB WALI LUNDY JR. 6-1 212 **PS#21WR**. 9 sts, 826 rush (4.2), 58 rec (7.5) as true. 10 sts LY, 929 yds (4.1), 29 rec (8.7). **Michael Johnson** (5-10 190 So) **PS#5**. 133 yds (5.1) as true.

FB Jason Snelling So. 6-1 228 PS#86. 2 sts as true, 38 yds rush, 31 rec (10.1). RS in '03. Brandon Isaiah (6-0 227 Sr) PS#245. 27 games, 111 all-purp yards 3 years.

WR OTTOWA ANDERSON SR. 6-0 186 PS#61. 12 rec as true. 17 rec (10.8) in '02. 13 sts, 33 rec (12.3) LY. Deyon Williams (6-3 185 So) PS#113. 8 rec as true. Ron Morton (6-1 176 So) PS#61.

WR Michael McGrew Sr. 6-2 200 PS#116. 14 sts in '02. 27 rec (15.9). RS LY. Marques Hagans 28 rec (9.4) LY. Fontel Mines (6-5 205 So) PS#64. Emmanuel Byers (5-9 175 rFr) PS#83RB.

TE HEATH MILLER JR. 6-5 254 PS#55QB. 13 sts, 1st Tm ACC TE, 70 rec (11.9). Patrick Estes (6-7 262 Sr) **PS#1**. 11 sts, 3Y, 22 rec. Jonathan Stupar (6-5 246 rFr) **PS#6**.

C ZAC YARBOROUGH SR. 6-4 275 PS#101TE. Lettered in '01 at TE. 12 sts in '02 at C. 10 starts in '03. Jordy Lipsey (6-3 272 rFr) **PS#14**. Phillip Sims (6-2 248 So) 2 games.

RG ELTON BROWN SR. 6-6 333 **Jacobs Blocking Trophy** (Top in ACC). 4 sts as true. 12 sts in '02. 11 sts in '03 (inj for 2). Ron Darden (6-4 309 So) PS#137. 1 st, 13 games.

LG IAN-YATES CUNNINGHAM SO. 6-6 309 **PS#20.** L/5 sts as true. Brian Barthelmes (6-7 286 Jr) PS#463. 8 sts as rFr. 8 sts LY. David Fairbrothers (6-3 310 rFr) is a recruited walk-on.

RT BRAD BUTLER JR. 6-8 274 PS#136OL. 1 st, 12 games as true. 13 sts LY. Eddie Pinigis (6-7 282 rFr) **PS#56**. 83" wingspan. Marshal Ausberry (6-6 318 rFr) PS#101.

LT D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON JR. 6-5 295 **PS#51OL**. 14 sts at LT as true at 265 lbs. 13 sts in '03. Gordie Sammis (6-4 292 So) PS#58. 6 games as a true. Davon Robb (6-8 259 So).

K CONNOR HUGHES JR. 6-0 178 PS#18. 5 of 6 FG's long of 47 as true. Hit super 23 of 25 FG's LY, long of 53, 3 of 4 from 50+, **2nd Tm AA**. Kurt Smith (6-1 181 Jr) 36 TB's on KO's.

DE BRENNAN SCHMIDT JR. 6-3 269 14 sts, 87 tkls, 4 tfl as rFr. 13 sts, 87 tkls, 4 sks LY. **Kwakou Robinson** (6-4 327 Jr) **PS#9**. 6 sts, 58 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 yrs. Chris Johnson (6-6 265 rFr) PS#148.

NT ANDREW HOFFMAN SR. 6-5 285 PS#110. 14 sts, 56 tkls in '02. 12 sts, 56 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Melvin Massey (6-2 262 Jr) **PS#23LB**. 14 tkls. Keenan Carter (6-3 325 rFr) PS#63. DJ Bell (6-4 306 So).

DE CHRIS CANTY SR. 6-7 280 **2nd Tm ACC 2Y**. 8 sts, 86 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 13 sts, 104 tkls, 12 tfl LY. Braden Campbell (6-5 278 Jr) PS#102. 34 tkls, 2Y. Allen Billyk (6-4 255 rFr) PS#82.

OLB Dennis Haley Sr. 6-1 241 PS#98. 1 st, 36 tkls, 1 sk in '03. **Jermaine Dias** (6-3 223 rFr) **PS#13**. James Terry (6-5 220 Fr) PS#110 LY. Hargrave. Jon Thompson (6-1 219 Jr).

ILB KAI PARHAM SO. 6-3 238 **PS#4**. Last 8 sts as rFr, 89 tkls, 7 tfl. **Rich Bedesem** (6-2 232 Sr) PS#87. 9 sts, 3Y, 122 tkls, 4 tfl. Jon Copper #1 tkl'r at Fork Union LY.

ILB AHMAD BROOKS SO. 6-4 249 **PS#2**. Hargrave. 13 sts as "true", 117 tkls, 3.5 sks, 7 tfl, 15 qbh. Bryan White (6-2 227 Sr) PS#85. 5 sts, 58 tkls, 3Y. Vince Redd (6-6 243 rFr) **PS#48**.

OLB DARRYL BLACKSTOCK JR. 6-4 230 PS#30TE. 13 sts, 107 tkls, 10 sks 4 pbu as true. 13 sts LY, 85 tkls, 5 sks, 11 tfl, 23 qbh. Mark Miller (6-0 214 Jr) 33 tkls, 2Y. Olu Hall is **PS#16**.

CB Philip Brown Fr. 5-11 188 **PS#6**. 4.3 spd. Hargrave LY. Marcus Hamilton (6-0 187 So) **PS#31**. 29 tkls, 3 pbu LY. David (Ander) Hale (5-7 175 Jr). Brandon Lee (5-10 183 So).

CB TONY FRANKLIN SO. 5-11 186 PS#55RB. Last 6 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 336 KR yards (25.8). Shannon Lane (6-1 185 rFr) PS#34WR. Marshall Tucker (5-11 197 So).

SS JERMAINE HARDY SR. 5-11 208 PS#101. 48 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu in '02. 13 sts LY (10 games w/ACL) 97 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Kenneth Tynes (6-0 191 So) PS#89. Nate Lyles is **PS#27.**

FS Marquis Weeks Sr. 5-11 210 PS#52RB. 5 sts at RB in 3 yrs, 1026 all-purp yds. Robbie Catterton (6-2 185 So) PS#36. 4 tkls, 1 int. Lance Evans (6-4 200 So) PS#75. 7 tkls.

P Chris Gould Fr. 6-1 190 **PS#7**. 36.3 avg punt in HS. Noah Greenbaum (6-0 170 So) 2 punts (31.5). Sean Johnson (6-1 190 Jr). Bryan Lescavec is a walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Olu Hall 6-3 220 PS#16	
DL	Chris Long 6-4 265 PS#31	
RB	Cedric Peerman 5-10 185 PS#29	
DB	Nate Lyles 6-0 195 PS#27	
RB	Ahmad Bradshaw 5-10 180 PS#34	
TE	Tom Santi 6-5 225 PS#7	
DL	Jon Kirchner 6-4 258 PS#81	
LB	Devonta Brown 6-2 225 PS#65	
DB	Chris Gorham 6-0 175 PS#80	
DL	Clint Sintim 6-3 250 PS#107	
QB	Scott Deke 6-3 207 PS#72	
K	Chris Gould 6-1 190 PS#7	
DB	Theirrien Davis 5-11 182 PS#113	
OL	Zak Stair 6-6 280 PS#132	
RB	Kevin Bradley 6-1 220 PS#132	
DB	Philip Brown 5-11 188 PS#193	
OL	Brandon Albert 6-7 310 PS#247	
DB	Jamaal Jackson 6-3 204 PS#327	

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Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

22-17	Straight Up	6-4	Home Favorite
21-15	Vs The Spread	8-1	Home Underdog
10-5	Off A SU Loss	2-4	Away Favorite
14-10	Vs Conference	5-6	Away Underdog
	7-5 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (19,18,2)
Lost: 16 (8,5,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,424

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#26

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VA	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 4	at Temple	A						
Sep. 11	N Carolina	G						
Sep. 18	Akron	G						
Sep. 25	Syracuse	G						
Oct. 2								
Oct. 7	Clemson (Thur)	G						
Oct. 16	at Florida St	G						
Oct. 23	at Duke	G						
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Maryland	G						
Nov. 13	Miami, Fl	G						
Nov. 20	at Georgia Tech	G						
Nov. 27	at Virginia Tech	G						

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia is 2-4 SU & ATS the 2nd of a 2+ game roadstand since 1998.
Cavaliers are 9-2 ATS in the month of November at home the last 6 yrs.
Virginia is 13-2 SU in Homecoming games & 5-3 ATS the last 8.

First time meeting & 1st current Big East opponent since 1979.
Virginia is 8-4 ATS in their 1st road game of the season.

Cavaliers are 9-2 ATS vs the Tar Heels since 1993.
Virginia is 6-3 ATS (4-1 L/5) in ACC home openers.

Cavaliers are 8-0 SU & 6-1 ATS (1 NL) in the 2nd of a 2+ game homestand.
However that one loss was in '02 to these Zips in a 48-29 SU win as a 23 pt HF.

The Cavaliers are 7-3 ATS prior to a bye since 1998.
Pending earlier results: UVA is 4-2 ATS at home vs non-ACC foes S/'01.

The underdog is 12-2 ATS the last 14 in this series.
Cavaliers are 1-4 SU & ATS on Thursday's the last 7 years.

Virginia is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS vs Florida St but are 2-0 ATS the past 2 years.
Cavaliers are 6-2 ATS in their 1st ACC road game of the season S/'96.

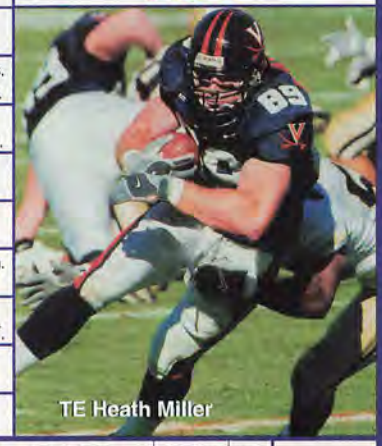
Virginia is 8-2 SU, but just 3-7 ATS vs Duke the last 10 years.
Could apply: UVA entered 2004 with a 24-10 ATS off a SU loss record S/'94.

The Cavaliers are now 8-16 ATS vs the Terrapins since 1980.
Pending 10/9: Virginia is 4-10 ATS after a bye week since 1996.

Could apply: Coming into 2004, Virginia is 8-1 ATS as a HD under Groh.
Cavaliers have covered 7 of their last 8 home finales.

The home team has covered 6 straight in this series.
Virginia is 7-1 ATS the L/8 games the week prior to playing arch rival VT.

Cavaliers are only 1-8 ATS in road finales since 1995.
The home team is 6-2 ATS in this instate rivalry since 1996.


TE Heath Miller

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	9-2	7-4	6-5	5-7	8-5	7-5	49-32
ATS	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	7-4	7-6	7-5	38-40
Home Fav	1-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	4-1	11-14
Home Dog	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	10-6
Away Fav	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-3	8-9
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	2-0	0-3	3-2	2-3	0-1	9-11
Favorite	2-4	5-4	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-3	6-4	19-23
Dog	1-3	1-1	3-2	1-4	6-3	6-3	1-1	19-17
Grass	3-7	6-5	5-6	3-7	6-4	7-6	6-5	36-40
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	26-30
vs Non-Conf	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-0	1-4	3-1	12-10
Off SU Win	1-5	4-4	1-5	0-6	3-1	4-4	2-4	15-29
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	3-3	3-1	4-1	19-8

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wali Lundy	227	995	66	929	10	4.1
Alvin Pearman	134	677	34	643	4	4.8
Marques Hagans	16	125	29	96	2	6.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Schaub	403	281	69.7	2952	18	10
Anthony Martinez	36	17	47.2	136	1	2
Marques Hagans	26	17	65.4	218	3	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Heath Miller	70	835	11.9	6	52	
Alvin Pearman	63	518	8.2	4	49	
Ryan Sawyer	39	481	12.3	2	63	
Ottowa Anderson	33	407	12.3	2	36	
Marques Hagans	28	262	9.4	0	27	
Wali Lundy	29	253	8.7	4	62	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tom Hagan	63	2193	34.8	16	32.2	0	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Connor Hughes	40-40	7-7	9-9	4-5	3-4	23-25	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ahmad Brooks	117	3.5	7	6	0
Chris Canty	104	3	9	0	0
Jermaine Hardy	97	0	4	4	2
Kai Parham	89	1	6	2	0
Brennan Schmidt	87	3.5	4	2	0
Darryl Blackstock	85	5	11	4	0
Raymond Mann	69	4	3	1	0
Jamaine Winborne	69	2	6	8	2
Almondo Curry	60	2	2	9	6
Andrew Hoffman	56	0	1	1	0
Tony Franklin	38	0	0	2	2
Dennis Haley	36	1	0	2	0
Jay Dorsey	35	0	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Marques Hagans	28	269	9.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tony Franklin	13	336	25.8	0	
Marquis Weeks	10	275	27.5	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Peach	-2'	Georgia	33-35	L
99	MicronPC	-2'	Illinois	21-63	L
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia	14-37	L
02	Continental Tire	+6	W Virginia	48-22	W
03	Continental Tire	-3	Pittsburgh	23-16	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.0	20	130	3.9	256	67.8	13.8	+5	2003	7	20.4	20	162	4.2	223	56.6	18.9
6*	28.7	20	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	+15	2002	6	24.9	22	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1
5	20.8	19	106	3.4	239	58.3	16.6	+4	2001	6	27.6	23	203	4.3	228	58.9	15.6
7*	20.2	18	162	4.0	198	54.1	17.9	0	2000	6	24.3	21	182	4.4	238	59.4	17.3
7	28.8	22	190	4.4	211	57.3	13.9	+4	1999	5	30.4	20	180	4.1	233	56.0	16.6
6*	29.8	21	212	5.0	215	51.7	14.3	+11	1998	8	20.6	17	122	3.3	215	50.7	16.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Duke	19	41-204	5.0	12-22	169	1	13	35-152	4.3	11-29	120	3	0
at S Carolina	7	38-116	3.1	10-20	54	2	18	49-261	5.3	9-24	162	0	-2
at W Michigan	22	49-219	4.5	14-22	186	0	23	26-91	3.5	28-53	317	3	+6
Wake Forest	29	33-151	4.6	30-45	326	0	21	49-174	3.6	17-31	218	2	-2
at N Carolina	28	46-229	5.0	20-23	286	1	17	25-58	2.3	27-41	207	5	0
at Clemson	17	22-53	2.4	33-48	271	1	28	46-194	4.2	28-45	294	3	-1
Florida St	17	9-(-5)	-0.6	39-54	326	1	18	45-196	4.4	12-25	189	1	-2
Troy St	24	42-173	4.1	24-37	250	0	17	40-140	3.5	12-29	174	2	+2
at NC State	21	23-50	2.2	41-55	393	2	22	25-143	5.7	29-35	410	0	0
at Maryland	14	32-108	3.4	13-26	186	1	23	48-278	5.8	14-21	191	0	0
Georgia Tech	20	38-89	2.3	28-37	275	0	17	32-116	3.6	16-30	157	1	+2
Virginia Tech	24	31-110	3.5	32-46	358	2	19	40-151	3.8	14-26	214	2	+1
† Pittsburgh	21	35-196	5.6	20-31	244	1	27	46-148	3.2	18-26	246	5	+1
TOTALS	263	439-1693	3.9	316-466	3324	12	263	506-2102	4.2	235-415	2899	27	+5
AVERAGES	20.2	34-130	3.9	24-36	256	0.9	20.2	39-162	4.2	18-32	223	2.1	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+2'	20-17	W
at Clemson	-5	14-33	L
Wake Forest	-10'	35-7	W
at BYU	+7	45-40	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	7-31	L
Duke	-17	17-24 2OT	L
at NC State	-1	47-26	W
Florida St	+13'	10-35	L
Georgia Tech	+7	45-38	W
Buffalo	-49	50-21	L
at Maryland	-9	34-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
BYU	-6'	35-38 OT	L
Richmond	NL	34-6	–
at Duke	-20	26-10	L
Clemson	+9	10-31	L
at Wake Forest	-16'	27-10	W
Maryland	-10'	31-23	L
at Florida St	+32	3-37	L
N Carolina	-4'	17-6	W
at Georgia Tech	+9'	0-35	L
NC State	+1	24-17	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+10'	17-26	W
Richmond	NL	17-16	–
at Clemson	+11'	26-24	W
Duke	-17	31-10	W
at Maryland	+7'	21-41	L
at N Carolina	+8'	24-30	W
Florida St	+12'	7-43	L
at NC State	+7	0-24	L
Wake Forest	-3	30-34	L
Georgia Tech	+14'	39-38	W
Virginia Tech	+15	17-31	W
Penn St	+5'	20-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	E	29-35	L
at Florida St	+26'	19-40	W
S Carolina	+4'	34-21	W
Akron	-23	48-29	L
at Wake Forest	+2	38-34	W
at Duke	-11	27-22	L
Clemson	+5'	22-17	W
N Carolina	-5	37-27	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	15-23	L
at Penn St	+16	14-35	L
NC State	+7	14-9	W
Maryland	+9	48-13	W
at Virginia Tech	+7	9-21	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Duke	-14'	27-0	W
at S Carolina	-3	7-31	L
at W Michigan	-7	59-16	W
Wake Forest	-7	27-24	L
at N Carolina	-8'	38-13	W
at Clemson	-4'	27-30 OT	L
Florida St	+7'	14-19	W
Troy St	-21	24-0	W
at NC State	-1	37-51	L
at Maryland	+6	17-27	L
Georgia Tech	-7	29-17	W
Virginia Tech	-1	35-21	W

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

DT Kevin Lewis

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Grant Noel (PS#43) won the right to replace Michael Vick as the starting QB. Noel had a great start with an 8-0 ratio but had a 9-11 ratio down the stretch. Bryan Randall (PS#4) played in nine games throwing for 114 yards (34.3%) with a 0-2 ratio while rushing for 136. Noel tore his ACL prior to 2002 and Randall took over the starting duties. Randall threw for 2,134 yards (63.7%) with a 12-11 ratio finished #1 in the Big East in completion percentage and was named the Bowl MVP. VT signed Michael Vick's brother Marcus (PS#8) in 2002 and after redshirting a season, he battled Randall for the starting job. Randall was the Big East Off POW vs both UCF and Rutgers and in the first six games completed 65% with a 9-3 ratio. In the final six regular season games he completed just 55% with a poor 2-7 ratio. He was pulled in the 1Q vs both Miami and Pitt and Marcus Vick played the majority of those games creating a QB controversy. The controversy reached its nadir vs BC. Randall started and in the 1Q led the team to 238 yards offense. Beamer, sticking to his rotation, brought Vick in for the 2Q and the team generated just two FD's, In the 2H the entire offense failed to regain its rhythm and they lost. Randall QB'd the majority of the final two games and was very impressive in the bowl vs Cal hitting 24 of 34 for 398 yards with 4 TD's and zero int's. Both QB's return and there is always the option of moving one of the athletically talented players to WR. Also in the mix is Cory Holt (6-4 208 Fr, PS#87) who signed last year but went to Hargrave, Scout Team QB Lance Goff (5-11 202 Sr) as well as this year's signees. Hopefully Beamer will pick one QB and stick with him and I see improved production from whomever wins the job.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hokies had a pair of NFL caliber RB's in 2002 and Lee Suggs (#4DC CLE) led the team with 1,325 yards (5.2) while VHT Kevin Jones (PS#6) had 871 yards (5.4). Suggs departed last year but Jones set the single game record for rushing yards with 241 against Pitt and broke Cyrus Lawrence's single season rushing record (1,403 in 1982) with 1,647 yards and a super 5.9. Cedric Humes (PS#51) rushed for 380 yards (5.8) and Mike Imoh (5-7 196 Jr, PS#78) has had 124 yards rushing and 13 rec's the last two years. Beside Jones (#1DC DET), the team also loses FB Doug Easlick (13 sts, 155 ttl yds) and FB Steve Canter (13 yds). I include George Bell (PS#14) at FB below which is where he practiced in the spring but I feel he has an opportunity to become the feature back here this year. Not listed in the 2 deep below are John Candelas (6-0 211 Jr, 76 yds), Mike Perlozzo (5-8 213 Jr), Thomas McClelland (5-11 197 So), Branden Ore (PS#70), Purnell Sturdivant (PS#85LB) and Carlton Weatherford (5-9 204 rFr). Naturally with the loss of a star like Jones, this group is weaker in 2004.

RECEIVERS - Ernest Wilford shockingly became the first player in VT history to have over 50 catches in a season (51, 18.1) and set the school record for receiving yards in a game with 279 in 2002. He returned last year but they had to replace their #2 and #4 receivers. Thanks to the bowl game where Wilford had 8 rec's for 110 yards, he reset the school record with 55 rec's (16.1) which was more than twice the amount of catches as the next closest receiver. WR Richard Johnson (PS#17) missed three games due to injury and only got in three starts so he was limited to 13 rec's (10.8). When Johnson went down Chris Shreve, who has 4.33 speed, stepped in but then he too was injured and had just 11 rec's (20.5). This year they must replace Wilford (13 sts, #4DC JAX), TE Keith Willis (PS#7, 11 sts, 7 rec) and Shreve (4 sts). They bring in some solid additions this season including VHT WR Eddie Royal (PS#37). Not listed are Robert Parker (6-1 210 So), true frosh Josh Morgan (6-1 211) and Justin Harper (PS#197) who were both in for spring, Josh Hyman (5-11 191 rFr, PS#208) and TE Matt Roan (6-4 255 rFr). I give Royal and Jeremy Gilchrist (PS#80) good chances of playing immediately, as the WR's appear average and this unit looks weaker with the loss of two outstanding players.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 with a senior dominated line, VT averaged 5.2 ypc. After losing 4 starters in 2001 it slipped to 4.0 but with 3 starters back in 2002, it improved to 4.5 ypc rushing despite yielding 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but 8 of the top 10 returned. The line did an excellent job paving the way for 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. This year they must replace C Jake Grove (1st Tm AA, Rimington winner, 704 snaps, #2DC OAK) and RG Jacob Gibson (11 sts, 530 snaps). Not listed below are C Mike Parham (6-0 273 So), Travis Conway (6-5 267 Sr, PS#101DL), Chris Burnett (6-1 284 So), Nick Marshman (6-5 333 Fr, PS#34TE in '03) and Mason Baggett (6-1 275 So). This unit is just as experienced as last year's, but with the loss of the best C in the country, I'll call them down a notch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 VT had a veteran defensive front that allowed just 2.2 ypc rushing. They had to replace their top 4 DT's in 2002 including 3 NFL DC's and the unit yielded 3.4, their weakest performance since 1996 but their DE's did help the team accumulate 42 sacks. Last year almost everyone was back although DE Jim Davis missed the year with a torn pectoral. It looked like it would be one of the nation's top DL's but surprisingly the D allowed 3.5 ypc and the sack total dropped to 32! This year they must replace DE's Cols Colas (11 sts, 4.41 spd, 2nd Tm BE, 6.5 sks) and Nathaniel Adibi (11 sts, 5.5 sks, 2nd Tm BE, #5DC PIT). Their DL coach likes the fact that they have the best depth here recently and the 3 deep below includes Jordan Trott (1 st, 48 tkl, 5 tfl). Other possible contributors are DT's Carlton Powell (6-2 287 rFr, PS#158) who has a 415 bench and 4.85 speed, Barry Booker (6-4 295 rFr, PS#67), DE's Ross Pinkett (6-0 238 So), Omar Hashish (6-3 249 So, PS#178LB) and Greg Kezmarsky (6-3 241 Jr) as well as this year's true frosh. The two stars of the unit are DT's Jonathan Lewis (PS#15) and Kevin Lewis. Watch for DE Darryl Tapp who the coaches believe will be a standout this year. While not as experienced as last year's group, they can improve upon last year's defense vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the unit was very experienced with all 3 starters returning and all of them ended up making more than 100 tackles. This year they lose ILB Vegas Robinson (13 sts, 101 tkls, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm BE). They not only have two starters returning but they have 9 players capable of being starters. In fact it would not surprise me if at least one of the following won starting jobs: Aaron Rouse (PS#49), VHT rFr Vince Hall (PS#9) or Xavier Adibi (PS#11). Blake Warren (43 tkls) and James Anderson (41) provide excellent depth. Despite the loss, I look for better results from the LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #5 finish in my pass D rankings in 2001, VT dropped to #27 in 2002. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup who had 5 starts. They then lost starting CB Garnell Wilds for six games to injury. The unit still had star CB DeAngelo Hall and 2nd Tm Big East ROV Michael Crawford. However, down the stretch big pass plays hurt the defense and VT dropped to a very un-Hokie-like #73 in my pass D rankings allowing 231 ypg (60.2%) with a 19-15 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are Hall (12 sts, 93 tkls, 5 pbu, #1DC ATL), Crawford (13 sts, #1 tkl'r and 12 tfl) and Wilds (6 sts, 31 tkls, 3 pbu). They move starting FS Jimmy Williams to corner and CB Vincent Fuller to FS. This group is not as experienced as last year, but does have plenty of VHT's and I see them moving up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Frank Beamer coaches this unit himself and in the last nine years they've ranked as high as #2 twice. After a #20 finish overall in 2002 the team had basically everyone returning and moved to #10. VT has blocked more kicks since 1990 than any other team in the NCAA. After blocking five punts in 2002, they surprisingly only got one last season. A shocker to me was not that Mike Imoh returned a KO for a TD, but that he was the first VT player to do it since 1992. Carter Warley hit 8 of his first 10 FG's but then suffered a back injury and hit just 4 of his final 8 including 3 misses in the bowl. P Vinny Burns averaged 42.3 on his first 20 punts but just 38.4 the rest of the season. Surprisingly they struggled at LS moving from Travis Conway to Nick Leeson to Jake Grove and back to Leeson during the season. This year they must replace outstanding PR DeAngelo Hall (14.8). Also gone is K Warley. Jeff Scudder and Brandon Pace handled KO's last year. It will be tough to replace Hall but I expect more blocked punts and VT once again looks like a top 10 contender in my special teams rankings.

COACHES - I think Frank Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. VT had been in six bowl games in its history prior to his arrival. He filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from 1978-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six including going 2-8-1 in 1992, but amazingly VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to 11 bowls since 1993 but has made them a National Title contender including 1999 when they played for the National Championship in the Sugar Bowl. OC Bryan Stinespring is in his twelfth year here at VT. He was the OL coach prior to being promoted to OC in 2002. Bud Foster is the DC and has held that position since 1995. He even turned down Florida to stay here. Foster was a Broyles finalist in 1999 and 2001 but has come under fire the last two seasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 VT knocked off 4 ranked teams, opened the season 8-0 and were ranked #3 in the country. Unfortunately they went 1-4 in their final five regular season games. VT appeared to be a National Title contender heading into last season as they had 7 starters back on offense and 9 on defense and once again opened the season strong going 6-0 and were #3 in the BCS poll. Unfortunately they put all of their eggs into one basket which was beating Miami, and they were stunned by W Virg 28-7 the week prior. After beating the Canes they fell to Pitt on the road. While they narrowly got past Temple the next week in OT, they would lose 3 consecutive games to end the season to BC, Virg and Cal. VT has been in the Top 5 at some point for 5 straight years and has now been to 11 straight bowl games, one of just 7 teams to do so. The victory over #2 ranked Miami was the highest ranked team they had ever defeated but Frank Beamer is just 2-22 vs Top 10 teams. The Hokies have been known as a blitzing, attacking defense but DC Foster commented this spring that they may getting away from that a little and more towards eliminating big plays which have hurt them down the stretch in each of the last two years. The defense has just 5 starters back but allowed an un-Hokie-like 23.0 ppg and 367 ypg last season and should be stronger. The offense has 5 starters back. For the second straight year they lose a quality NFL pick at RB but this time do not have one waiting in the wings and they also lose their top WR. This looks like a rebuilding year for VT and the schedule is tougher as they face defending National Champ USC in the opener in addition to joining the ACC. Still, Blacksburg VA is one tough place to play and VT has most of its toss-up games at home with winnable road trips vs WF, NC and GT. They also do not face FSU in league play. I look for VT to have yet another successful season under Beamer, especially after the atypical season the D went through last year.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRYAN RANDALL SR. 6-0 222 **PS#4**. 25 sts, 3Y, 4244 pass (60.6%) 27-23 ratio, 1417 rush. **Marcus Vick** (6-0 213 So) **PS#8**. 475 pass (53%) 2-5 ratio, 189 rush, 4 rec LY.
RB Cedric Humes Jr. 6-1 230 PS#51. 4.44 spd. 68 yds in '02. 380 yds (5.8) in '03. **Mike Imoh** (5-7 196 Jr) PS#78. 124 rush (3.8), 13 rec (10.8), 552 return yds, 2 years.
FB John Kinzer rFr. 6-2 246 PS#13TE. 4.6 spd. **George Bell** (5-10 226 Fr) **PS#14 is TB/FB**. Jesse Allen (6-0 227 So) 400 bench. Jason Myers (5-8 227 Jr) PS#287.
WR JUSTIN HAMILTON JR. 6-3 219 PS#63RB. 6 sts, #2 w/23 rec (12.3) LY. **Richard Johnson** (5-10 187 Sr) **PS#17DB**. 5 sts. 31 rec (10.5) 3Y. David Clowney (6-1 178 So) 5 rec as true.
WR Chris Clifton Jr. 6-4 205 PS#81QB. 22 games, 3 rec, 2 years. Eddie Royal (5-10 170 Fr) PS#37. Brenden Hill (6-2 207 rFr) PS#87. Michael Malone (6-3 212 So).
TE Jeff King Jr. 6-5 256 PS#21. 8 sts, 2 yrs, 7 rec (18.2). Jared Mazzetta (6-4 259 Sr) PS#19. 9 tkls in '01. 345 snaps LY, 3 rec. Duane Brown (6-5 264 rFr) PS#25.
C WILL MONTGOMERY JR. 6-3 296 430 bench. 52 snaps in '02. 10 sts, 668 snaps, 35 KD's LY. Robert Ramsey (6-2 307 Sr) PS#112. 2nd string 3 yrs, 207 plays.
RG James Miller Sr. 6-6 299 PS#123. 2 sts, 274 snaps in '02. **6 sts**, 383 snaps, 19 KD's LY. **Tripp Carroll** (6-4 325 rFr) **PS#10**. Jason Murphy (6-2 301 Jr) **PS#54DL**.
LG Reggie Butler Jr. 6-6 339 215 snaps. 2Y. Brandon Gore (6-5 351 So) **PS#57**. 37 snaps LY. Matt Welsh (6-4 289 Fr) **PS#32**. Danny McGrath (6-2 294 So) PS#113. 450 bench.
RT JON DUNN SR. 6-7 341 **PS#23**. 231 plays in '01. 7 sts. 498 snaps, 22 KD in '02. 12 sts, 700 snaps, 23 KD LY. Brandon Frye (6-4 290 So) 4.76 spd, VT OT record. 400 bench.
LT JIMMY MARTIN JR. 6-5 289 PS#238. 7 sts as **true**. 409 snaps. 13 sts LY, 699 snaps, 24 KD's. Chris Pannell (6-4 296 Jr) PS#100DL. 82 snaps LY. Andrew Fleck (6-3 269 So) 400 bench.
K Brandon Pace So. 5-10 199 KO's LY & 4 of 4 xp's. **Nic Schmitt** (6-1 260 So) **PS#9**. John Hedge (5-9 177 rFr) PS#33. Jud Dunlevy (5-9 183 rFr). Jeff Scudder (6-0 202 Jr).

DE Jim Davis Sr. 6-3 276 3 sts in '01, 40 tkls, 4.5 sks. 6 sts in '02, 37 tkls. 5.5 sks, 10 qbh. RS LY. **Chris Ellis** (6-4 257 rFr) **PS#38.** +30 lbs. Jordan Trott (6-4 238 Jr) 1 st at LB LY.
DT KEVIN LEWIS SR. 6-1 288 PS#87. 11 sts, 49 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 10 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl, 400 bench LY. Tim Sandidge (6-1 304 Jr) PS#126. L/3 sts, 47 tkls. Kory Robertson (6-2 317 rFr) PS#73.
DT JONATHAN LEWIS JR. 6-1 300 **PS#15**. 3 sts, 56 tkls, 7 tfl as **true**. 13 sts, 69 tkls, 7 tfl LY. Jason Lallis (6-0 250 Sr) PS#12TE. 11 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 4 tfl. 25 tkls last year.
DE Darryl Tapp Jr. 6-1 264 PS#71LB. 380 bench. 4 sts, 58 tkls, 9 tfl, 17 qbh in '03. Noland Burchette (6-2 245 So) PS#49TE. 41 tkls LY. Bob Ruff (6-1 238 Sr).
OLB BRANDON MANNING SR. 6-0 220 4.52 spd. 360 bench. 13 sts, 75 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 104 tkls, 5 tfl LY. **Aaron Rouse** (6-3 210 So) **PS#49.** 1 st, 46 tkls, 3 tfl. Chad Cooper (6-2 192 Sr) **PS#15DB**.
ILB MIKAL BAAQEE SR. 5-10 225 PS#41. 13 sts, 112 tkls, 11.5 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 109 tkls, 3 tfl LY. **Vince Hall** (6-0 237 rFr) **PS#9**. Brett Warren is PS#52, in for spring.
ILB Xavier Adibi rFr. 6-3 229 **PS#11**. 4.51 spd, 365 bench. Blake Warren (6-3 246 Jr) **PS#43**. 43 tkls, 3 tfl LY. **James Anderson** (6-2 222 Jr) 4.43 spd. 3 sts in '02. 89 tkls, 2Y.
CB JIMMY WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 213 **PS#38**. 46 tkls as true. 13 sts at FS in '03, 114 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. Brian McPherson (5-10 189 So) PS#59. 4 tkls. DJ Parker (PS#181) in for spg.
CB Eric Green Sr. 6-0 197 PS#82. 4.43 spd. 5 sts LY (off ACL in '02). 58 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. Roland Minor (6-0 196 rFr) PS#128. DJ Walton (5-9 193 Jr) **PS#23** 10 tkls in '02.
ROV James Griffin Sr. 6-1 198 **PS#20JC**. 39 qbh in '02 at JC. 13 games LY here, 27 tkls, 2 tfl. Cary Wade (5-10 179 So) PS#132. 4.5 spd. Injured LY. Maurice Sharpe (6-0 196 Jr).
FS Vincent Fuller Sr. 6-1 184 PS#76, **4.33 spd**. 3 sts in '02, 23 tkls, 4 int. 3 sts at CB LY, 56 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. **Mike Daniels** (6-0 212 Sr) **PS#32**. 5 sts, 113 tkls, 3Y. Corey Gordon (6-2 212 rFr).
P VINNIE BURNS SR. 5-11 202 PS#52. **2nd Tm BE in '02 & '03**. 64 punts, 40.5 avg, 34.2 net in '02. 57 punts, 39.8 avg, **36.1 net** LY. Nic Schmitt PS#9. Andrew Wilcox 45.4 punt avg HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	George Bell 5-10 226 PS#14
QB	Sean Glennon 6-3 185 PS#21
LB	Andrew Bowman 6-1 225 PS#38
WR	Eddie Royal 5-10 170 PS#37
RB	Branden Ore 6-0 205 PS#70
OL	Brandon Holland 6-4 280 PS#87
LB	Purnell Sturdivant 5-10 220 PS#85
DL	Carl Howard 6-4 290 PS#102
WR	Jeremy Gilchrist 5-10 180 PS#80
LB	Mike Green 6-0 240 PS#96
DB	Theodore Miller 6-2 181 PS#138
DL	Sam Wheeler 6-3 235 PS#156
DL	Maurice Reevey 6-3 225 PS#239
WR	Justin Harper 6-4 205 PS#197
DB	Brandon Flowers 5-9 175 PS#268

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 28	† USC (Landover, MD) (BCA Classic)	G					
Sep. 4							
Sep. 11	W Michigan	G					
Sep. 18	Duke	G					
Sep. 25	NC State	G					
Oct. 2	W Virginia	G					
Oct. 9	at Wake Forest	G					
Oct. 16	Florida A&M (HC)	G					
Oct. 23							
Oct. 28	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G					
Nov. 6	at N Carolina	G					
Nov. 18	Maryland (Thur)	G					
Nov. 27	Virginia	G					
Dec. 4	at Miami, Fl	G					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Beamer has guided Virginia Tech to 11 straight post season berths.
The Hokies are 16-1 SU & 11-6 ATS the last 17 games prior to a bye.
VT is 8-4 SU, but 4-8 ATS the last 12 as double digit favorites.

The Hokies are 28-10 ATS facing non-conference opponents since 1995.
VT is 9-2 ATS in their 1st road game of the season the last 11 years.

Bonus: VT has never played a Pac 10 team outside of a bowl game.

The Hokies are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS in home openers since 1997.
VT has won prior 2 meetings 30-0 (2002) & 31-0 (2001) both ATS wins.

In recent history VT is 3-1 SU & ATS in games played from 1981-1984.
VT was 9-19 ATS L4Y in conf play but they move from the Big East to ACC TY.

Pending LW, Hokies were 3-7 ATS at home vs conference foes the L3Y.
This series started in 1900 & VT leads 23-17-4 SU going 2-1-1 SU & 3-1 ATS '89-'92.

VT is 11-5-1 ATS vs the Mountaineers S/'87 but are 0-2 ATS the L2Y.
Ordinarily this is a low scoring affair, since 1981 they have only avg 34 ppg.

The Hokies are 9-3 ATS in conf road openers S/'92 but 1-3 ATS the L4Y.
This series began in 1916. Virginia Tech leads 20-11-1 SU all-time.

VT will be FAMU's 3rd IA BCS conference team they play this year.
The Rattler's will enter Division IA ranks next season.

Since 1998 the Hokies are 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS on Thursday (all as favs).
VT is 3-7 ATS on the road after a bye week since 1991.

The Hokies are 10-3 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game road trip since 1994.
Could apply: VT is 3-8 ATS the last 11 games as an away favorite.

The Hokies are 12-5-1 ATS since 1995 in November home games.
First game in 1897. Maryland leads series 17-13 SU.

The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 in this rivalry.
Virginia Tech is 7-4-1 ATS in home finales since 1992.

The Hokies are 6-3 SU & 7-2 ATS vs the Hurricanes their last 9 games.
VT is 14-7 ATS in road finales since 1983.

FRANK BEAMER (Career 125-74-2)(Div IAA 42-23-2)
18th Year at Virginia Tech

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

125-74-2 Straight Up
101-78-6 Vs The Spread
34-22-2 Off A SU Loss
56-56-5 Vs Conference
43-33-2 Home Favorite
12-6-1 Home Underdog
23-20-2 Away Favorite
23-19-1 Away Underdog
45-22-1 Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,20,4)
Lost: 16 (8,6,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 65,115

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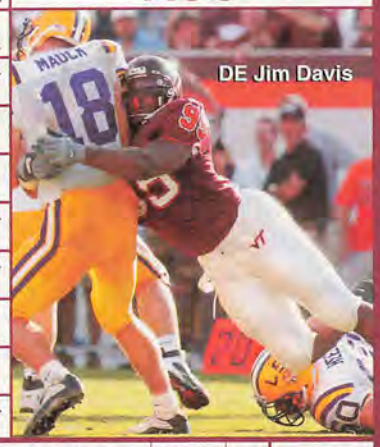


STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	11-0	10-1	8-3	9-4	8-4	61-19
ATS	4-7	9-2	7-3-1	5-6	6-5	7-6	5-6	43-35-1
Home Fav	3-3	4-2	4-1-1	3-3	2-3	4-4	4-1	24-17-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
Away Fav	1-2	2-0	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-2	0-4	13-14
Away Dog	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	4-4
Favorite	4-5	6-2	7-3-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	4-5	37-31-1
Dog	0-2	3-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	6-4
Grass	4-4	7-2	6-1-1	5-4	4-5	6-4	5-4	37-24-1
Artificial	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-2	0-2	6-11
vs Conf	2-5	6-1	4-2-1	2-5	4-3	1-6	2-5	21-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	6-0	3-1	22-8
Off SU Win	2-5	6-2	6-3-1	4-5	5-3	5-4	3-4	31-26-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	7-7

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Jones	281	1712	65	1647	21	5.9
Bryan Randall	**82**	**512**	**108**	**404**	**5**	**4.9**
Cedric Humes	**65**	**386**	**6**	**380**	**5**	**5.8**
Marcus Vick	**37**	**189**	**87**	**102**	**0**	**2.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bryan Randall	**245**	**150**	**61.2**	**1996**	**15**	**10**
Marcus Vick	**57**	**30**	**52.6**	**475**	**2**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ernest Wilford	55	886	16.1	3	52
Justin Hamilton	**23**	**282**	**12.3**	**1**	**29**
Doug Easlick	16	132	8.2	0	36
Kevin Jones	14	161	11.5	0	55
Richard Johnson	**13**	**141**	**10.8**	**1**	**30**
Chris Shreve	11	226	20.5	3	53

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Vinnie Burns	**57**	**2267**	**39.8**	**7**	**36.1**	**0**	**15**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Carter Warley	54-57	6-8	5-6	1-4	0-0	12-18	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Crawford	131	1	11	4	1
Jimmy Williams	**114**	**0**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Mikal Baaqee	**109**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Brandon Manning	**104**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Vegas Robinson	101	1	7	3	2
DeAngleo Hall	93	0	3	5	1
Jonathan Lewis	**69**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Darryl Tapp	**58**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Eric Green	**58**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**3**
Vincent Fuller	**56**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**1**
Jordan Trott	**48**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Tim Sandidge	**47**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Aaron Rouse	**46**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAngelo Hall	33	487	14.8	3

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Imoh	**18**	**549**	**30.5**	**1**
Cedric Humes	**16**	**268**	**16.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Sugar	+5'	Florida St	29-46	L
00	Gator	-6	Clemson	41-20	W
01	Gator	-2	Florida St	17-30	L
02	San Francisco	-11'	Air Force	20-13	L
03	Insight	-3	California	49-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	35.4	20	209	5.3	192	59.3	11.4	-1	2003	9	23.0	18	136	3.5	231	60.2	16.0
6*	30.6	20	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	+8	2002	5	18.8	16	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8
5	31.3	19	182	4.0	187	54.4	11.8	+10	2001	9	14.8	15	74	2.2	180	45.6	17.2
8*	40.3	22	266	5.2	160	51.6	10.5	+5	2000	3	22.4	17	98	2.9	226	48.2	14.5
5	40.3	21	256	5.0	200	68.2	11.3	+1	1999	7	13.5	14	72	2.1	185	54.9	19.0
4*	31.8	17	181	3.9	133	50.4	9.9	+11	1998	8	15.0	15	98	2.6	186	47.1	18.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UCF	36	43-152	3.5	29-38	380	0	16	19-76	4.0	24-36	259	3	+1
James Madison	25	53-303	5.7	14-22	184	0	8	36-18	0.5	8-16	125	2	+1
Texas A&M	22	47-273	5.8	9-13	63	0	16	39-102	2.6	14-26	170	3	0
Connecticut	16	28-245	8.8	10-19	123	1	19	44-127	2.9	25-40	316	0	+1
at Rutgers	23	42-186	4.4	18-28	287	3	15	31-129	4.2	16-33	182	2	0
Syracuse	18	45-337	7.5	8-20	102	2	6	35-81	2.3	8-23	91	1	-1
at W Virginia	14	29-65	2.2	14-22	146	4	21	59-264	4.5	7-14	162	0	-3
Miami, Fl	11	41-175	4.3	2-8	44	1	21	38-116	3.1	29-47	261	4	+2
at Pittsburgh	19	40-269	6.7	11-21	186	1	21	39-143	3.7	24-31	303	5	-1
at Temple	19	41-209	5.1	15-25	188	0	22	43-237	5.5	15-30	156	5	-2
Boston College	15	40-203	5.1	13-27	187	1	22	54-229	4.2	15-28	232	3	+2
at,Virginia	19	40-151	3.8	14-26	214	2	24	31-110	3.5	32-46	358	2	-1
† California	27	26-153	5.9	24-36	398	2	27	41-136	3.3	27-35	394	2	0
TOTALS	264	515-2721	5.3	181-305	2502	17	238	509-1768	3.5	244-405	3009	32	-1
AVERAGES	20.3	40-209	5.3	14-23	192	1.3	18.3	39-136	3.5	19-31	231	2.5	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
James Madison	-38	47-0	W
UAB	-24	31-10	L
Clemson	-12	31-11	W
at Virginia	-5'	31-7	W
at Rutgers	-31	58-20	W
Syracuse	-12'	62-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-22'	30-17	L
at W Virginia	-19	22-20	L
Miami, Fl	-8'	43-10	W
at Temple	-29	62-7	W
Boston College	-24	38-14	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-32	52-23	L
at E Carolina	-5'	45-28	W
Rutgers	-32'	49-0	W
at Boston College	-14'	48-34	L
Temple	-30	35-13	L
W Virginia	-22	48-20	W
at Syracuse	-13	22-14	L
Pittsburgh	-16	37-34	L
at Miami, Fl	+9'	21-41	L
at UCF	-12	44-21	W
Virginia	-20	42-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-49	52-10	L
W Michigan	-15	31-0	W
at Rutgers	-28	50-0	W
UCF	-24'	46-14	W
at W Virginia	-15'	35-0	W
Boston College	-20	34-20	L
Syracuse	-17'	14-22	L
at Pittsburgh	-19	7-38	L
at Temple	-24	35-0	W
at Virginia	-15	31-17	L
Miami, Fl	+14	24-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-37	63-7	W
LSU	-7	26-8	W
Marshall	-11	47-21	W
at Texas A&M	-1'	13-3	W
at W Michigan	-22'	30-0	W
at Boston College	-9'	28-23	L
Rutgers	-40'	35-14	L
Temple	-28'	20-10	L
Pittsburgh	-12'	21-28	L
at Syracuse	-10	42-50 3OT	L
W Virginia	-7'	18-21	L
Virginia	-7	21-9	W
at Miami, Fl	+17'	45-56	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-20'	49-28	W
James Madison	NL	43-0	–
Texas A&M	-13'	35-19	W
Connecticut	-21	47-13	W
at Rutgers	-27'	48-22	L
Syracuse	-17'	51-7	W
at W Virginia	-14	7-28	L
Miami, Fl	+3'	31-7	W
at Pittsburgh	-4'	28-31	L
at Temple	-26'	24-23 OT	L
Boston College	-14'	27-34	L
at Virginia	+1	21-35	L

CLEMSON TIGERS

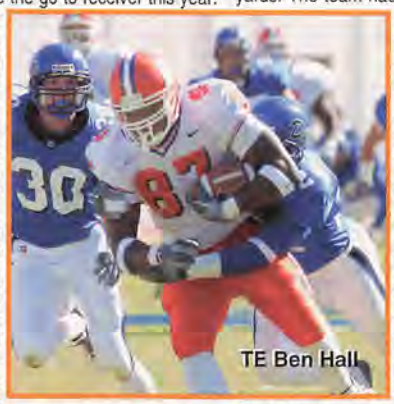
QB Charlie Whitehurst

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 rFr Charlie Whitehurst (PS#53) took over and started the last 5 games. In his first start he set school records for completions (34), yards (420) and tied the school record with 4 TD passes. For the season he threw for 1,554 yards (57.5%) with a 10-6 ratio. Whitehurst had an outstanding season in his first full year as a starter last year. He threw for 3,561 yards (61.9%) with a 21-13 ratio while rushing for 244 gross yards. Whitehurst is just the second ACC soph QB to top 5,000 yards in passing. He suffered an ankle injury vs Maryland and had it heavily taped and was not 100% for a few games. His backup, Chansi Stuckey (6-0 180 So, PS#52) led two late TD drives vs Wake Forest (team trailed 45-0) and then led the team in rushing against S Carolina with 77 yards on 6 carries all in the 4Q (led 57-17). This year Whitehurst is back but Stuckey has moved to WR. The backups are Will Proctor (6-2 200 So, PS#47) who played in five games and got 11 snaps and CJ Gaddis (6-0 205 rFr, PS#26) who may also see time in the secondary. He was the scout team RB during bowl practices but wants to remain at QB. They signed Cullen Harper (PS#42). As long as Whitehurst remains healthy, he looks like one of the ACC's best QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Clemson has had just one RB top 1,000 yards in a season since 1996. With the mobile Woodrow Dantzler running the offense, the team averaged 224 and 192 ypg rushing in 2000 and 2001. In 2002 Clemson rushed for just 120.7 ypg, their second lowest total since 1970 and only increased that to 137 ypg last year. Yusef Kelly (PS#24) had 243 yards (5.0) as a true and after redshirting in 2001, led the team in rushing in 2002 with 520 yards (4.2). Tye Hill was the team's 2nd leading returning rusher but moved to DB. Duane Coleman (PS#77) was a PQ in 2002 but was the Scout Team POY. At the start of last year Bowden wanted to work in some I-formation to improve the rush attack but after they failed to establish the run in the first 2 games he scrapped it and went back to the more pass oriented offense. Yusef Kelly reported in August overweight and then suffered through an injury plagued 2003. On his first carry, he fumbled vs GT on his only attempt in the game. Kelly trimmed down to 229 lbs prior to Virginia and rushed for 88 yards in that game but played very little after that due to injuries. The team averaged just 98 yards rushing in the 1st five. Coleman rushed for 111 yards vs NC and finished with 615 (4.6). Chad Jasmin also topped 500 yards during the season including an impressive 130 vs Tenn in the bowl. Kyle Browning (5-7 172 Jr, PS#151) had 152 yards (5.2) in two starts and will also see time at CB. This year they must replace Jasmin but have everyone else back. Also in the mix at the RB spot are Reggie Merriweather (5-8 212 So, PS#73) who had 56 yards and Brandon Nolen (5-11 192 rFr, PS#120). At FB they return starter Clifford Harrell (6-1 260 Jr, PS#202, 6 sts) and E Tenn St transfer Steven Jackson (6-2 245 Jr, 1 st) who will also see time at LB. This group actually has more experience and can really only improve upon last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Bowden signed a tremendous crop of true frosh in 2001 with 4 VHT's in this unit. One of those signees was Derrick Hamilton (PS#29), who led the ACC in all-purpose yards in each of the last two years, led the team in receiving yards with 1,026 (16.5) and added 598 yards in returns last season. Kevin Youngblood led the team in rec's with 70 (12.8) and he and Hamilton (#3DC SF) both depart as does WR Tony Elliott (4 sts, 23). Two of those VHT signees are back. TE Ben Hall (PS#8) quit the team last spring but then returned, however he only got in one start and 3 rec's. Airese Currie (PS#10) won the 100m in the NCAA East Regional in 2002 showing his track speed. Currie missed most of 4 games last year due to injuries yet still finished with 43 rec's (13.0) and should be the go-to receiver this year. Currie set a school record with 12 rec's vs MTSt. Roscoe Crosby (PS#1) left for baseball, returned and then quit again last fall. Not listed below is TE's Zach Green (6-6 253 rFr, PS#122) and Kevin Burnette (6-3 240 Sr). It will be tough to replace Hamilton and Youngblood and this unit is a little less experienced than last season.


TE Ben Hall

OFFENSIVE LINE - Clemson had a very inexperienced O-line in 2002 and averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 21 starts and three backups. The numbers improved to 3.8 ypc rushing and the sack total decreased to 25. This year they must replace RT Greg Walker (13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 2 yr st'r) and LT William Henry (PS#42, 11 sts, 2 yr st'r). Eight of the top ten return including six players with starting experience and the unit continues to add size as Bowden bulks up the O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002, despite the presence of a veteran D-line, the Tigers allowed 3.9 ypc rushing which was the worst here in over a decade. Last year they had to replace two 4th round DC's who both earned All-ACC honors but did have six of the top 8 back. They did lose starting DE JJ Howard to a knee injury and DT Todd McClinton (PS#9TE) missed most of the season. They still improved some in the overall defensive numbers allowing 3.5 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 35 sacks. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Khaleed Vaughn (12 sts, 50 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Donnell Washington (320 lbs, 13 sts, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC, #3DC GB), DT DeJuan Polk (13 sts, 36 tkls, 8 tfl), Howard (6 sts, 4 sks) and McClinton (1 tkl). Only one player returns with starting experience and this group is a lot greener than the 2003 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers had to replace one starter due to graduation last year. After Bowden reinstated Eric Sampson (PS#47), Brandon Johnson (48 tkls in '02) and Kolvin Morris (44 tkls) were dismissed. Their star, John Leake had 169 tackles in 2002 and followed it up with 131 tackles and 12 tfl in 2003. This year they must replace Leake (13 sts, HM ACC) but five of the top six return. Leroy Hill (PS#111), in his first year as a starter, led the ACC in tfl (27) and was 1st Tm ACC. The vacant LB spot will be filled by Anthony Waters (PS#56) who had the team's best tackles-to-snaps ratio with 35 stops in limited action. This has the makings of a solid LB corps and even with the loss of an outstanding starter, has more experience than last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 Clemson finished #43 in my pass D rankings after being shredded by Kliff Kingsbury in the bowl game. Last year they had to replace three starters and one backup who had five starts so the unit was very inexperienced. One of their starting CB's turned out to be Tye Hill, who was the #2 rusher in 2002. Overall the unit finished #39 allowing 56.2% with a 15-14 ratio. This year basically everyone returns with the exception of CB Touré Francis (3 sts, 32 tkls, 6 pbu). They add in RB Kyle Browning (PS#151RB) and VHT rFr Maurice Nelson (PS#19). This group is much more experienced and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams have been up and down in Bowden's years here finishing at #70, #16, #40, #105 and then back to #32 last year. In '02 K Aaron Hunt hit 17 of 22 FG's and was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. Last year he hit just 3 of his first 8 FG's but then hit 11 in a row and finished the year hitting 18 of 26 with a long of 44. Hunt leaves as Clemson's all-time leading scorer and last year Bowden even talked about using either Jad Dean or Stephen Furr for FG's longer than 45 yards. The team had an outstanding KR team led by Derrick Hamilton (34.5) who was also their PR and leaves as the career and single season record holder for KR yards. The team gave up 5 special team TD's, a school record in '02 but cut that to 0 last year. P Cole Chason is back and had a net of 36.5. Justin Miller actually led the team in the number of KR's last year (24.5) and should do well in Hamilton's place. Despite the loss of Hunt and Hamilton this unit still looks solid.

COACHES - Tommy Bowden went through a tumultuous year in his 5th season at Clemson. After the team was destroyed by Wake Forest 45-17 and fell to 5-4 it looked like he would be fired at year's end. Amazingly the Tigers rallied to upset Fla St, thrashed both Duke and S Car and then stunned Tennessee in the Peach Bowl. Bowden not only won ACC Coach of the Year but was awarded a 3-year contract extension through 2010. His OC for the last 3 years had been former SC coach Brad Scott but he was demoted to OL coach. The new OC is Mike O'Cain who was the head man at NC State. DC John Lovett enters his third year at that position after coming over from Auburn.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 it appeared Tommy Bowden had CU on the verge of greatness as they opened the season 8-0 while outscoring foes by an average of 30.2 ppg. Unfortunately the team went just 22-16 in their next 38 games including their blowout loss to WF bringing pressure on him. CU had a tremendous finish to the season and are filled with confidence for this year. The 2002 version had just 11 returning starters and they only had 12 back in 2003 but still managed a 9-4 record. This season they have 14 starters back including QB Charlie Whitehurst and a top-notch receiving corp. After allowing an un-Clemson-like 28.3 ppg in 2001 the D steadily has made strides allowing 26.8 and 19.2 ppg the last two years. They allowed just 12 ppg and 321 ypg over the last four games of 2003. With 7 starters back they should have an improved defense once again but the big question mark is the DL which loses four key players. The schedule is not easy and in ACC play they have to face the 3 most talented teams (FSU, Miami, UVA) all on the road. The Tigers could be favored in all their home games and should get to their 6th consecutive bowl game.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHARLIE WHITEHURST JR. 6-4 220 PS#53. L/5 sts in '02. 1554 yds (57.5%) 10-6 ratio. 13 sts LY. 3561 pass (61.9%), 21-13 ratio, 244 rush, HM ACC. Will Proctor (6-2 200 So) PS#47.
RB DUANE COLEMAN JR. 5-10 190 PS#77. 7 sts LY, #1 w/615 yds (4.6), 34 rec (9.1).
Yusef Kelly (6-0 234 Sr) **PS#24**. 243 yds as true. #1 w/520 yds (4.2) in '02. 125 yds in '03 (inj).
WR Curtis Baham Jr. 6-1 190 PS#135. SS in '02. 1 st, 22 rec (11.0) in '03.
Michael Collins (6-4 218 Jr) PS#49. Tenn transfer. Chris Jefferson (6-2 175 rFr) PS#134.
WR AIRESE CURRIE SR. 5-11 185 **PS#10**. 3 sts, 18 rec (17.8) as true. 13 sts, 59 rec L/2Y. All ACC track team. Chansi Stuckey (6-0 180 So) PS#52QB.243 yds LY.
WR Kelvin Grant So. 6-2 215 **PS#19**. 12 rec (6.6) as rFr. Gerald McCloud (6-2 195 So) PS#93. 4 tkls at SS in '03. La'Donte Harris is PS#173. Gene Pate (6-1 200 Sr).
TE BEN HALL SR. 6-5 250 **PS#8.** 7 sts in '02, 12 rec (13.4). 1 st in '03, 3 rec (17.0). Bobby Williamson (6-3 250 Jr) PS#59. 1 st, 5 rec as rFr. 11 sts in '03, 12 rec (8.8).
C TOMMY SHARPE SR. 6-0 270 Last 5 sts in '02, 33 KD's last 3 games. 12 sts in '03, 56 KD's. Dustin Fry (6-2 319 So) PS#50, 1 start, 163 snaps. Bench 225 29 times.
RG NATHAN BENNETT SO. 6-5 312 PS#302. 7 starts, 575 snaps, 45 KD's. **Chip Myrick** (6-4 290 Jr) PS#173. 6 starts in 2003, 17 KD's. Clint LaTray (6-3 280 rFr) PS#123.
LG CEDRIC JOHNSON SR. 6-4 325 **530 bench**. 12 sts, 887 snaps, 60 KD's in '02. Brandon Pilgrim (6-5 298 So) PS#141. 142 snaps as true. Christian Capote (6-5 320 rFr) PS#242.
RT Marion Dukes So. 6-4 315 **PS#92**. 97 snaps, 4 KD's, 10 games as true. Brad Lee (6-4 275 So) PS#484. 1 gm as rFr. Cory Lambert is **PS#20**. Tony Willis PS#148.
LT Roman Fry So. 6-4 285 **PS#98DL**. 2 sts as rFr, 279 snaps, 13 gms. Tim DeBeer (6-6 295 So) PS#299. 4 gms as rFr. Jesse Pickens (6-5 270 Sr). Taylor Tremel PS#190.
K Jad Dean So. 5-11 200 PS#25. 59 of 66 not KO returned in HS. 23 TB's on 68 KO here as true. Stephen Furr (6-1 185 Jr). Cole Chason (6-0 161 So) PS#22, L/52 FG HS.

DE Vontrell Jamison Sr. 6-7 280 52 tkls at JC. 27 tkls here LY, 2 sks. Gaines Adams (6-5 250 So) PS#113TE. Fork Union. 15 tkls, 145 plays, 4 tfl LY. Kwam Williams (6-3 220 rFr).
DT Eric Coleman Sr. 6-5 305 PS#120TE. 31 tkls in '02. 34 tkls LY, 7 tfl, 420 bench. Chris McDuffie (6-4 310 rFr). Donnell Clark (6-2 266 So) PS#167. 225 bench 24x's.
DT Cory Groover Jr. 6-3 282 PS#37LB in '02. 9 sks, 60 tkls at JC. Trey Tate (6-4 270 Jr) PS#199. 3 tkls in '02, 25 tkls, 2 tfl in '03. Dorell Scott (6-3 300 Fr) is PS#76.
DE MAURICE "MO" FOUNTAIN SR. 6-4 250 PS#135. 6 tfl as true. 25 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 8 sts LY, 39 tkls, 6 tfl, 17 qbh. Charles Bennett (6-4 242 Jr) PS#55. 10 tkls. Brandon Cannon (6-3 255 So) PS#150.
LB Anthony Waters So. 6-3 235 **PS#56**. 35 tkls as rFr, best tackle to snap ratio on team. Steven Jackson (6-2 245 Jr) also FB. Nicholas Watkins (6-2 205 rFr) PS#319.
MLB LEROY HILL SR. 6-1 220 PS#111. 31 tkls as true. 29 tkls, 1 tfl. 13 sts LY, 145 tkls, **1st Tm ACC**. 27 tfl (#1 ACC). David Dunham (6-2 225 Jr) PS#83. Roosevelt Nelson (6-2 218 Jr) PS#123.
OLB ERIC SAMPSON SR. 6-2 205 **PS#47**. 12 sts in '02, 79 tkls. 8 sts LY, 50 tkls. Tramaine Billie (6-1 195 So) PS#50. 19 tkls as true. Lionel Richardson (6-0 205 Sr) 4 sts, 24 tkls.
CB TYE HILL JR. 5-10 180 PS#134RB. 225 rush yds (5.4) in '02. 11 sts @CB LY, 37 tkls, 7 pbu. 6th in ACC 60m! Robert Reese (5-11 185 rFr) PS#180. Adrian Kindred is PS#104.
CB JUSTIN MILLER JR. 5-11 200 PS#53. 8 sts as true, led ACC w/8 int, **2nd Tm ACC**, 61 tkls. 13 sts LY, 54 tkls, 13 pbu. Sergio Gilliam (6-3 173 So) PS#184. Kyle Browning PS#151RB.
SS JAMAAL FUDGE JR. 5-10 190 PS#117. 27 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. 13 sts LY, 116 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu, 5 tfl. **HM ACC. Maurice Nelson** (6-2 210 rFr) **PS#19**. Tavaghn Monts (6-2 191 Sr) PS#125.
FS TRAVIS PUGH SR. 6-1 195 PS#78. 7 tkls as true. 34 tkls, 2 pbu in '02. 13 sts LY, 102 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 1 tfl. Roy Walker (6-3 195 rFr) PS#394, 4.5 spd. Michael Hamlin is PS#63.
P COLE CHASON SO. 6-0 161 PS#22K. 45.6 avg, 39 TB on 76 KO's in high school. 13 starts here as rFr, 38.6 average and net of 36.5, 19 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Cory Lambert 6-7 300	PS#20
QB	Cullen Harper 6-3 200	PS#42
DB	Michael Hamlin 6-3 190	PS#63
DL	Dorell Scott 6-3 300	PS#76
RB	Chris Clemons 6-1 180	PS#92
OL	Bobby Hutchinson 6-4 290	PS#102
OL	Rashaad Jackson 6-3 290	PS#117
DB	Adrian Kindred 6-2 200	PS#104
LB	Courtney Vincent 6-1 220	PS#108
TE	Phillip Merling 6-5 250	PS#35
DT	Cory Groover 6-3 282	PS#118JC
OL	Tony Willis 6-6 325	PS#148
OL	Akeem Robinson 6-5 259	PS#172
OL	Taylor Tremel 6-5 280	PS#190
LB	Alex Pearson 6-2 240	PS#154
WR	La'Donte Harris 5-11 185	PS#173
DL	Jacquez McKissic 6-7 263	PS#230

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Wake Forest	G						CU is 23-4 SU in this series, but suffered a rare loss LY 45-17 & are just 5-9-2 ATS L/16. Clemson is 19-4-1 SU in their home opener S/'80, but just 3-8 ATS in lined gms.
Sep. 11	Georgia Tech	G						The underdog is 14-1 ATS in this series. Entering 2004, the Tigers are 5-9-1 ATS at home vs ACC foes.
Sep. 18	at Texas A&M	G						Tigers are just 5-5 SU, but 3-7 ATS on the road in Sept vs non-conf foes. CU is 1-3-1 ATS prior to Florida St under Bowden.
Sep. 25	at Florida St	G						The home team is 7-1-1 ATS in this series. CU has not won in Tallahassee S/'89 & are 2-4-1 ATS on this road trip.
Oct. 2								
Oct. 7	at Virginia (Thurs)	G						The underdog is 12-2 ATS the last 14 in this series. The visitor has won 9 of the last 13 in this matchup.
Oct. 16	Utah St (HC)	G						CU is 15-0 SU, but 3-11-1 ATS when favored by 19+ pts since 1991. The Tigers are 24-7 SU, but just 5-13-1 ATS at home vs non-conf teams.
Oct. 23	Maryland	G						Clem is 13-4 SU but the Terps have won the last 3 (also L/4 ATS). CU is 4-2 ATS after a non-conference SU win.
Oct. 30	NC State	G						This will be the 24th annual Textile Bowl & CU is 16-7 SU, but 9-14 ATS. The Tigers are 15-11 SU, but just 5-9 ATS at Death Valley vs NC State.
Nov. 6	at Miami, Fl	G						Clemson is 19-5 SU & 16-7-1 ATS prior to Duke. Over the last 4 years after 3+ home games the Tigers are 3-1 ATS.
Nov. 13	at Duke	G						The Tigers are just 2-9-1 ATS since 1990 as a double digit away favorite. Clemson is 8-3 ATS in road finales since 1993.
Nov. 20	South Carolina	G						The visiting team is 18-5 ATS w/ 5 of the L/8 being decided by 9 pts or less. The Tigers are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS in their home finales.
Nov. 27								

TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 56-28)
6th Year at Clemson

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

38-24	Straight Up	9-9-1	Home Favorite
26-26-2	Vs The Spread	5-5	Home Underdog
11-7-2	Off A SU Loss	4-6-1	Away Favorite
19-19-2	Vs Conference	8-6	Away Underdog
	7-7 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 57 (26,24,7)
Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 76,079

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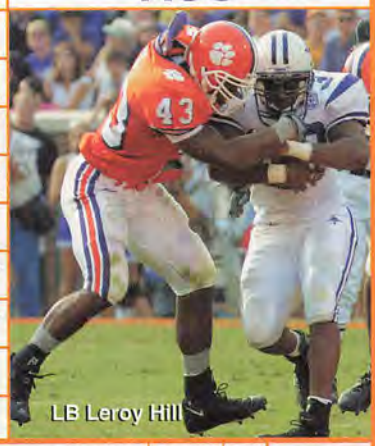
LB Leroy Hill

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	6-5	9-2	6-5	7-5	8-4	46-33
ATS	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	7-4	34-37-2
Home Fav	0-3	2-2	2-0	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	11-14-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	7-7
Away Fav	2-1-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	6-7-2
Away Dog	1-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	3-2	10-9
Favorite	2-4-1	2-2	3-2	3-6	2-3-1	3-3-1	2-1	17-21-3
Dog	2-1	2-4	4-2	0-1	2-2	2-3	5-3	17-16
Grass	4-5-1	4-6	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	7-4	34-37-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	7-1	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	5-3	25-28-3
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	9-9
Off SU Win	3-3	0-2	3-2	3-5	1-3	2-4	5-2	17-21
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	4-4	4-1	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	2-1	16-13-3

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Duane Coleman	133	674	59	615	2	4.6
Chad Jasmin	112	538	15	523	9	4.7
Kyle Browning	29	155	3	152	1	5.2
Charlie Whitehurst	92	244	195	49	4	0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Charlie Whitehurst	465	288	61.9	3561	21	13
Chansi Stuckey	21	11	52.4	97	2	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Derrick Hamilton		62	1026	16.5	10	70
Kevin Youngblood		70	897	12.8	2	51
Airese Currie		43	560	13.0	4	72
Duane Coleman		34	309	9.1	3	34
Tony Elliott		23	286	12.4	1	50
Curtis Baham		22	241	11.0	1	23
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**LONG**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Cole Chason	58	2238	38.6	50	36.5	1	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Aaron Hunt	38-42	11-14	4-5	3-6	0-1	18-26	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Leroy Hill	145	8	19	2	3
John Leake	131	3	9	1	1
Jamaal Fudge	116	0	5	7	4
Travis Pugh	102	0	1	8	2
Donnell Washington	56	4	6	1	0
Justin Miller	54	1	1	13	2
Eric Sampson	50	1	0	2	0
Khaleed Vaughn	50	2	3	3	0
Maurice Fountain	39	2	4	2	0
Tye Hill	37	1	0	7	2
DeJuan Polk	36	1	7	1	0
Anthony Waters	35	0	0	0	0
Eric Coleman	34	1	6	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Derrick Hamilton	29	218	7.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Justin Miller	17	417	24.5	0
Derrick Hamilton	11	380	34.5	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Peach	-3	Mississippi St	7-17	L
00	Gator	+6	Virginia Tech	20-41	L
01	Humanitarian	-6'	Louisiana Tech	49-24	W
02	Tangerine	+5	Texas Tech	15-55	L
03	Peach	+4'	Tennessee	27-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.1	23	137	3.8	284	61.2	15.0	+4	2003	4	19.2	19	132	3.5	204	56.2	17.5
3	25.4	20	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	+2	2002	8	26.8	19	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2
6*	30.8	24	192	4.4	240	57.2	14.0	-5	2001	4	28.3	22	154	3.8	241	54.2	14.0
8*	34.7	23	224	4.5	213	52.9	12.6	+6	2000	8	21.1	17	111	3.0	236	49.9	16.4
6*	26.8	22	151	3.6	252	59.6	15.0	+4	1999	5	21.1	19	132	3.3	200	51.3	15.7
5	19.8	15	120	3.2	185	52.8	15.4	-11	1998	5	24.7	17	105	2.8	216	48.9	12.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Georgia	14	24-35	1.5	20-37	164	1	18	49-197	4.0	13-21	214	4	-3
Furman	21	40-124	3.1	23-31	301	2	14	48-94	2.0	10-15	80	3	0
Middle Tenn	31	44-183	4.2	23-28	298	1	21	38-194	5.1	15-26	170	3	+1
at Georgia Tech	21	30-138	4.6	23-39	298	4	16	33-45	1.4	19-42	248	5	+1
at Maryland	17	29-10	0.3	22-45	320	4	19	44-134	3.0	14-27	204	2	-1
Virginia	28	46-194	4.2	28-45	294	3	17	22-53	2.4	33-48	271	1	+1
at NC State	21	29-127	4.4	23-37	196	3	21	36-68	1.9	20-34	213	1	+0
N Carolina	24	37-219	5.9	18-35	309	0	22	40-287	7.2	19-31	208	2	+4
at Wake Forest	29	24-62	2.6	35-57	343	2	22	60-321	5.4	6-8	85	0	-2
Florida St	25	49-153	3.0	17-27	272	3	18	17-11	0.6	27-52	358	3	+2
Duke	24	37-142	3.8	28-43	344	1	11	39-117	3.0	7-15	57	3	0
at S Carolina	23	41-240	5.9	18-26	302	0	20	39-153	3.9	16-34	166	2	+1
† Tennessee	25	34-153	4.5	22-40	246	1	28	26-38	1.5	31-56	384	6	0
TOTALS	303	464-1780	3.8	300-490	3687	25	247	491-1712	3.5	230-409	2658	35	+4
AVERAGES	23.3	36-137	3.8	23-38	284	1.9	19.0	38-132	3.5	18-31	204	2.7	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	+2'	10-13	L
Virginia	+5	33-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+12	11-31	L
N Carolina	-5'	31-20	W
at NC State	-1'	31-35	L
at Maryland	+1	42-30	W
Florida St	+16	14-17	W
at Wake Forest	-4'	12-3	W
Duke	-12	58-7	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	42-45	W
at S Carolina	-14	31-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
The Citadel	NL	38-0	–
Missouri	-17'	62-9	W
Wake Forest	-33	55-7	W
at Virginia	-9	31-10	W
at Duke	-37	52-22	L
NC State	-21'	34-27	L
Maryland	-31'	35-14	L
at N Carolina	-19	38-24	L
Georgia Tech	-12	28-31	L
at Florida St	+19	7-54	L
S Carolina	-7'	16-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-16	21-13	L
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Virginia	-11'	24-26	L
at Georgia Tech	+12'	47-44 OT	W
at NC State	-3	45-37	W
N Carolina	-6'	3-38	L
at Wake Forest	-7	21-14	T
Florida St	+8	27-41	L
at Maryland	+7'	20-37	L
at S Carolina	+5'	15-20	W
Duke	-27	59-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+8'	28-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-10'	33-13	W
Georgia Tech	+1	24-19	W
Ball St	-27'	30-7	L
at Florida St	+14	31-48	L
at Virginia	-5'	17-22	L
Wake Forest	-8	31-23	T
NC State	+2	6-38	L
at Duke	-10	34-31	L
at N Carolina	-10	42-12	W
Maryland	+6'	12-30	L
S Carolina	-4	27-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia	+3	0-30	L
Furman	NL	28-17	–
Middle Tenn	-14	37-14	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	39-3	W
at Maryland	+7'	7-21	L
Virginia	+4'	30-27 OT	W
at NC State	+4'	15-17	W
N Carolina	-13'	36-28	L
at Wake Forest	+1/2	17-45	L
Florida St	+17'	26-10	W
Duke	-14	40-7	W
at S Carolina	+1	63-17	W

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Scott McBrien, a first year starter in 2002, threw for just 127 ypg (50%) with a poor 1-4 ratio in his first three games and was almost replaced. Two years later he leaves as an outstanding starting QB here throwing for 2,672 yards (55.1%) with a 19-6 ratio while also rushing for 375 gross yards in his senior season. Last year McBrien started out the year slowly due to a pulled groin muscle and in the first three games was last in the ACC in pass efficiency. He accounted for six TD's vs NC, however, and threw for a career best 349 yards which was the most since 1994 for a Terps QB. The backup QB heading into the year was Orlando Evans but when he got into some off-field problems and McBrien went down vs GTech it was Joel Statham (PS#143) who got the call. Statham struggled and in six games threw for 156 yards (48%) with an 0-1 ratio. The Friedgen offense is very complex and tough for a young QB to handle so it will be interesting to see which one of this year's inexperienced but talented QB's win the job. Sam Hollenbach (6-5 223 So) was PS#67 and is big, strong and athletic. Ryan Mitch (6-1 207 rFr) was PS#37 and ran the scout team. Dan Gronkowski (6-5 235 Fr) was PS#88 but did not enroll until bowl practices. True frosh, Jordan Steffy, also has a shot at the job. No matter who wins the position, they will go through a learning process and I expect the numbers to drop some in 2004.

TB Josh Allen

RUNNING BACKS - The diminutive Bruce Perry rushed for 1,264 yards (5.5) in 2001 and was the ACC Off POY. Perry suffered through an injury plagued 2002 and Chris Downs led the team with 1,154 yards (5.5) and was 1st Tm ACC. Josh Allen (PS#68) finished with 405 yards and a super 6.8 ypc and both he and Perry returned last season. Perry suffered through another injury plagued year in 2003 and finished with 713 yards (4.9) thanks in part to a 237 yard effort vs Wake Forest. Allen started 8 games and had the 3rd best rushing game in Maryland history with 257 yards vs Virginia. Allen, who has breakaway speed, admitted in 2002 that he was not a good blocker but has worked to improve and has gotten stronger as well. Sam Maldonado (PS#3) originally signed at Ohio St. He was in the dog house and suspended for two games here last season. He later tore a knee ligament and missed six games total. When healthy and on the field he was impressive with 305 yards (6.0). Mario Merrills (PS#43) has 243 yards rushing the last two years. J.P. Humber (6-0 217 So) was PS#122 and had 68 yards (4.9). Lance Ball (5-9 229 rFr) is another VHT (PS#20) with 4.4 speed and at 229 lbs could make a big contribution. Despite the loss of Perry (#7DC PHI) and FB Bernard Fiddler (9 sts) this unit has the potential to be the ACC's best.

RECEIVERS - The Terps had to replace their leading receiver last year but had four of the top 5 WR's back as well as outstanding TE Jeff Dugan who was the ACC's best blocking TE. Dugan, who had 25 rec's as a frosh, had just 7, 9 and 14 the next three years. The receiving corps was banged up during 2003. They had to take the redshirt off of true frosh Drew Weatherly (PS#36) vs WVirg. Steve Suter who has 4.3 speed and outstanding strength, was not 100% and almost had knee surgery at midseason but opted to finish the season. Suter had 9 starts, 29 rec's (16.2) and is a dangerous returnman. Former QB Latrez Harrison led the team with 39 rec's (14.3). Derrick Fenner proved to be the team's deep threat averaging an ACC best 27.8 on 12 rec's before having his appendix removed and missing three games. This year they must replace 2 starters in Harrison and Dugan (#7DC MIN) as well as Jafar Williams (3 sts, 14 rec). There are some VHT's in this group and Suter's 100% healthy return could mean more production out of the WR position but with the loss of an outstanding TE like Dugan, I will call this unit close to last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Former Coach Vanderlinden did a fine job of recruiting OL's and Friedgen inherited a top-notch group in 2001. The line paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks. Four starters returned and 9 of the top 10 were back in 2002 and the team averaged 4.7 ypc while allowing just 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters who were both 1st Tm ACC but had 8 of the top 10 back. Again the O-line was solid as the team averaged 4.5 ypc while allowing just 20 sacks. Once again this year just two starters depart in RG Lamar Bryant (10 sts, 4 yr st'r) and RT Eric Dumas (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as backups RG's Akil Patterson (1 st) and Ed Tyler (1 st). Four players return with starting experience and they have a solid class of rFr ready to take some of the jobs. The top 2 OL's return this time in C Kyle Schmitt and LG CJ Brooks and the unit looks even stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - While Maryland uses the terminology of the 3-4 defense the LEO LB is basically a rush DE (generally 240-245 lbs) so I list that position in the DL writeup. Last year the Terps returned 3 starters to the front wall and despite the presence of super DT Randy Starks, surprisingly allowed 3.5 ypc rushing, the highest ypc in the Friedgen era although the defense recorded 35 sacks. In the 3rd game starting DE Scott Smith went down to injury and Kevin Eli not only filled in but earned 2nd Tm ACC honors. LEO Shawne Merriman has NFL potential and got in just 5 starts due to injury but still had 55 tackles and 8.5 sacks. This year they must replace Starks (13 sts, 74 tkls, 7.5 sks, 1st Tm ACC, #3DC TEN), NT CJ Feldheim (13 sts, 43 tkls, 2.5 sks), LEO Jamahl Cochran (8 sts, 38 tkls, 1.5 sks), Smith (3 sts, 12 tkls), LEO Jamal Chance (1 st, 14 tkls, 2.5 tfl) and DT Tosin Abari (13 tkls). I think Eli, Merriman and DT Conrad Bolston could all earn All ACC honors this year and Friedgen has brought in three VHT true frosh who could play immediately. The talent level is solid but with the loss of Starks, the unit may slip a notch in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The big question in 2003 was who would replace their star LB EJ Henderson who simply won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards, was named the ACC Def POY and 1st Tm AA. They signed super true frosh Wesley Jefferson (PS#1) but he ended up redshirting and won Scout Team Def POY honors. Two starters returned to the LB corps and MLB D'Qwell Jackson (PS#67) was the star, leading the team with 132 tackles (2nd Tm ACC) in his first year as a starter. This year they must replace OLB's Leon Joe (13 sts, 112 tkls, 6 tfl, #4DC CHI), Leroy Ambush (13 sts, 51 tkls, 4 tfl), Reggie Holmes (PS#49, 10 tkls) and Andrew Henley (24 tkls, 2 sks). Jackson and Jefferson figure to make a fine combo and Friedgen has signed 2 VHT true frosh who could contend. Despite the loss of 2 starters, this group could even be stronger should Jefferson live up to his advanced billing.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Terps secondary finished #31 and #57 in my pass D rankings in Friedgen's first two years. Last year looked to be his best secondary with all four starters returning including two who earned 1st & 2nd Tm ACC honors. The Terps moved up in the rankings to #21 allowing just 50.3% with a 10-12 ratio. This is the biggest question mark for the team in 2004 as they lose 3 starters and a top backup. Gone are FS Madieu Williams (13 sts, 86 tkls, 2nd Tm ACC, #2DC CIN), CB Curome Cox (12 sts, 40 tkls, 11 pbu, HM ACC), SS Dennard Wilson (13 sts, 12 pbu, HM ACC) and backup SS Andrew Smith (24 tkls, 2 sks). Outstanding CB Domonique Foxworth (2nd Tm ACC) does return and he led the ACC in passes defended in 2002 with 22.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 the Terps finished a surprising #89 in my special teams rankings but in 2002, including kickers, they moved up to #6. This was due to the presence of two outstanding players in K Nick Novak who was a semifinalist for the Groza Award and returnman Steve Suter, who set an NCAA record in total PR's and KR's. They did have to replace their outstanding P Brooks Barnard last year but everyone else returned. Adam Podlesh (PS#13) stepped into the P role and had an outstanding year averaging 42.3 (37.3) and was a Ray Guy finalist. He is back for his soph season. Novak is Maryland's all-time point leader and should become the ACC's all-time leading scorer this year. He connected on 24 of 32 FG's with a long of 54 and two of his misses were from 50+ but inexplicably missed 4 xp's. Suter was never 100% last year and opponents also kicked out of bounds to avoid him. After having 771 PR yards in 2002 which were just 20 shy of an NCAA record (56 returns) he had just 37 returns last year (9.0) but did earn 1st Tm ACC honors. Including K's, UM ranked #13 in my special teams rankings last year will contend for the top spot in 2004.

COACHES - The Fridge has done an amazing job here taking over a team that had 5 straight losing seasons and has gone 31-8, the best start ever for a HC in ACC history. He was a consensus National Coach of the Year in his first season leading the team to the ACC Title. His OC is Charlie Taaffe who is in his fourth year here and has been head man with the Montreal Alouettes of the CFL, as well as The Citadel. The DC is Gary Blackney who was the head coach at Bowling Green from 1991 to 2000 and is also in his fourth year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Ralph Friedgen's first year (2001) I gave them an excellent shot at having their first winning season in six years and getting to a bowl. The Terps did not disappoint and won the ACC Title outright (the first non-Florida St team to accomplish that since FSU joined the league) despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first ten win season since 1976. In 2002 I called for them to match the previous year's 10 win total but they were ripped by Notre Dame, lost to Florida St and opened the year with a 1-2 record. They won 10 of their last 11 games including a 30-3 trouncing of Tennessee in the Peach Bowl for another spectacular season. I called for them to have a 3rd straight 10+ win season and they did just that. The Terps had 15 starters back last year and were ranked #13 in the coaches poll heading into the season but got stunned by N Illinois in the opener and lost to Florida St to stand 0-2. Once again the Fridge turned it around as they went 10-1 in their last 11 games including a 41-7 trouncing of W Virginia in the bowl game. They are one of only 5 teams in the NCAA to have 10 wins or more the last 3 seasons. Maryland is 19-5 in league play the last three seasons. This season Maryland will fall from that 10 win total as they return just 9 starters, which is the fewest in the Friedgen era (16, 13, 15 first 3 years) and have to break in a new QB. The defense has potential despite just 4 starters back but the schedule is tough. Maryland does avoid Miami in league play but still hosts Florida St and has to travel to Clemson, Virginia and Virg Tech. The Fridge will coax a 4th straight bowl trip out of this rebuilding team but they won't reach a double digit victory total for the first time in his tenure.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Joel Statham So. 6-1 207 PS#143. 156 yds (48%) 0-1 ratio, 6 games as rFr. Sam Hollenbach (6-5 223 So) PS#67. Ryan Mitch (6-1 207 rFr) **PS#37**. Dan Gronkowski PS#88 LY.

RB JOSH ALLEN JR. 5-11 207 PS#69. 405 yds (6.8) as true. 8 sts, 922 yds (5.0), 220 rec yds, track spd. Sam Maldonado (6-1 233 Sr) **PS#13**. 305 yds. Lance Ball (5-9 229 rFr) **PS#20**.

WR Rich Parson Sr. 5-10 187 981 all-purp yds in '01 & '02. 1 st, 17 rec (18.2), 97 rush, 100 ret LY. Curtis Williams (6-2 199 Sr). **FB** Maurice Smith (5-11 229 Sr) PS#118.

WR STEVE SUTER SR. 5-10 192 1st Tm ACC ST's 2Y. 1317 ret yds in '02. 9 sts, 29 rec (16.2), 685 ret yds LY. Dan Melendez (6-2 175 Jr) PS#55, 15 rec, 2Y. Paschal Abiamiri (6-2 193 So) PS#97.

WR Derrick Fenner Jr. 6-0 185 1 st, 12 rec (**27.8**) LY. Drew Weatherly (6-4 200 So) **PS#36**. JoJo Walker (5-9 165 Jr) PS#110DB, 23 rec (14.1). Keon Lattimore **PS#41**.

TE Derek Miller Jr. 6-8 258 PS#67. 1 st, 4 rec, 2Y. **Vernon Davis** (6-3 231 So) **PS#8**, 1 st, 5 rec as true. Rob Abiamiri (6-2 241 Sr) PS#130WR, 1 st. Brad Schell (6-5 247 So) **PS#37**.

C KYLE SCHMITT SR. 6-5 297 **PS#50**. 3 starts, 23 games in '01 & '02. 13 sts, HM ACC, 660 squat, 770 snaps, top graded OL. Robert Jenkins (6-2 279 Jr) PS#189JC.

RG Andrew Crummey rFr. 6-4 273 PS#115. **Donnie Woods** (6-3 286 rFr) **PS#26**. ACL in '02. David Quaintance (6-5 275 So) PS#72DL. Ryan McDonald (6-2 281 Jr) 6 gms at C.

LG CJ BROOKS SR. 6-6 318 12 sts in '01, 14 sts in '02. **1st Tm ACC** LY, 740 snaps, 695 squat, 1 sk allowed. Garrick Clig (6-3 296 rFr) PS#193. Matt Powell (6-4 331 Jr) PS#132.

RT Brandon Nixon rFr. 6-5 337 PS#81. Lou Lombardo (6-6 287 Sr) PS#114. 405 bench, 675 squat. 11 games in '02. 141 plays LY. Russell Bonham (6-4 295 Jr) PS#62. 15 games, 2Y.

LT STEPHON HEYER JR. 6-6 295 PS#251. 1 st as true, 178 plays. 13 sts LY, 737 snaps, 375 bench. Ryan Flynn (6-3 273 Sr) PS#77TE. 1 st LY. Brock Choate (6-4 273 rFr) **PS#99**.

K NICK NOVAK SR. 6-0 183 1st Tm ACC in '02 & '03. Hit 24 of 28 FG's in '02, long of 51. Hit 24 of 32 FG's in '03, long of 54. 10 of 16 from 40+ in 2003.

DE KEVIN ELI SR. 6-2 272 PS#117. **2nd Tm ACC**, 10 sts, 55 tkls, 5.5 sks, 6 tfl LY. Omarr Savage (6-5 248 rFr) PS#98. Dane Randolph is PS#34. Patrick Powell (6-3 248 rFr).

DT Robert Armstrong So. 6-3 303 PS#140. Fork Union. 12 tkls as true. Dennis Marsh **PS#70OL** in for spg. Justin Duffie (6-1 287 Jr) 1 st, 2 tkls in 2002. Davian Bryan (5-11 276 Jr).

DT Conrad Bolston So. 6-2 279 **PS#35**. 7 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Mack Frost is **PS#36**. Henry Scott (6-3 279 Sr) 14 tkls, 3 tfl last year. Dre Moore (6-4 285 rFr) PS#304.

DE SHAWNE MERRIMAN JR. 6-4 253 PS#46. 1 st, 49 tkls, 5 sks as true. 5 sts LY (inj). 55 tkls, 8.5 sks. Jon Condo (6-3 241 Sr) PS#181RB. Jermaine Lemons (6-1 246 rFr) PS#73.

SLB Wesley Jefferson rFr. 6-1 233 **PS#1LB.** Scout Tm Def POY. David Holloway (6-2 228 So) 2 tkls. Ricardo Dickerson (6-1 243 Jr). Scout Tm Def POY in '01. 22 tkls in 2 years.

MLB D'QWELL JACKSON JR. 6-1 224 PS#67. 51 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm ACC**, 132 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Tim Cesa (6-0 240 rFr) PS#75. Chase Bullock is PS#45.

WLB William Kershaw Jr. 6-3 233 PS#163. 29 tkls as true. 24 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Jeris Smith (6-2 233 So) PS#157. 2 tkls as rFr. Eric Lenz (6-4 220 Fr) **PS#34**, in for spring.

CB Reuben Haigler Sr. 5-10 186 PS#190JC in '02. 10 tkls, 13 gms in '02. RS LY. Chris Choice (5-11 193 So) PS#58WR. Chris Varner is **PS#29** in for spg. Gerrick McPhearson (5-10 192 Jr).

CB DOMONIQUE FOXWORTH SR. 5-11 177 **PS#50. 1 st Tm ACC** in '02, 54 tkls, 5 int. 17 pbu. 13 sts LY, 45 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu, 2nd Tm ACC. Josh Wilson (5-9 172 So) PS#72. 2 tkls as true.

SS Chris Kelley Sr. 6-2 210 **PS#18QB**. ACL in 2000, RS. Inj in '01 & '02 but 171 pass (45%) 0-3 ratio, 69 rush. 11 tkls in '03 as SS. Marcus Wimbush (5-11 205 So) **PS#34**. Fork Union.

FS Raymond Custis Sr. 5-9 189 PS#220. 9 games as rFr. 14 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 9 tkls LY. Richard Taylor is PS#98, in for spring. Kent Hicks is **PS#22**. Milton Harris (5-11 195 Jr).

P ADAM PODLESH SO. 5-11 209 **PS#13**. 40.7 avg in HS. 53 punts in '03, 42.3 avg, net of 37.9, **2nd Tm ACC**, 330 bench, 21.58 in 200m. Joel Statham PS#143QB. Backup LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL Scott Burley 6-6 340 PS#23
OL Carlos Feliciano 6-5 290 PS#29
DL Dane Randolph 6-5 244 PS#34
DB Kent Hicks 6-3 207 PS#22
DL Mack Frost 6-5 260 PS#36
QB Jordan Steffy 6-1 210 PS#26
DB Chris Varner 5-11 180 PS#29
DB J.J. Justice 6-1 218 PS#30
LB Eric Lenz 6-4 220 PS#34
LB Chase Bullock 6-2 220 PS#45
OL Dennis Marsh 6-4 275 PS#70
QB Erin Henderson 6-4 225 PS#51
OL Jaimie Thomas 6-5 330 PS#88
OL Edwin Williams 6-4 295 PS#110

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Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

31-8	Straight Up	14-2	Home Favorite
24-10	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
5-1	Off A SU Loss	6-4	Away Favorite
17-7	Vs Conference	3-3	Away Underdog
	7-3 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (24,13,2)
Lost: 25 (11,14,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,236

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#11

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	N Illinois	G					
Sep. 11	Temple	G					
Sep. 18	at W Virginia	A					
Sep. 25	at Duke	G					
Oct. 2							
Oct. 9	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 16	NC State (HC)	G					
Oct. 23	at Clemson	G					
Oct. 30	Florida St	G					
Nov. 6	at Virginia	G					
Nov. 13							
Nov. 18	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Nov. 27	Wake Forest	G					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Terps are 27-1 SU when leading the half under Friedgen.
Maryland is 7-13-1 ATS before a bye since 1985.
The Terps are 12-3 SU & ATS in their last 15 November games.

Including bowl games, the Terps are 22-6 ATS as a fav under Friedgen.
Maryland is 7-3 SU & 5-3 ATS vs current MAC teams.

The Terps are 4-0 SU & 2-1-1 ATS in this short series.
Pending LW, MD is 10-2 SU & 7-3 ATS (6-0 ATS @ home) vs non-conf foes under Friedgen.

Friedgen is 3-0 SU & ATS over Rodriguez & the Terps have outscored WV 114-40 in that span.
The Terps are 8-14 SU, but 13-9 ATS in their last 22 road openers.

The favorite has only covered 5 of the last 18 meetings.
Maryland is 8-4 SU & ATS on the road vs the ACC under Friedgen.

MD is 4-10 SU & 6-8 ATS vs Georgia Tech since 1990.
The Terps are 13-2 SU & 11-4 ATS at home the last 15 vs ACC foes.

The dog is 15-3-1 SU in this matchup since 1985.
Nick Novak has hit the game winning FG 2 yrs in a row vs NC State.

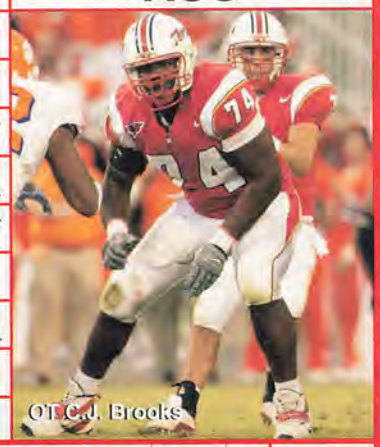
Clemson has outscored MD 626-417 S/'81 & MD is 8-13-2 ATS in that span.
Going back to Friedgen's days as OC @ GT, he has won 7 straight SU vs CU.

Maryland is 0-14 SU & 3-9 ATS vs the Seminoles.
Pending earlier results: MD is 4-7 SU, but 7-4 ATS the L/11 gms as conf dog.

Could apply: MD is 14-1 SU & 11-4 ATS as a favorite in this series S/'76.
MD is 9-3 ATS on the road in this matchup since 1980.

The Terps last played Virginia Tech in 1993, but lost 55-28.
Pending earlier results: MD is 3-12-1 SU, but 8-7-1 ATS after a bye S/'87.

The Terps are 9-3 ATS in their last 12 home finales.
Maryland is 17-11 ATS S/'76 vs /WF. WF is 5-0 ATS the last 5 years.



STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (48,055)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	5-6	5-6	10-1	10-3	9-3	44-36
ATS	3-6-2	4-5-1	6-4	5-6	10-1	8-4	6-5	42-31-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-1-1	1-2	1-2	6-0	4-1	4-1	17-8-1
Home Dog	0-3-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	5-8-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	9-6
Away Dog	1-2-1	3-2	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	11-9-1
Favorite	2-1	0-1-1	3-3	1-3	8-0	7-2	5-4	26-14-1
Dog	1-5-2	4-4	3-1	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	16-17-2
Grass	2-6-2	4-4-1	5-4	5-5	10-1	7-4	6-3	39-27-3
Artificial	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-2	3-4
vs Conf	2-4-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-1	5-3	5-3	32-22-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-1-1	2-0	0-3	3-0	3-1	1-2	10-9-1
Off SU Win	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-3	8-1	5-3	5-3	25-14
Off SU Loss	2-4-2	2-4-1	3-2	3-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	15-13-3

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Josh Allen	**186**	**957**	**35**	**922**	**8**	**5.0**
Bruce Perry	147	741	28	713	6	4.9
Sammy Maldonado	**51**	**306**	**1**	**305**	**3**	**6.0**
Scott McBrien	82	375	116	259	6	3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Scott McBrien	314	173	55.1	2672	19	6
Joel Statham	**25**	**12**	**48.0**	**156**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Latrez Harrison	39	558	14.3	6	49
Steve Suter	**29**	**471**	**16.2**	**1**	**45**
Derrick Fenner	**12**	**334**	**27.8**	**2**	**69**
Jo Jo Walker	**23**	**324**	**14.1**	**3**	**67**
Rich Parson	**17**	**310**	**18.2**	**1**	**42**
Josh Allen	**14**	**220**	**15.7**	**1**	**43**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Podlesh	**53**	**2241**	**42.3**	**5**	**37.9**	**0**	**22**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Novak	**38-42**	**7-7**	**7-9**	**8-12**	**2-4**	**24-32**	**54**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D'Qwell Jackson	**132**	**2.5**	**5**	**2**	**2**
Leon Joe	112	1	5	1	1
Madieu Williams	86	0	0	5	3
Randy Starks	74	7.5	7	3	0
Kevin Eli	**55**	**5.5**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Shawne Merriman	**55**	**8.5**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Leroy Ambush	51	1	3	0	0
Dennard Wilson	47	0	3	12	0
Domonique Foxworth	**45**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**3**
CJ Feldheim	43	2.5	1	2	0
Curome Cox	40	0	3	11	2
Jamahl Cochran	38	1.5	0	0	0
William Kershaw	**25**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Andrew Smith	24	2	0	5	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Suter	**37**	**334**	**9.0**	**2**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Suter	**15**	**351**	**23.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Cherry	-7'	Syracuse	35-18	W
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34	L
01	Orange	+14	Florida	23-56	L
02	Peach	-1	Tennessee	30-3	W
03	Gator	-3'	W Virginia	41-7	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	31.2	22	191	4.5	230	55.4	13.5	+1	2003	9	15.8	16	129	3.5	179	50.3	19.5
8	32.2	19	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	+1	2002	5	16.3	18	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8
7	34.4	23	211	4.5	222	58.7	12.6	+18	2001	9	22.2	19	100	2.9	258	56.4	16.2
7*	22.5	17	124	3.6	211	54.5	14.9	+3	2000	6	25.8	23	186	4.1	254	58.2	17.0
9*	26.5	16	231	5.2	144	48.3	13.6	+9	1999	6	23.6	20	126	3.4	247	59.2	12.5
6	18.4	15	161	3.8	117	45.5	15.2	-2	1998	5	26.4	19	159	3.9	202	53.9	13.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Illinois	12	35-112	3.2	12-24	110	2	21	43-59	1.4	21-35	266	5	-1
at Florida St	13	31-73	2.4	14-31	124	3	23	46-196	4.3	17-30	231	2	-2
The Citadel	28	53-282	5.3	17-27	283	3	7	31-90	2.9	3-20	47	1	+1
W Virginia	28	49-260	5.3	15-26	238	2	11	39-120	3.1	3-12	36	4	-2
at E Michigan	22	41-199	4.9	16-21	268	1	13	39-149	3.8	14-20	126	1	-1
Clemson	19	44-134	3.0	14-27	204	1	17	29-10	0.3	22-45	320	4	+1
Duke	19	31-131	4.2	18-32	238	0	25	45-143	3.2	20-47	270	6	0
at Georgia Tech	14	35-96	2.7	14-33	157	3	14	41-130	3.2	12-28	98	1	-3
N Carolina	27	50-252	5.0	16-27	360	1	16	25-108	4.3	21-32	277	4	+3
Virginia	23	48-278	5.8	14-21	191	0	14	32-108	3.4	13-26	186	1	0
at NC State	24	42-190	4.5	17-37	243	3	19	34-98	2.9	16-30	276	2	+1
at Wake Forest	25	45-339	7.5	12-22	198	0	21	48-316	6.6	12-24	108	2	+2
† W Virginia	26	48-141	2.9	21-33	381	1	9	29-155	5.3	11-19	86	2	+2
TOTALS	280	552-2487	4.5	200-361	2995	20	210	481-1682	3.5	185-368	2327	35	+1
AVERAGES	21.5	42-191	4.5	15-28	230	1.5	16.2	37-129	3.5	14-28	179	2.7	0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	-5'	6-0	W
W Carolina	NL	51-10	–
W Virginia	+6	33-0	W
at Georgia Tech	+19'	31-49	W
at Wake Forest	-1	17-14	W
Clemson	-1	30-42	L
N Carolina	-9	45-7	W
Duke	-9'	22-25	L
at NC State	-1'	17-30	L
at Florida St	+33	10-49	L
Virginia	+9	30-34	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10	17-10	L
at W Virginia	+10	17-30	L
Middle Tenn	-20	45-27	L
Florida St	+30	7-59	L
at Virginia	+10'	23-31	W
at Clemson	+31'	14-35	W
Wake Forest	-12'	37-7	W
at Duke	-11'	20-9	L
NC State	+6	35-28 2OT	W
at N Carolina	+7	10-13	W
Georgia Tech	+10	22-35	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Carolina	+2'	23-7	W
E Michigan	-25	50-3	W
at Wake Forest	-6	27-20	W
W Virginia	-10	32-20	W
Virginia	-7'	41-21	W
at Georgia Tech	+8'	20-17 OT	W
Duke	-25	59-17	W
at Florida St	+8	31-52	L
Troy St	-22'	47-14	W
Clemson	-7'	37-20	W
at NC State	-3	23-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Notre Dame	+2	0-22	L
Akron	-21	44-14	W
Florida St	+15	10-37	L
E Michigan	-34'	45-3	W
Wofford	NL	37-8	–
at W Virginia	+4	48-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	34-10	W
at Duke	-13'	45-12	W
at N Carolina	-14	59-7	W
NC State	-6	24-21	L
at Clemson	-6'	30-12	W
at Virginia	-9	13-48	L
Wake Forest	-13'	32-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-8	13-20 OT	L
at Florida St	+15	10-35	L
The Citadel	NL	61-0	–
W Virginia	-9'	34-7	W
at E Michigan	-34	37-13	L
Clemson	-7'	21-7	W
Duke	-27'	33-20	L
at Georgia Tech	-2'	3-7	L
N Carolina	-16'	59-21	W
Virginia	-6	27-17	W
at NC State	+1	26-24	W
at Wake Forest	-8	41-28	W

N CAROLINA ST WOLFPACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Wolfpack had to replace a four year starting QB and did so with true frosh Philip Rivers. Rivers is a big QB (6-5 236) who showed remarkable poise and led the team to comeback wins in 3 of his first four games setting school records for completions, attempts and TD passes with 3,364 yards (54.4%) and a 27-12 ratio. In 2001 Rivers lost his top WR and OC Norm Chow but threw for 2,775 yards and completed 65.2% (school record and a jump of 10.8% from his frosh year) with a 17-8 ratio. In 2002 he threw for 3,353 yards (62.7%) with a 20-10 ratio. Rivers saved his best for last throwing for 4,491 yards and completing a remarkable 72% with a 34-7 ratio as a senior. He moved to #2 all-time in the NCAA in total offense finishing with 13,484 passing yards and 95 TD's. He is the ACC career leader in total offense, the first ACC QB to top 3,000 yards passing in three years and the unanimous ACC POY while having his jersey retired. It will be interesting to see how Amato does without him as it is his first year as HC without Rivers (#1DC) at QB. His backup Jay Davis (PS#21) hit 18 of 29 passes for 177 yards in relief the last two years but I expect Marcus Stone (PS#11) to take the starting job. Stone did complete just 49% as a HS senior but benches 300 lbs, and threw for 50 TD's in HS. He shadowed Rivers all season long. Chris Moore (6-5 212 So) was PS#200. This year they add Daniel Evans (PS#92). Amato showed he could win with a frosh before but it's doubtful the brand-new QB would even come close to matching Rivers' success.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Wolfpack rushed for 144.1 ypg, their best total since 1998 thanks to the emergence of true frosh T.A. McLendon (PS#15). McLendon rushed for 1,101 yards (4.5) with 18 TD's while also adding 42 rec's (8.4) and was 1st Tm ACC. He accomplished this despite having midseason wrist surgery and playing with a cast on his hand the remainder of the season. His 5 TD's against Texas Tech tied a school record. Josh Brown (5-10 188 Jr, PS#201) got in one start and had 483 yards (3.9). Last year true frosh Darrell Blackman (PS#6) was in for the spring but was not eligible in the fall. McLendon suffered through a myriad of injuries to his shoulder, hamstring, knee and also had some untimely fumbles. Amato said they were a different team with a 100% healthy McLendon and his best game last year was against Virginia where he had 112 yards rushing and another 104 receiving but healthy games were few and far between. He finished with just 608 yards (4.7) and 40 rec's (9.2). Brown was #2 with 186 yards (3.7) and Cotra Jackson added 114 yards (2.7). They were forced to take the redshirt off Reggie Davis (PS#93) and he started 2 games late and had 110 yards (3.8). The only loss this year is Jackson. They add in Blackman who went to Hargrave Academy last year as well as VHT Andre Brown (PS#10). When the team uses a FB they have Chance Moyer (6-3 232 Sr, PS#154LB, 3 sts). As long as McLendon stays healthy, this unit will be vastly improved and could be one of the nation's best.

TB T.A. McLendon

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace two starters in their #2 WR and starting TE. Jerricho Cotchery did return and simply went on to break Torry Holt's record for all-time rec's here and became only the 2nd ACC receiver to notch 200 rec's and over 3,000 yards receiving in a career. The unit did take a big hit early on when Sterling Hicks (PS#28, 7 sts in '02, 37 rec) was lost for the year with an ACL tear. They did get two big-time newcomers last year in Tramain Hall (PS#23) who had been trying to gain eligibility since 2001 and Richard Washington (PS#11) who was a PQ in 2002. Washington did get suspended vs NCar and broke two ribs against Duke but still had 44 rec's (11.4). Naturally, Cotchery led the team with 86 rec's (15.9) for 1,369 yards and Hall was a big-time contributor with 69 rec (11.6) for 799 yards. Brian Clark (PS#108) had 33 catches (16.6). TE TJ Williams, who may be the strongest player on the team was HM ACC and had 28 rec's (15.9). They now must replace Cotchery (#4DC NYJ) but there is plenty of talent available. This unit could be just as dangerous but the numbers should go down dramatically with the new QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack OL paved the way for the best ypc rushing in 4 years (3.9) and allowed just 11 sacks in 2002. Last year they appeared to have 3 starters returning plus added in PS#1OL Derek Morris, who originally signed at Ohio St. Unfortunately Morris missed 30% of the season because of an eligibility issue but ended up starting 5 games. Their star LT Christopher Colmer, who was 2nd Tm ACC in 2002, missed the season with a viral infection. Add that to McLendon's injury and you can see why the ypc dropped to 3.3 and the OL allowed 17 sacks. This year the only definite losses are RT Sean Locklear (13 sts, 1st Tm ACC, #3DC SEA), Antoine Colvin (1 st, 41 snaps) and backup C Brandon Sanders. I say definite losses because two players are in question as of this writing. RG Ricky Fowler had ACL surgery and Colmer is still bothered by the viral infection. If both return they basically have six players who have started 5 or more games. Even with both gone, this unit has more experience, plenty of VHT's and should be one of the ACC's better OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NCSt allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing in 2002 while posting 48 sacks with a veteran D-line. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters plus their top backup. They did have two true frosh in for the spring in VHT Mario Williams (PS#10) and Tank Tyler (PS#115). Projected starting DE Terrence Chapman was ruled academically ineligible prior to the year and Renaldo Moses started the first 5 games but went down to an ACL injury. The extremely inexperienced group allowed 3.8 ypc rushing and the D had just 27 sacks. This unit is in much better shape this year as six players return with starting experience. The only losses are DL Alan Halloway (8 sts, 30 tkls, 2 tfl) and DT Sheldon Lewin (3 sts, 28 tkls, 2 tfl). They do bring in a great crop of true frosh (see Newcomers) including PS#1DL DeMario Pressley who could earn a starting job immediately. NCSt looks much tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wolfpack returned 3 players who combined for 22 starts in 2002 so basically they had 2 starters back. This year the only loss is Roger Pollard (2 sts, 11 tkls LY). This is a very talented 3 deep and some of the returning starters could lose their jobs as Steve Tulloch (PS#64) had 65 tackles as a true frosh and led the team in tackles per play. Guerlin Dervil has only played a couple years of football since moving to the United States from Haiti but has 4.55 speed. This group is more experienced and has added talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #98 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but with 7 of their top 8 back in 2002, they moved up to #32. Last year they had to replace 2nd Tm AA FS Terrence Holt and starting CB Marcus Hudson who was ruled academically ineligible. They basically had two starters returning coupled with an inexperienced front 7. The Wolfpack dropped to #83 in the pass D rankings allowing 59.1% with a 28-11 ratio. This year they are in great shape. The only losses are CB Greg Golden (11 sts, 42 tkl, 5 pbu) and CB Victor Stevens (2 sts, 35 tkl). AJ Davis (PS#3)could beat out Lamont Reid or Dovonte Edwards for a starting CB spot. There are plenty of VHT's in the mix. Hudson returns & has moved to FS and I look for NCSt to make a dramatic rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Wolfpack finished #19 in my special teams rankings in 2002 thanks to an amazing +10 in the TD/Blk category with 7 blocked punts and three KR TD's. Unfortunately last year they lost Terrence Holt who holds the ACC record for most blocked kicks in a career. However, LB Pat Thomas blocked a punt which was recovered for a TD and Manny Lawson also blocked 2 punts in 2003. KR Lamont Reid dropped from a super average of 30.3 in 2002 to just 19.8 last year. In 2002 their top PR Jerricho Cotchery averaged 5.4 and Tramain Hall made substantial improvement averaging 10.6 with 2 TD's. All of the returnmen are back. P Austin Herbert was solid with a 37.4 net and even boomed 73 and 76 yard punts against UConn. He will be tough to replace. Adam Kiker hit 12 of 17 FG's with a long of 41 and also must be replaced. The top candidate at K, John Deraney (PS#23), has a strong leg and 40 of his 75 KO's resulted in TB's. The Wolfpack dropped down to just #78 in my special teams rankings. They also lose LS Danny Young who did not have a bad snap in his career. This team figures to have an outstanding return game and kick blocking unit but will improve only if the new punter has a good year.

COACHES - Chuck Amato enters his fifth year here and probably his most impressive record is his 2-1 mark the last three years against Florida St where he was the assistant head coach from 1986-'99. The team's OC last year was Noel Mazzone, who was Auburn's OC from '98-'00 and the RB and special teams coach at Oregon St in '02. Amato served as his own DC the past two seasons but has hired Reggie Harring who was the Houston Texans' LB coach the past two seasons. He was also the DC at Clemson where his defenses ranked as high as 15th in the NCAA but slipped down to #71 in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000, six of NCSt's wins came after they trailed in the 4Q and they finished an outstanding 8-4 under first year head coach Chuck Amato. Amato had just 64 scholarship players available for his first bowl but bumped it up to 76 in 2001 and the team went 7-5. Amato's third year (2002) started out 9-0 with talk of a National Championship but The Pack lost 3 straight ACC games and finished 4th in the league. They did knock off Florida St for a second straight time and ND in the bowl game so it was a successful year. Last year the Wolfpack opened the season as an ACC Title contender but got caught looking ahead to Ohio St and lost to Wake Forest. They were fortunate to get past Connecticut with an int return for a TD with :05 left for the win. The team did have a 3 OT loss to Ohio St and 2 OT loss to Florida St showing they could play with the big boys but their 8-5 record (including 4-4 in ACC) must be considered a disappointment for a team ranked #14 in the preseason poll. This may be Amato's most talented team but the big question resides at QB. In 2000 with Rivers a true frosh, the team averaged 31.6 ppg and this year's new QB will be surrounded by talent with RB TA McLendon, super WR's and a top-notch OL. If he performs close to the level of Rivers, NCSt will be a big-time contender in the ACC. The defense has 9 starters back and will be one of the best D's in the league. The schedule is tough as they have road trips to VT, Maryland and Clemson, while hosting Miami, Florida St and Ohio St. This is the toughest team to gauge in the ACC as they could easily surpass last year's 8 win total but could also be in danger of suffering a losing season. It all depends on the play of their new QB.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Marcus Stone rFr. 6-4 226 **PS#11**. Jay Davis (6-2 205 Jr) **PS#21**. Backup 2Y, 29 passes, 177 yds 1-1 ratio. Chris Moore (6-5 212 So) PS#200. Daniel Evans is PS#92.

RB T.A. McLENDON JR. 5-11 216 **PS#15. 1st Tm ACC** as true, 1101 yds (4.5), 42 rec. 6 sts LY (inj) 608 (4.7), 40 rec. **Darrell Blackman PS#6** LY. Reggie Davis (6-2 220 So) PS#93. 110 yds.

WR Sterling Hicks Jr. 6-2 181 **PS#28**. 13 rec (15.5) as true. 7 sts in '02. 37 rec (13.8). 1 st LY, 8 rec (inj). **Brian Clark** (6-3 202 Jr) PS#108. **11 sts**, 33 rec (16.6) in '03.

WR TRAMAIN HALL JR. 5-11 187 **PS#23RB** in '01. 8 sts LY, #2 w/69 rec (11.6), 142 rush, 362 ret yds. Chris Hawkins (6-3 188 So) **PS#30QB**. 6 rec. DaJaun Morgan is PS#77.

WR RICHARD WASHINGTON JR. 6-0 172 **PS#11**. PQ in '02. 5 sts LY, 44 rec (11.4) missed 3 games. Lamart Barrett (6-1 190 So) 5 rec as true. Fred Span (6-0 186 Jr) PS#153.

TE TJ WILLIAMS JR. 6-4 248 PS#64. 9 sts, HM ACC, 28 rec (15.9) last year. John Ritcher (6-3 246 Jr) PS#83LB. 4 sts, 2 yrs, 8 rec. Jamesly Jean (6-5 220 rFr) PS#16TE.

C JED PAULSEN SR. 6-2 290 **PS#83**. 197 snaps as true. 11 sts, 677 snaps, 74 KD's in '02. 13 sts LY, HM ACC, 841 snaps, 420 bench. Kelani Heppe (6-4 280 rFr) PS#168.

RG RICKY FOWLER SR. 6-2 303 PS#85DL. 3 sts, 37 tkls in '00 & '01. 9 sts at RG LY, 691 snaps, 30 KD's. ? fall. **John McKeon** (6-5 298 Jr) PS#282. **11 sts LY** (10 @ LT, 1 @ RG), 642 snaps.

LG LEROY HARRIS SO. 6-3 293 PS#77DL. 13 starts as rFr, HM ACC, 26 KD's, 839 snaps. Luke Lathan (6-5 288 rFr) **PS#87**. Yomi Ojo (6-4 291 rFr) **PS#91**.

RT Derek Morris So. 6-6 332 **PS#1OL**. Signed w/Ohio St. 5 sts here as true, 271 snaps, missed 30% of yr elig ?'s. Merci Falaise (6-6 316 Jr) PS#41JC.5.2 speed.

LT CHRISTOPHER COLMER SR. 6-6 305 PS#165. 11 sts as rFr, 12 sts in '01, **Top OL Award**. 14 sts, 902 snaps in '02, **2nd Tm ACC**. Med RS LY. James Newby (6-6 278 So) PS#172.

K John Deraney So. 6-4 208 **PS#23**. 40 of 75 KO's were TB's LY. Tyler Lewis (6-2 230 Fr) **PS#2**. 57 yd FG in HS. Tucker King (6-1 191 Sr) PS#25. Chris Dirito (6-3 206 So).

DE Renaldo Moses Jr. 6-6 214 PS#142. First 5 sts LY, 26 tkls, 5 tfl, ACL. Manny Lawson (6-5 220 Jr) PS#186LB. 3 sts, 88 tkls, 8 tfl, LB 2Y. Maurice Charles (6-3 254 So) 35 tkls as **true**.

DT JOHN McCARGO SO. 6-2 289 13 sts as rFr, HM ACC, 52 tkls, 14 tfl, 16 qbh. DeMarcus "Tank" Tyler (6-3 289 So) PS#115. 13 tkls as true. Chip Cross (6-1 252 Jr) 25 tkls, 5 tfl, 2Y.

NT DWAYNE HERNDON JR. 6-4 288 6 sts in '03, 36 tkls, 4 tfl. **DeMario Pressley (6-4 290 Fr) PS#1DL**. Kennie Covington (6-3 268 Sr) PS#41 in '01. JC. Gerard Miller is PS#56.

DE MARIO WILLIAMS SO. 6-7 265 **PS#10**. 13 sts, 56 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl. 435 bench. James Martin (6-2 236 So) PS#119. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 4 tfl. Martrel Brown (6-3 265 rFr) PS#192LB.

SLB FREDDIE AUGHTRY-LINDSAY SR. 6-1 230 4 sts, 86 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 11 sts in '03, 105 tkls, 9 tfl, 5 pbu. Ernest Jones (6-3 213 rFr) **PS#40**. Raymond Brooks is PS#43 in for spring.

MLB OLIVER HOYTE JR. 6-3 232 1 start as true, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. 11 starts last year, 97 tkls, 8 tfl. Stephen Tulloch (5-10 226 So) PS#64. 65 tkls, 5 tfl as true.

WLB PATRICK THOMAS SR. 6-2 230 PS#98. 12 sts in '02, 106 tkls, 9 tfl. **2nd Tm ACC** LY, 130 tkls, 8 sks, 7 tfl. Patrick Lowery (6-2 224 So) PS#65. 24 tkls, 3 tfl. Guerlin Dervil (6-3 232 rFr).

CB Dovonte Edwards Sr. 6-0 182 PS#38WR. 3 sts at WR in '02, 26 rec (11.3). 4 sts at CB LY, 26 tkls, 10 pbu. **AJ Davis** (5-10 172 So) **PS#3**. 28 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. Miguel Scott (6-1 186 Fr) PS#65.

CB LAMONT REID SR. 6-0 188 PS#127RB. 21 tkls as true. 14 sts in '02, 40 tkls, 9 pbu. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 8 pbu. Jimmie Sutton III (6-1 178 rFr) **PS#21**. Phil Hollomon (5-11 182 rFr).

ROV ANDRE MADDOX SR. 6-1 200 14 sts in '02, 126 tkls, 7 pbu, **1st Tm ACC** LY, 13 sts, 145 tkls, 10 tfl. Garland Heath (6-2 207 So) PS#74, 36 tkls as true. JJ Jones (5-11 185 Jr) 21 tkls.

FS TROY GRAHAM SR. 6-3 202 4.4 spd. 12 sts LY, 92 tkls, 3 pbu. **Marcus Hudson** (6-2 186 Jr) PS#104. 18 sts, 2Y at CB, 90 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu, RS LY. **Larue Rumph** (6-2 213 rFr) **PS#28DB**.

P Tyler Lewis Fr. 6-2 230 **PS#2**. 428 career pts in HS. Avg 44.2 as P as senior. 26 FG's, long of 57. John Deraney (6-4 208 So) **PS#23**. Must replace Herbert, 37.4 net.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	DeMario Pressley 6-4 290 PS#1	
RB	Andre Brown 6-1 210 PS#10	
TE	Octavius Darby 6-4 224 PS#8	
DL	Gerard Miller 6-3 270 PS#56	
DL	LeMarte McGhee 6-6 260 PS#58	
DL	Willie Young 6-5 215 PS#63	
OL	Merci Falaise 6-6 316 PS#41JC	
K	Tyler Lewis 6-2 230 PS#2	
WR	DaJaun Morgan 6-1 190 PS#77	
WR	John Dunlap 6-3 225 PS#97	
QB	Daniel Evans 6-3 170 PS#92	
DB	Jeremy Gray 6-3 185 PS#155	
DL	John Bedics 6-6 245 PS#234	
DL	Brandon Setzer 6-5 275 PS#262	
TE	Anthony Hill 6-6 260 PS#81	
DB	Miguel Scott 6-1 186 PS#534	

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Amato's records AT NC STATE

34-17	Straight Up	8-10	Home Favorite
23-21	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Underdog
8-7	Off A SU Loss	4-8	Away Favorite
15-17	Vs Conference	9-0	Away Underdog
	8-4 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,21,2)
Lost: 18 (8,6,4)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,274

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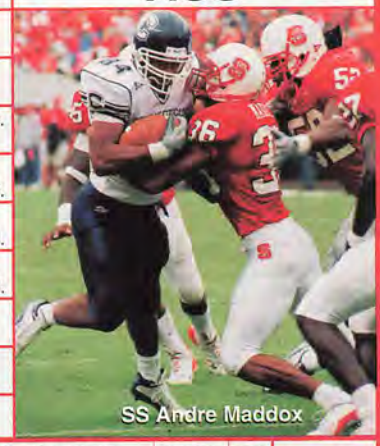
Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NCS	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Richmond	G							The Spiders finished 2-9 & last in the Atlantic 10 in 2003. They lost to Div IAA Champion Delaware 44-14 to open the season.
Sep. 11									
Sep. 18	Ohio St	G							The Wolfpack is 7-2 ATS vs current Big 10 teams since 1980. NC State is 4-4 SU & 7-1 ATS coming off a bye week the last 8.
Sep. 25	at Virginia Tech	G							The Wolfpack is 7-4 ATS in their ACC road opener since 1993. NC State is 9-0 ATS as an away dog under Amato.
Oct. 2	Wake Forest	G							The Wolfpack is 4-3 SU, but 2-5 ATS vs the Demon Deacons since 1997. NC State is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS in ACC home openers since 1998.
Oct. 9	at N Carolina	G							The Wolfpack is 3-8 SU & ATS the last 11 vs the Tar Heels. NC State is 7-3 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ away games since 1997.
Oct. 16	at Maryland	G							The underdog is 15-3-1 ATS the last 19 in this series. NC State is 2-8 ATS after playing North Carolina since 1992.
Oct. 23	Miami, Fl	G							Pending earlier results: NC St is 5-10 ATS at home vs ACC foes L/15 gms. Since 1980 NCS is 30-16 ATS as a HD including 7-4 ATS the L/11.
Oct. 30	at Clemson	G							The Wolfpack is 3-2 SU & 4-1 ATS at Clemson since 1994. Even though LY 32 pts were scored they have avg'd 58.5 ppg since '95.
Nov. 6	Georgia Tech	G							The Wolfpack is 2-9-1 ATS vs the Ramblin Wreck since 1992. NC State is 6-2 ATS the last 8 games in the 1st of a 2+ game homestand.
Nov. 11	Florida St (Thur)	G							The Wolfpack is 2-1 SU & 3-0 ATS vs the Seminoles the last 3 years. NCS is 3-7 ATS prior to a bye S/'96 but under Amato are 4-0 SU & 3-0 ATS.
Nov. 20									
Nov. 27	at E Carolina (Charlotte)	G							The Wolfpack is only 2-4 SU & ATS vs the Pirates since 1985. NC State is 7-13 ATS in road finales the last 20 years.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STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (53,800)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	6-6	7-4	7-4	10-3	7-5	50-31
ATS	5-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	38-38-1
Home Fav	1-2-1	0-4	1-0	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	10-16-1
Home Dog	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	7-5
Away Fav	1-1	2-2	0-2	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-3	7-13
Away Dog	2-1	1-0	2-3	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	14-4
Favorite	2-3-1	2-6	1-2	3-4	3-4	5-3	1-7	17-29-1
Dog	3-2	3-0	4-4	3-1	2-2	3-0	3-0	21-9
Grass	4-5-1	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-3	4-7	36-38-1
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	13-8
Off SU Win	3-2	3-4	1-4	4-2	2-4	5-2	2-5	20-23
Off SU Loss	1-3-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	14-13-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	MicronPC	+6'	Miami, Fl	23-46	L
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30	W
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34	L
02	Gator	-1	Notre Dame	28-6	W
03	Tangerine	-12	Kansas	56-26	W

NC STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	37.6	24	101	3.3	352	72.0	12.0	+2	2003	4	29.6	23	137	3.8	284	59.1	14.2
6*	32.9	20	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	+7	2002	6	17.0	18	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7
7*	26.6	20	111	3.5	242	64.5	13.3	+8	2001	6	21.4	21	142	3.4	222	58.6	17.0
4	31.6	21	104	3.3	294	53.8	12.6	+4	2000	8	28.2	22	200	4.2	186	55.2	13.7
5*	20.3	18	113	3.1	211	50.8	16.0	+2	1999	6	25.2	20	157	3.6	202	53.9	14.3
6*	30.5	22	147	4.0	300	51.7	14.7	0	1998	4	29.3	20	176	4.4	216	53.4	13.4

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
TA McLendon	130	678	70	608	9	4.7
Josh Brown	50	203	17	186	4	3.7
Tramain Hall	36	169	27	142	0	3.9
Philip Rivers	78	251	142	109	3	1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Philip Rivers	483	348	72.0	4491	34	7
Jay Davis	10	9	90.0	89	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jerricho Cotchery	86	1369	15.9	10	80	
Tramain Hall	69	799	11.6	7	57	
Brian Clark	33	548	16.6	2	42	
Richard Washington	44	500	11.4	6	45	
TJ Williams	28	444	15.9	3	75	
TA McLendon	40	368	9.2	2	45	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Austin Herbert	53	2265	42.7	8	37.4	0	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Adam Kiker	56-59	9-11	2-4	1-2	0-0	12-17	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andre Maddox	145	2	8	6	0
Pat Thomas	130	8	7	5	0
F Aughtry-Lindsay	105	2	7	5	1
Oliver Hoyte	97	0	8	2	0
Troy Graham	92	0	0	3	0
Stephen Tulloch	65	0	5	2	0
Mario Williams	56	5	8	5	0
Manny Lawson	53	3	4	3	0
John McCargo	52	3	11	2	0
Greg Golden	42	0	0	5	2
Lamont Reid	37	1	1	8	1
Dwayne Herndon	36	0	4	0	0
Garland Heath	36	1	0	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Tramain Hall	19	202	10.6	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Lamont Reid	13	258	19.8	0	
Tramain Hall	9	160	17.8	0	

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Carolina	33	34-91	2.7	34-39	403	0	16	24-43	1.8	22-41	192	0	-1
at Wake Forest	27	25-78	3.1	38-49	433	1	21	50-202	4.0	9-11	173	1	-2
at Ohio St	28	30-21	0.7	36-52	315	3	15	32-44	1.4	26-36	273	2	+2
Texas Tech	24	39-217	5.6	18-22	257	3	30	24-95	4.0	39-64	586	3	+1
N Carolina	27	39-192	4.9	23-30	423	1	26	27-81	3.0	32-53	469	3	+1
at Georgia Tech	17	19-(-8)	-0.4	31-47	344	3	26	41-89	2.2	24-38	283	5	0
Connecticut	21	31-89	2.9	23-42	234	2	24	39-153	3.9	21-39	299	1	+1
Clemson	21	36-70	1.9	20-34	213	1	21	29-127	4.4	23-37	196	1	0
at Duke	18	23-56	2.4	23-31	369	0	24	56-214	3.8	16-31	160	3	0
Virginia	22	25-143	5.7	29-35	410	0	21	23-50	2.2	41-55	393	2	0
at Florida St	20	35-92	2.6	28-39	422	1	25	43-272	6.3	15-32	183	2	-2
Maryland	19	34-98	2.9	16-30	276	2	24	42-190	4.5	17-37	243	3	0
† Kansas	34	22-172	7.8	38-46	481	0	28	40-220	5.5	20-42	243	1	+2
TOTALS	311	392-1311	3.3	357-496	4580	17	301	470-1780	3.8	305-516	3693	27	+2
AVERAGES	23.9	30-101	3.3	27-38	352	1.3	23.2	36-137	3.8	23-40	284	2.1	0.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+9'	23-20	W
S Carolina	-7'	10-0	W
William & Mary	NL	38-9	–
at Florida St	+28	11-42	L
at Wake Forest	-7	7-31	L
Clemson	+1'	35-31	W
Virginia	E/+1	26-47	L
at Duke	+2'	31-24 OT	W
at Georgia Tech	+17	21-48	L
Maryland	+1'	30-17	W
† N Carolina	-12	6-10	L
at E Carolina	+8	6-23	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-15'	38-31 2OT	L
at Indiana	+7	41-38	W
SMU	-9	41-0	W
Georgia Tech	-3	30-23 OT	W
at Clemson	+21'	27-34	W
at N Carolina	+1'	38-20	W
Florida St	+18	14-58	L
at Maryland	-6	28-35 2OT	L
Duke	-18'	35-31	L
at Virginia	-1	17-24	L
Wake Forest	-15	32-14	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-7	35-14	W
at SMU	-15'	26-17	L
N Carolina	-1'	9-17	L
at Wake Forest	-4	17-14	L
Clemson	+3	37-45	L
at Georgia Tech	+12	17-27	W
Virginia	-7	24-0	W
at Duke	-17	55-31	W
at Florida St	+18	34-28	W
Maryland	+3	19-23	L
Ohio U	-24'	27-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-13'	34-14	W
E Tenn St	NL	34-0	–
at Navy	-17'	65-19	W
Wake Forest	-13'	32-13	W
at Texas Tech	+1'	51-48 OT	W
Massachusetts	NL	56-24	–
at N Carolina	-6'	34-17	W
Duke	-23'	24-22	L
at Clemson	-2	38-6	W
Georgia Tech	-11	17-24	L
at Maryland	+6	21-24	W
at Virginia	-7	9-14	L
Florida St	+6	17-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	59-20	–
at Wake Forest	-7'	24-38	L
at Ohio St	+9'	38-44 3OT	W
Texas Tech	-6'	49-21	W
N Carolina	-17'	47-34	L
at Georgia Tech	-6'	21-29	L
Connecticut	-15'	31-24	L
Clemson	-4'	17-15	L
at Duke	-20'	28-21	L
Virginia	+1	51-37	W
at Florida St	+13'	44-50 2OT	W
Maryland	-1	24-26	L

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - AJ Suggs (PS#17), a Tennessee transfer, beat out Damarius Bilbo (PS#13) for the QB job in 2002 and started all 13 games. Prior to their bowl game, Gailey announced that Suggs would be the starter for 2003 but after he hit just 2 of 7 for 40 yards with 2 int and was relieved by Bilbo who threw 4 int, Gailey turned noncommittal. The team had a true frosh QB that was in for the spring last year in Patrick Carter (PS#32). Surprisingly in mid-August Gailey opted to move Bilbo to WR and true frosh Reggie Ball (PS#53) won the job despite arriving just a few weeks earlier. He showed remarkable poise for a true frosh almost guiding an upset win of Florida St on the road and in a come-from-behind win over Vanderbilt had 79 of his 103 yards rushing on the last 2 drives. Ball became the Jackets' first true frosh QB ever to start an opener and simply was the ACC Frosh POY setting school records for a frosh QB in yards, completions and total offense. He threw for 1,996 yards (51.7%) with a 10-11 ratio while rushing for 607 gross yards. Suggs saw most of his action against Georgia when Ball went out with a concussion and threw for 180 yards (62.5%) with a 2-2 ratio last year. Ball and Carter are both back and once again a true frosh enrolled for the spring in Taylor Bennett. Ball should improve with experience.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Tony Hollings was leading the NCAA in rushing (158 ypg) when he was lost for the season in just the 4th game with a knee injury. He still ended up leading the team in rushing but was one of ten players who were ruled ineligible prior to last season. He opted to go in to the supplemental draft of the NFL and landed with the Texans. That meant the leading returning rusher was "Ace" Eziemefe (PS#46) who had 282 yds (4.0) and the #2 man was walk-on PJ Daniels (255 yds, 3.5). Surprisingly Daniels had an outstanding year with 113 yards vs Florida St's tough defense, a big 175 yard effort vs WF and 240 vs N Car. He was named 1st Tm ACC and that was before he set an NCAA bowl record rushing for 307 yards and 4 TD's against Tulsa. He finished with 1,447 yards (5.1) and 10 TD's. Another walk-on, Morris Brown transfer Chris Woods rushed for 122 yards (3.9) in 8 games. The good news for GT is that basically everyone returns. When they use a FB they go with Jimmy Dixon (6-1 225 Sr, PS#59) who has had 7 starts the last 2 years. The other FB's are Eziemefe, Jay Reid (6-1 260 Jr) and Johnathan Jackson (6-2 225 Sr, PS#31TE). Also in the mix at TB is Michael Sampson (6-1 199 So, PS#125). It wouldn't surprise me to see VHT Rashaun Grant (PS#15) take over as the feature back even after Daniels' outstanding season. This unit has far more experience than last year.

RECEIVERS - The Yellow Jackets had to replace their top 2 receivers as well as their starting TE last year with the leading returnee Jonathan Smith having 36 rec (11.9). Smith had a breakout season in 2003 with over 1,000 yards receiving snagging a school record 78 rec (14.6) and was a dangerous returnman. He had more than twice the amount of catches as #2 man Nate Curry. Curry (PS#57) had a serious knee injury in 2001 and was finally healthy last year with 37 rec (11.5) and should be even more effective another year removed from the injury. This year they must replace Smith (#7 DC BUF) as well as TE John Paul Foschi (13 sts, 24 rec, HM ACC) but basically everyone else returns. I list the 2 deep below and you can expect a bigger contribution from Bilbo, a VHT QB that is now in his 2nd year at WR. True frosh VHT Calvin Johnson could immediately emerge as the top guy. This has the makings of a decent group and is actually a little more experienced than last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tech had an inexperienced O-line in 2001 and averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. Four starters returned in 2002 and the team improved to 4.3 ypc and 20 sacks. Last year once again four starters returned but surprisingly the numbers dipped some to 4.1 ypc and 27 sacks. This year they must replace C Hugh Reilly (13 sts, 1st Tm ACC, Rimington finalist), LT Nat Dorsey (13 sts, 2nd Tm ACC in 2002, #4DC MIN) as well as backup RT Will Hardy. One of last year's returning starters, Leon Robinson, lost his starting spot but now returns which means that four players return having had full-time starting experience. I look for improved numbers in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech appeared to be in great shape on the D-line when I wrote this magazine last spring as they just needed to replace three players who combined for 5 starts. They were expected to get star DE Greg Gathers back but he missed the year recovering from a kidney disease. DE Tony Hargrove was ruled academically ineligible and left early for the NFL draft (#3DC of STL). Starting DT Alfred Malone (transferred to Troy St) and backups DE Anthony Lawston (PS#16) and DT Terron Pullen were ruled ineligible prior to the season. Basically the unit was very inexperienced with just one starter returning. LB Eric Henderson was moved to DE and ended up leading the ACC with 11 sacks (1st Tm ACC). True frosh Mansfield Wrotto started at one DT spot. It was a small, inexperienced but speedy group and the defense allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing. This year everyone returns but starting DE Gerris Wilkinson was moved back to LB. I list the 2 deep below and it includes three VHT true frosh, all of whom should contribute. This group is more experienced than last season.

LINEBACKERS - Tech had one of the best LB corps in the country last year although they did have to replace a 2nd Tm ACC LB and one backup. Daryl Smith led the team in tackles in both 2000 and 2002 while Keyaron Fox led the team in tackles in 2001 and the ACC in tackles last year. Unfortunately for Tech all three starters depart in Fox (13 sts, 155 tkls, 18 tfl, #3DC KC, 1st Tm ACC), Smith (13 sts, 129 tkls, 17 tfl, #2DC JAX, HM ACC) and Ather Brown (12 sts, 30 tkls, 6 tfl). All three backups return but they combined for just 56 tackles. They do move starting DE Wilkinson back to LB. This group is far less experienced and less talented than 2003's outstanding unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 GT finished #33 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters and two backups. As you would expect, they dropped in my pass D rankings to #42 allowing 60.5% with a 15-13 ratio. FS James Butler was 1st Tm ACC and a Jim Thorpe finalist. SS Dawan Landry (PS#45) is NFL caliber. VHT CB Reuben Houston (PS#28) had 13 starts. This year the only loss is CB Jonathan Cox (13 sts, 66 tkls, 6 pbu). They have a VHT in Kenny Scott (PS#11) waiting to step into his place and some solid talent in the 2 deep that I list below. This looks like one of the stronger secondaries in the ACC.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 GT finished #50 in my special teams rankings despite having some very talented players. Last year they had to replace both of their punters, their outstanding K Luke Manget, their top-notch PR man Kelly Rhino and their top KR, Dennis Davis, who finished 2nd in the 200m in the NCAA indoor track meet, had just 7 KR's (15.7). Kenny Scott was a special teams demon as he blocked a punt for a TD vs BYU and ended up leading the team in KR's (22.3) with a long of 90 vs NC State. Punting was a sore spot all year and Hal Higgins lost his job to Andy Thomson down the stretch. Thomson finished with a 39.8 average. DE Eric Henderson blocked a FG against Vandy and FS James Butler blocked a FG vs Wake. The team did have its streak of 207 straight xp's (since 1998) snapped vs NCSt. David Jordan handled the KO's vs Duke but Dan Burnett won the job back. Burnett's KO's were not deep enough and the team allowed over 30 ypr early and went to pop-up KO's to limit returns. At the end of the season the team changed its KR coverage and lowered the average to 22.9 per return. Burnett did hit an outstanding 17 of 21 FG's with a long of 48. Overall GT finished #64 in my special teams rankings including K's. They do lose Burnett, Higgins and PR Jonathan Smith who had 2 TD's but I look for improvement in the overall rankings.

COACHES - Chan Gailey is now in his third year as head man here and was previously the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys in 1998 & 1999. In college he was also the HC at Troy St for two years compiling a 19-5 record. He did most of the offensive play calling last year while assisted by Buddy Geis (pass game coor) Patrick Nix (run game coor). This year Nix takes over the OC role. They have one of the best DC's in the game in Jon Tenuta who is now in his 3rd year at GT after being the Ohio St DC in 2000 and at N Carolina in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Georgia Tech has now been to a school record 7 straight bowl games and the 7 straight winning seasons is the second longest streak in school history. Chan Gailey had to deal with a number of injuries to some of the team's top players in his first season but those problems were minor compared to what Gailey faced last year. It is very rare when I pick a team to finish 5th in the conference and they do finish 5th that I feel a coach did a tremendous job. That is precisely what Gailey accomplished last season. After I wrote the magazine, GT would lose 10 players to academic ineligibility including star RB Tony Hollings. This greatly weakened the team, especially on the defensive front but Gailey somehow managed to get them back to the postseason and they destroyed Tulsa in the Humanitarian Bowl, 52-10. They expanded the stadium to 55,000 last year (from 43,156) and improved the average attendance to 52,862. For the second straight year they nearly upset Florida St, this time leading 13-0 in the 4Q on the road with a young team. The eleven true frosh that played last year were the most since 1995. Despite being outscored in league play by 2.4 ppg Tech outgained foes by 44.3 ypg which was the 3rd best mark in the league. This year they have 14 starters back and QB Reggie Ball now has experience after earning ACC Frosh POY honors last season as a true frosh. RB PJ Daniels (1,447 yards) is also back and the O-line looks solid. Tech should definitely outproduce last year's offense (21.1 ppg). Despite the massive losses on the DL with 4 of the top 8 departing prior to the year, Tech's D was solid and are a more experienced group in 2004 with 7 starters back. Gailey has gotten the most out of his squads in the first two seasons and has a shot at another winning record this year but will probably have to defeat either Virginia or Georgia to achieve it.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB REGGIE BALL SO. 5-11 195 PS#53. 13 sts as true, 1996 yds (51.7%), 10-11 ratio, 607 rush. Patrick Carter (6-3 190 rFr) PS#32. Taylor Bennett is PS#107. Kyle Manley is PS#115.
RB P.J. DANIELS JR. 5-10 210 **1st Tm ACC**, 12 sts, 1447 yds (5.1) incl 307 in bowl LY. **Rashaun Grant** (5-10 192 rFr) **PS#15**. Chris Woods (5-10 190 Jr) 122 yds (3.9) 1 st.
WR LEVON THOMAS SR. 6-0 195 PS#113. 5 sts, 30 rec, 10.8, 2 yrs. Mark Logan (5-11 200 Sr) PS#26QB. 10 rec, 2 yrs. **FB** Jimmy Dixon (6-1 225 Sr) PS#59. 5 sts last year.
WR Calvin Johnson Fr. 6-4 215 **PS#17**. Damarius Bilbo (6-3 225 Jr) **PS#13QB**. 487 yds passing (43%) in '02. 1 st, 2 rec LY. Chris Dunlap (5-11 200 So) PS#239.
WR NATE CURRY SR. 5-10 190 PS#57. 4.3 spd. 2 sts, 24 rec (13.5) as true. Knee inj in '01 & '02. 13 sts, 37 rec (11.5) LY. Xavier McGuire (6-3 210 So) PS#56, 1 st, 4 rec.
TE Darius Williams Sr. 6-6 270 PS#28. 3 sts, 3 rec LY. George Cooper (6-5 259 So) PS#23. Gavin Tarquinio (6-3 250 Jr). Michael Matthews (6-4 265 So) PS#83.
C ANDY TIDWELL-NEAL SR. 6-4 315 PS#174. 28-0 wrestler in HS. 2nd string in '02. 13 sts in '03 (12@LG, 1@RG). Kevin Tuminello (6-4 275 rFr) PS#298. 2nd string as frosh.
RG BRAD HONEYCUTT JR. 6-4 308 PS#114. 1 st at LT as rFr. MIP in spring 2003 and 12 sts. Brad Brezina (6-2 275 So) PS#140DL. 1 st at DT, 5 tkls, 1 tfl in 2003.
LG Leon Robinson Sr. 6-4 318 PS#122. 6 sts in '01. **13 sts** in '02. 1 st LY, part of 3 man OG rotation. 225 bench 25 x's. Matt Rhodes (6-3 268 rFr) PS#251.
RT Salih Besirevic Jr 6-7 280 PS#105. 2 games in '02. 2nd string LY. Kenton Johnson (6-6 325 Sr) Morris Brown trans. 2nd string, 1L in '03. Jacob Lonowski is PS#135.
LT KYLE WALLACE SR. 6-6 295 PS#91. 2nd string as true. 12 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03. Eddy Parker (6-4 285 rFr) PS#180DL. Shoulder inj LY. Nate McManus (6-4 290 Fr).
K David Jordan So. 6-4 210 PS#12. Split KO duties in '03 as rFr. Hit 52 yd FG in HS, strong leg. Travis Bell (6-1 205 rFr) 8 of 11 FG's & punt 42.0 average in HS.

DE TRAVIS PARKER JR. 6-5 265 PS#178. 12 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 2 sks, 13 starts at DT LY, 40 tkls, 15.5 tfl, HM ACC. Adamm Oliver (6-4 250 rFr). Darrell Robertson is PS#53.
DT Darryl Richard Fr. 6-4 285 **PS#38**. Joe Anoai (6-3 255 So) PS#232. 8 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Omar Billy (6-2 278 Jr) PS#148. 9 games, 3 tkls in 3 years.
DT MANSFIELD WROTTO SO. 6-3 310 PS#280. 11 starts as true, 14 tkls, 4 tfl. LeShawn Newberry (6-0 315 rFr) PS#195. David Brown is **PS#43**. Marcus Harris (6-1 255 rFr).
DE ERIC HENDERSON JR. 6-3 265 **PS#58**. 6 sts, 58 tkls, 15 tfl in '02. 13 sts, 49 tkls, **11 sks, 1st Tm ACC** LY. Chirod Williams (6-4 235 Sr) PS#164. 1 st LY.
WLB KaMichael Hall So. 6-0 225 PS#219. 12 tkls, 2 tfl, 12 games as true. Tabugbo Anyansi (6-1 225 Sr) **PS#45**. 12 tkls in 3 years. Travis Chambers (6-0 215 Fr) PS#70.
SLB Chris Reis Jr. 6-0 210 PS#73. 37 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 pbu in '03. Phillip Wheeler (6-2 215 So) PS#202, 7 tkls as true. David Sanborn (6-1 215 rFr). Arthur Rozier (6-3 215 rFr).
MLB GERRIS WILKINSON JR. 6-3 230 **PS#34**. 13 starts at DE LY. 47 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl. Back to LB. Nick Moore (6-1 225 So) PS#101. 7 tkls, 12 games as true. Alex Johnson (5-11 235 rFr).
CB Kenny Scott So. 6-1 180 **PS#11**. 10 tkls, 35 KR (22.3) as true. I-Perfection Harris (5-10 175 So) PS#52. Brian Fleuridor (5-11 185 So) PS#342. Jamal Lewis is PS#137.
CB REUBEN HOUSTON JR. 6-0 195 **PS#28**. 1 st 33 tkls as rFr. 13 sts in '03, 70 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 int, 8 pbu. Track team. Dennis Davis (6-0 185 Sr) PS#49. 23 tkls LY, #2 ACC 200m.
SS DAWAN LANDRY JR. 6-2 215 PS#45QB. 8 tkls as rFr. 13 sts LY, 85 tkls, 2 int, NFL potential. Joe Gaston (5-10 195 So) 9 tkls LY as true. Nathan Burton (6-2 200 Sr) 19 tkls 3Y.
FS JAMES BUTLER SR. 6-3 210 30 tkls in '01 & '02. **1st Tm ACC** in '03, 119 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu, 6 tfl, 1 blocked FG, Thorpe finalist. Avery Roberson (6-2 190 rFr) PS#33DB.
P Andy Thomson Sr. 5-11 180 Last 5 sts in 2003, 24 punts and 39.8 average. Left footed. David Jordan (6-4 210 So) PS#12. Eric Griswold (6-1 200 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Calvin Johnson 6-4 215	PS#17
DL	Darryl Richard 6-4 285	PS#38
DL	David Brown 6-3 255	PS#43
DL	Darrell Robertson 6-5 205	PS#53
LB	Travis Chambers 6-0 215	PS#70
LB	Justin Guadagni 6-1 228	PS#101
OL	Jacob Lonowski 6-5 290	PS#135
WR	James Johnson 6-0 180	PS#115
DB	Jamal Lewis 6-0 170	PS#137
DL	AJ Smith 6-6 225	PS#159
QB	Taylor Bennett 6-3 200	PS#107
OL	Kieran Delaney 6-5 310	PS#185
QB	Kyle Manley 6-2 185	PS#115
RB	Michael Cox 6-2 248	PS#156
LB	Eric Williams 6-3 200	PS#152
OL	Elris Anyaibe 6-3 275	PS#263
LB	Gary Guyton 6-2 220	PS#196
DB	Djay Jones 6-1 185	PS#227
OL	Nate McManus 6-4 290	PS#290
K	Kyle Belcher 6-4 200	PS#23
WR	Patrick Clark 5-10 175	PS#233
TE	Jon Morrison 6-5 235	PS#130
RB	Drew Gause 5-8 205	PS#425
OL	Andrew Gardner 6-6 250	PS#603

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10-13-1	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
3-5-1	Off A SU Loss	1-3-1	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	3-4	Away Underdog
	2-5-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

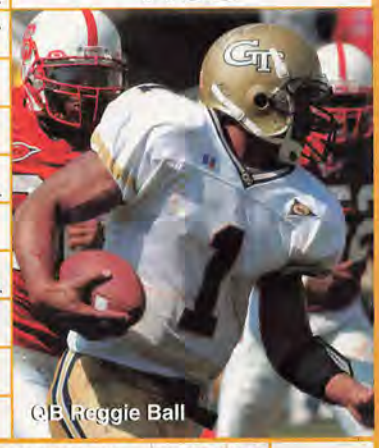
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,19,3)
Lost: 18 (11,5,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,862

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#27

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Georgia Tech is 9-1 ATS in games before Virginia since 1994. GT is 8-0 SU the last 8 & 3-1 ATS the last 4 Homecoming games. Georgia Tech is 1-5 ATS the last 6 games w/current Big East opponents.
Sep. 4	Samford	G						Bulldogs finished 7-4 last year in 3rd place of the IAA Ohio Valley Conf. LY vs SD St Samford, although tied 17-17 in the 3Q, lost 37*17 being outgained 528-244.
Sep. 11	at Clemson	G						The series is tied at 4-4 SU but Georgia Tech is 2-6 ATS since 1996. Yellow Jackets are 4-2 ATS in their last 6 ACC road openers.
Sep. 18	at N Carolina	G						Georgia Tech is 7-3 SU & 8-2 ATS vs North Carolina since 1994. Ramblin Wreck is 7-4 ATS prior to a bye week since 1998.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	Miami, Fl	G						Yellow Jackets are 8-3 ATS as home dogs the last 7 years. Georgia Tech has dropped 4 of their last 5 ACC home openers SU & ATS.
Oct. 9	at Maryland	G						Could apply: Yellow Jackets are 4-8-1 ATS the last 3 years off a SU loss. These 2 teams have only avg'd 30 ppg the last 3 years.
Oct. 16	Duke (HC)	G						Since 1976 the Yellow Jackets are 9-18-1 ATS vs Duke. Georgia Tech is 6-2 ATS prior to a Thursday game since 1998.
Oct. 23								
Oct. 28	Virginia Tech (Thur)	G						Georgia Tech is 7-3 ATS at home on Thursdays since 1994. Pending 10/2 Yellow Jackets are 8-16 ATS coming off a bye week S/'91.
Nov. 6	at NC State	G						Georgia Tech is 9-2-1 ATS vs NC State since 1992. Yellow Jackets are 13-32-1 ATS since 1991 in November.
Nov. 13	Connecticut	G						GT won only prior meeting in 2002 a 31-14 non-covering (-23) win. Could apply: entering 2004 GT was 8-4 ATS as a 14+ pt HF last 6 years.
Nov. 20	Virginia	G						Georgia Tech is 2-7-1 ATS prior to meeting the Bulldogs since 1994. Yellow Jackets are 3-11 ATS in home finales since 1990.
Nov. 27	at Georgia	G						Georgia Tech is 3-10 ATS in this instate rivalry since 1991. Ramblin Wreck have covered just 3 of the last 12 road finales.


QB Reggie Ball

STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-2	8-3	9-2	7-5	7-5	6-6	52-28
ATS	7-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	6-5-1	41-37-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	2-4	4-1	1-4	2-3	1-1	14-15
Home Dog	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	8-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-0	2-3	1-2	0-1-1	8-12-1
Away Dog	2-1	3-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2	11-7
Favorite	2-3	4-2	3-7	6-1	3-7	3-5	1-2-1	22-27-1
Dog	5-1	4-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-3	5-3	19-10
Grass	6-4	8-3	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	6-5-1	40-37-1
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	2-6	7-1	2-6	3-5	5-3	29-27
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-2-1	12-10-1
Off SU Win	4-2	6-2	2-5	7-1	2-4	2-5	4-2	27-21
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-3	1-3	2-2-1	11-12-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Daniels	283	1510	63	1447	10	5.1
Reggie Ball	139	607	223	384	3	2.8
Chris Woods	31	125	3	122	1	3.9
Ajenavi Eziemefe	18	62	9	53	0	2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Reggie Ball	350	181	51.7	1996	10	11
AJ Suggs	24	15	62.5	180	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jonathan Smith	78	1138	14.6	5	65
Nate Curry	37	426	11.5	3	54
John Paul Foschi	24	174	7.2	2	21
Levon Thomas	10	101	10.1	1	43
PJ Daniels	19	88	4.6	1	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Hal Higgins	43	1587	36.9	6	–	0	8
Andy Thomson	24	954	39.8	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dan Burnett	28-29	7-7	6-8	4-6	0-0	17-21	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keyaron Fox	155	4	14	3	0
Daryl Smith	129	3	14	2	0
James Butler	119	0	6	6	5
Dawan Landry	85	0	6	2	2
Reuben Houston	70	1	3	8	3
Jonathan Cox	66	0	4	6	1
Eric Henderson	49	11	13	4	0
Gerris Wilkinson	47	4	8	2	0
Travis Parker	40	2.5	13	0	0
Chris Reis	37	2	4	2	0
Ather Brown	30	1	5	1	0
Dennis Davis	23	0	2	4	2
Mansfield Wrotto	14	1	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Smith	31	364	11.7	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny Scott	35	779	22.3	0
Dennis Davis	7	110	15.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Gator	+4'	Miami, Fl	13-28	L
00	Peach	-8'	LSU	14-28	L
01	Seattle	+6	Stanford	24-14	W
02	Silicon Valley	-6'	Fresno St	21-30	L
03	Humanitarian	-7	Tulsa	52-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.1	18	160	4.1	170	52.5	15.7	+2	2003	5	20.5	17	101	2.9	222	60.5	15.7
5	21.5	20	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	-8	2002	9	20.5	18	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3
7*	31.2	22	139	3.4	278	63.6	13.4	+1	2001	9	21.6	18	118	3.3	217	54.0	15.5
5	32.2	23	162	3.9	263	60.7	13.2	+13	2000	8	19.8	21	94	2.7	285	57.6	19.2
9*	38.4	26	222	4.8	280	63.5	19.1	-12	1999	6	30.6	22	186	4.3	229	54.8	11.5
8*	35.5	21	185	4.3	208	55.5	11.1	+5	1998	7	24.6	20	167	4.1	223	55.1	15.9

	OFFENSE				2003 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at BYU	15	23-96	4.2	15-24	147	1	22	32-86	2.7	31-47	276	4	-2
Auburn	13	39-102	2.6	9-21	149	1	14	38-40	1.1	20-33	190	7	+1
at Florida St	15	39-112	2.9	12-25	128	6	18	32-91	2.8	15-30	160	0	0
Clemson	16	33-45	1.4	19-42	248	5	21	30-138	4.6	23-39	298	2	-1
at Vanderbilt	13	39-223	5.7	11-22	108	1	17	46-170	3.7	14-27	185	0	0
NC State	26	41-89	2.2	24-38	283	5	17	19-(-8)	-0.4	31-47	344	3	0
at Wake Forest	22	47-216	4.6	12-24	225	1	11	32-145	4.5	14-28	132	1	+2
Maryland	14	41-130	3.2	12-28	98	1	14	35-96	2.7	14-33	157	3	+3
at Duke	22	30-142	4.7	27-47	247	0	17	48-253	5.3	8-15	141	2	-3
N Carolina	28	50-298	6.0	14-27	148	1	21	31-157	5.1	26-40	289	2	+2
at Virginia	17	32-116	3.6	16-30	157	1	20	38-89	2.3	28-37	275	0	-2
Georgia	20	41-146	3.6	21-38	255	3	16	38-106	2.8	16-22	235	2	-3
† Tulsa	15	54-371	6.9	7-13	19	1	10	26-(-56)	-2.2	17-27	200	7	+5
TOTALS	236	509-2086	4.1	199-379	2212	27	218	445-1307	2.9	257-425	2882	33	+2
AVERAGES	18.2	39-160	4.1	15-29	170	2.1	16.8	34-101	2.9	20-33	222	2.5	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	-18	49-14	W
at Florida St	+18	35-41	W
UCF	-29'	41-10	W
Maryland	-19'	49-31	L
N Carolina	-17	31-24 OT	L
at Duke	-16'	38-31	L
NC State	-17	48-21	W
at Virginia	-7	38-45	L
Clemson	-4	45-42	L
at Wake Forest	-9	23-26	L
Georgia	-5	51-48 OT	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-15'	21-17	L
Florida St	+22	21-26	W
Navy	-16	40-13	W
at NC State	+3	23-30 OT	L
at N Carolina	+3	42-28	W
Wake Forest	-24'	52-20	W
Duke	-29	45-10	W
at Clemson	+12	31-28	W
Virginia	-9'	35-0	W
at Maryland	-10	35-22	W
at Georgia	-1'	27-15	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	-8	13-7	L
The Citadel	NL	35-7	–
at Navy	-25'	70-7	W
Clemson	-12'	44-47 OT	L
at Duke	-24'	37-10	W
Maryland	-8'	17-20 OT	L
NC State	-12	27-17	L
N Carolina	-4	28-21	W
at Virginia	-14'	38-39	L
at Wake Forest	-8	38-33	L
Georgia	-2'	17-31	L
at Florida St	+10	17-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-20'	45-3	W
at Connecticut	-23	31-14	L
at Clemson	-1	19-24	L
BYU	-9'	28-19	L
at N Carolina	-2'	21-13	W
Wake Forest	-13	21-24	L
at Maryland	+2	10-34	L
Virginia	-5	23-15	W
at NC State	+11	24-17	W
Florida St	+7	13-21	L
Duke	-16'	17-2	L
at Georgia	+9	7-51	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3'	13-24	L
Auburn	+8'	17-3	W
at Florida St	+23'	13-14	W
Clemson	-4	3-39	L
at Vanderbilt	-7	24-17 OT	T
NC State	+6'	29-21	W
at Wake Forest	+5	24-7	W
Maryland	+2'	7-3	W
at Duke	-13	17-41	L
N Carolina	-10	41-24	W
at Virginia	+7	17-29	L
Georgia	+8'	17-34	L

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 and 2001 James MacPherson and Anthony Young split the QB position with Young handling the running while MacPherson was the passing QB. It reminded me of Navy's effective combination of McCoy (runner) and Fay (passer) who led the Midshipmen to a 9-3 record and a bowl berth in 1996. In 2002 Young moved to WR and backup Cory Randolph (PS#116) would only attempt 48 passes and rush 12 times in 9 games as MacPherson saw the bulk of the action. Grobe has done a great job recruiting QB's and last year signed Ben Mauk (PS#32) who simply set the national record with 6,540 passing yards and 76 TD's in his senior season! He also signed Bruce Hall (PS#106) and in 2002 Zac Taylor (PS#55). Last year Randolph took command of the starting job and threw for 1,773 yards (58.5%) with an 8-10 ratio while rushing for 496 yards. His best passing game came against N Car when he hit 22 of 33 for 311 yards and his best rushing game was against UConn when he had 15 carries for 93 yards. He was one of only two new starting QB's in the ACC last year and should be much improved in 2004 especially if his O-line is healthier. Taylor was the backup QB last year but played in just three games with 3 rush attempts and one pass. Taylor and Hall both quit the team and I expect Mauk to team with Randolph much like the MacPherson/Young combo. This unit is much more experienced and has added talent with the addition of Mauk.

RUNNING BACKS - The Wake offense really needs about three solid TB's to operate at its best in their option offense. Tarence Williams rushed for 1,018 yards (4.1) in his junior year but broke his foot over the summer of 2002 and only had 116 yards in the first 5 games. That allowed Chris Barclay (PS#123, 4.4 spd) to emerge as he rushed for 703 yards (4.9) and became one of the rare true frosh to play for Grobe. Last year Dominic Anderson was lost for the year in the first game after being the #1 rusher in the spring game and he moved back to S this spring. Barclay and Cornelius Birgs suffered ankle injuries and were not really 100% in the first part of the year. Fred Staton (PS#47, 583 yds in '02) was never able to keep his academics in order and left the team. The FB in the WF offense plays multiple roles and Nick Burney did the job well even though he did not have a lot of stats (83 yards). True frosh D'Angelo Bryant (PS#74DB) took his redshirt off vs E Car and played in 8 games with 122 yards (3.9). Barclay came on strong in the second half of the season with a 243 yard effort vs Maryland and became just the 9th WF RB to top 1,000 yards joining the likes of Brian Piccolo. Barclay had 1,192 yards rushing (#1 in the ACC) and averaged a solid 5.1 ypc. Birgs (4.4 spd) has rushed for 604 yds in 2 years. This year the only loss is Burney. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and it wouldn't surprise me to see rFr Micah Andrews (PS#43) become a huge part of the equation.

RB Chris Barclay

RECEIVERS - The Deacons had to replace three of their top four receivers last year but did return 2001's leading receiver Jason Anderson (PS#106). Anderson suffered through an injury plagued 2002 and had just 23 rec, although he averaged 23.3 ypc. He has good size (6-3 195) with 4.49 speed and is adept at going up and getting the ball. Anderson led the team with 44 grabs (17.1 ypc). The fastest of the receivers is probably Willie Idlette who is a dangerous return man (see Special Teams) and in 7 starts had 32 rec (10.0). He also had a 75 yard TD run on a reverse and rushed for 234 yards (5.7). Former QB Anthony Young had three starts and 17 rec but was bothered by a back injury most of 2003 and departs as does TE Josh Warren (10 sts, 4 rec). Basically everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are WR's Kevin Marion (5-9 159 rFr, PS#152), Cassiel Smith (6-3 204 Jr, PS#170) and TE's Chris Carrothers (6-3 263 Sr) and John Tereshinski (6-4 225 rFr, PS#183QB). Christopher Davis was #3 with 19 rec (13.1) and former QB Nate Morton improved as the season went on including 5 rec vs UConn. This unit is more experienced and is probably the best receiving corps that Grobe has fielded.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Wake puts its strongest OL's on the inside to power the rush attack. Opponents also accuse them of chop-blocking which is something that option teams usually do. In Grobe's first year he had a solid 2 deep of OL's and the team's 4.0 ypc rush average was its best in over a decade as they allowed just 12 sacks (#1 in the ACC). In 2002 they had to replace two starters but had an 8 man rotation that paved the way for 4.4 ypc with just 12 sacks allowed. Last year they had just 2 returning starters but didn't have the depth of previous seasons. They still averaged 4.3 ypc while allowing 16 sacks. This year they must replace their outstanding LT Tyson Clabo (1st Tm ACC, 12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Mark Moroz (8 sts, 2nd Tm ACC), LG Craig Jones (7 sts), LG Chad Rebar and RG Daniel Orlebar (PS#82, transferred). Six players return with starting experience and they have an excellent crop of rFr including three VHT's added to the mix. Also Florida transfer Wesley Bryant (PS#67) is in his second year of the system. Grobe has the depth he desires and this has the makings of a pretty good unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Wake played a 3-3-5 out of necessity in the first 3 years of Grobe's tenure due to the lack of depth in the front 7. This year the Deacons will switch to a 4-3 as they'll have 15 DL's on the roster in fall. The star looks to be DE Bryan Andrews (PS#15) who is up to 252 lbs. Last year the team had to replace Calvin Pace who was the team's first #1DC since 1961 and another starting DT that was an NFL DC. The three projected starters had just four starts among them. The unit then suffered injuries with only DE Jerome Nichols able to start all 12 games and 5 of the top 6 were underclassmen. This year they are in much better shape as six players have starting experience. They must replace DE Arthur Orlebar (3 sts, 13 tkls) but everyone else is back. The deeper and more experienced DL should improve upon the 4.5 ypc rushing and 11 total sacks that the defense recorded last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Wake only had to replace one starter. This year they make the move to the 4-3 and lose Kellen Brantley (12 sts, 65 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 yr st'r), Obi Chukwumah (5 sts, 29 tkls), Dion Williams (4 sts, 57 tkls), Jamaal Argrow (3 sts, 12 tkls) and Jack Yates (2 tkls). Georgia transfer Brad White (12 sts, 78 tkls) moves from MLB to WLB while Pierre Easley takes over in the middle with his 4.5 speed. While not quite as experienced as last year, this unit could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wake was #85 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year the entire starting secondary returned. Surprisingly they only moved up to #74 allowing 61.9% with a 22-13 ratio. They did have one member land on the 1st Team ACC squad in Eric King (3 year starter) and Marcus McGruder won back the CB job he'd lost in 2002. This year they must replace FS Quintin Williams (12 sts, 88 tkls, 4 tfl) and CB Daryl Shaw (19 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and Grobe also adds some solid rFr. This is the best secondary that Grobe has fielded here in Winston-Salem.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the seven years prior to Grobe's arrival in 2001 WF's highest special teams ranking was #43 (1997). In 2001 they had the blazing speed of John Stone, a track star that led the team with 26.7 in KR's and had a strong legged kicker and punter and finished #24. Having to replace their K and Stone, WF dropped to #66 in 2002. In 2002 P Steve Hale averaged just 37.6 before true frosh Ryan Plackemeier took off his redshirt, and averaged a super 43.2 in the last 8 games. Matt Wisnosky (PS#39) did the KO's and FG's and hit a solid 17 of 25 FG's with a long of 43. Last year they had to replace their top PR and KR but Plackemeier was the best punter in the ACC (45.6). Martin Bailey in 1988 was the last WF punter to lead the ACC in punting. Plackemeier also took over the FG job, hitting only hit 5 of 7 with a long of 43 as Wisnosky struggled hitting 3-5 with a long of 44. Willie Idlette led the team in KR and PR and is dangerous. The team did have one horrendous game on special teams against N Car where they had 2 FG's and an XP blocked. They also fumbled a KO which led to a TD and fumbled two punts, one of which led to a TD. Plackemeier pulled a quad muscle vs Fla St which hurt the height of his kicks and they allowed 159 yards in PR's. WF only finished #64 in my special teams rankings but I look for significant improvement with Plackemeier and Idlette both back.

COACHES - Jim Grobe has done a great job here and last January was awarded a ten-year contract extension after their 2002 bowl victory. He is just the fifth coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl game and recorded back-to-back winning seasons in his first two years. He narrowly missed a third last season but the team dropped its last three games. Their OC Steed Lobotzke enters his second year here and their DC, Dean Hood, is now in his fourth season here and previously was the Ohio U DB Coach and E Kentucky DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since the ACC was formed in 1953 Wake has never had three straight finishes of .500 or better and they just missed last year losing their last three games to finish 5-7. In 2001 Jim Grobe inherited an experienced team with 18 returning starters and did a great job guiding them to a winning 6-5 record despite being outscored on the year. They won a lot of close games and made some major comebacks as they trailed N Carolina and trailed Virginia 23-13 in the 4Q but came out victorious. They had 16 returning starters in 2002 and benefited from +18 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround) and achieved another winning record, this time landing a bowl bid defeating Oregon 38-17 in the Seattle Bowl. Last year was the first time Grobe did not have a veteran team with just 10 starters back, but surprisingly with only 3 back on offense were able to have their best scoring output yet at 27.9 ppg although the ypg decreased by 53. I called it a rebuilding year for Wake but they almost surpassed expectations. In their first 2 games they were outFD'd 55-37 but made a miracle comeback vs BC and caught a NC St team looking ahead to Ohio St and were #20 in the AP poll, the first time they were ranked since 1992. Grobe did it with mirrors last season as the team was outFD'd in all 5 wins and in ACC play were actually outgained by 80.1 ypg, the second worst mark in the league. This year Wake is much more experienced with 14 starters back including QB Randolph and 1,000 yard rusher Chris Barclay. They also have two top-notch WR's in Jason Anderson and Willie Idlette and a veteran O-line. They have 8 starters back on defense and should improve upon the 28.9 ppg and 454 ypg they allowed last season. They were able to redshirt 21 of 23 freshmen. This is probably Grobe's most talented team yet but it probably won't show in the record as the ACC is a much tougher conference. Last year's team over-achieved and could have easily finished the season with just one or two wins. I will call for a second consecutive losing season for Wake.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CORY RANDOLPH JR. 6-1 194 PS#116. 333 pass yds in '02. 12 sts, 1773 yds (59%) 8-10 ratio, 496 rush. Ben Mauk (6-1 205 rFr) PS#32. 6540 yards was HS rec in '02.

TB CHRIS BARCLAY JR. 5-10 173 PS#123. 703 yds (4.9) as true. 12 sts, #1 ACC w/ 1192 yds (5.1). **2nd Tm ACC. Micah Andrews** (5-10 206 rFr) **PS#43**. Cornelius Birgs (5-10 214 Jr).

FB D'Angelo Bryant So. 6-2 239 PS#74DB. 4.5 speed. 122 yds (3.9) as true. Damon McWhite (6-2 253 So) PS#107DL. 1 st, 10 yds. Alonzo Chisolm (5-9 178 So).

WR WILLIE IDLETTE SO. 5-11 175 WF track team. 7 sts, 32 rec (10.6) in '03. Christopher Davis (5-11 182 Jr) 4 sts, 19 rec. Travo Woods (5-10 185 rFr) PS#121.

WR JASON ANDERSON SR. 6-3 195 PS#106. 14 sts in '01 & '02, 51 rec (**19.7**). 12 sts, 44 rec (17.1) LY, 4.49. Nate Morton (6-4 196 So) former QB. 2 sts, 14 rec (11.4).

TE R.D. Montgomery Sr. 6-6 233 PS#82DL. 2 tkls, 7 gms in '02. #2 TE in '03. On baseball team. Dan Callahan (6-4 260 So) PS#112OL. Zac Selmon (6-5 234 rFr) PS#78.

C BLAKE LINGRUEN SR. 6-4 282 2nd string as rFr. 10 sts in '02. 11 sts LY despite knee sprain. Steve Justice (6-4 280 rFr) **PS#94**. Kreg Rotthoff (6-4 281 Jr) 1 st at C LY.

RG Greg Adkins Jr. 6-3 284 Lettered as rFr. 3 sts, 10 games in '03 (missed 2 inj), also LS. Arby Jones (6-4 255 So) PS#261. 1 start. Dustin Abercrombie (6-3 269 So).

LG Joe Salisch Sr. 6-4 281 PS#220DL. 1 st vs MD, L/9 games, 50 snaps in '03. 3 letters. Louis Frazier (6-4 298 rFr) Impressive spg '04. Jarrett Osborne-Revis (6-2 304 rFr).

RT STEVE VALLOS SO. 6-3 297 PS#265. 13 sts at RG as rFr, 86% grade, avg 8.2 knockdowns per game. Brodie Overstreet (6-7 310 rFr) **PS#57**. Biggest player on team.

LT Wesley Bryant Jr. 6-4 302 **PS#67**. Orig at Florida. First 4 starts at LT. 11 games in 2003. Matt Brim (6-6 305 rFr) **PS#88**. 5.3 in 40. Redshirted in 2003.

K RYAN PLACKEMEIER JR. 6-4 246 PS#31. Hit 5 of 7 FG's in 2003, long of 43. Matt Wisnosky (6-3 184 Jr) PS#39 17 of 25 FG's in '02, long of 43. 3 of 5 FG LY with a long of 44.

DE JEROME NICHOLS SR. 6-2 273 PS#37TE. 5 tkls in '02. 12 sts in '03, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 9 tfl. Jamil Smith (6-3 281 So) PS#146. 1 tkl, ACL LY. Jeromy Jones (6-3 275 rFr) PS#133.

NT GORYAL SCALES JR. 6-0 283 PS#92. 2 sts in '02, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. 6 sts LY (inj) 16 tkls. Cori Stukes (6-1 272 Jr) 5 sts, 19 tkls, 4 tfl. Eric Gaskins (6-3 291 Fr) PS#238. Hargrave LY.

DT JYLES TUCKER SO. 6-4 250 PS#86 (Hargrave). 4 sts as "true", 17 tkls. John Finklea (6-5 273 Jr) PS#114. 4 sts LY, 11 tkls 2Y. Zachary Stukes (6-4 279 rFr) PS#338.

DE Bryan Andrews So. 6-6 252 **PS#15**. 2 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Matt Robinson (6-2 226 rFr) PS#130. Anthony Davis (6-6 235 Fr) PS#79. Chris Griebel (6-2 204 rFr).

WLB BRAD WHITE SR. 6-2 232 **Georgia transfer**. 13 sts, 94 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 78 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Jason Pratt (6-1 226 Jr) 13 tkls in 2Y. Chris Owen (6-2 215 Jr) ACL.

MLB Pierre Easley So. 6-0 246 PS#190. 4.5 speed. 12 tkls as rFr. Jonathan Abbate (6-0 247 rFr) PS#152. Napolean Sykes (5-10 220 So) PS#89DB.

SLB CARON BRACY SR. 6-0 226 PS#137RB. 6 sts as rFr (5@SS), 39 tkls. 13 sts in '02, #2 w/82 tkls. 12 sts LY, #1 w/90 tkls, 4 tfl. James Adams (6-3 223 So) PS#190, 5 tkls LY.

CB MARCUS McGRUDER SR. 5-9 188 11 starts as rFr, 52 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu. 1 start, 31 tkls in '02, 12 sts, 54 tkls, 4 pbu LY. Riley Swanson (6-0 178 So) PS#129, 41 tkls as rFr.

CB ERIC KING SR. 5-10 185 7 sts, 55 tkls, 6 pbu as rFr. 13 sts, 63 tkls in '02. **1st Tm ACC**. 12 sts, 59 tkls, 3 int, 15 pbu LY. Tm MVP. Aaron Mason (5-10 190 rFr) PS#325.

SS WARREN BRAXTON SR. 6-0 203 11 starts in '02, 61 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 starts LY, 66 tkls, 3 tfl. Dominic Anderson (6-0 206 Jr) PS#101RB. 20 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. RB (inj) in 2003.

FS Josh Gattis So. 6-2 196 PS#70. WF track team. 34 tkls as rFr. Patrick Ghee (6-2 204 So) PS#169, 17 tkls. Michael Manfredi (5-10 186 So).

P RYAN PLACKEMEIER JR. 6-4 246 PS#31. 32 punts, 43.2 avg in last 8 games as a true. 57 punts LY. **#1 ACC**. 45.6 avg, **38.3 net**. Steve Hale (6-0 204 Jr) 28 punts, 37.6 in '02.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Anthony Davis 6-6 235 PS#79
DL	Jeremy Thompson 6-5 230 PS#118
DB	Alphonso Smith 5-10 180 PS#109
WR	Chip Vaughn 6-2 190 PS#105
LB	Eric Berry 6-2 245 PS#141
DL	Brandon Drumgoole 6-6 235 PS#190
LB	Aaron Curry 6-3 210 PS#176
WR	Demir Boldin 6-1 205 PS#153
LB	Antonio Wilson 6-3 215 PS#177
LB	Stanley Arnoux 6-2 218 PS#180
PK	Chip Brinkman 6-2 210 PS#21
PK	Sam Swank 6-1 180 PS#32
DB	Kevin Patterson 5-11 175 PS#356
DB	Kerry Major 6-1 170 PS#360

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WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 4	at Clemson	G						
Sep. 11	at E Carolina	G						
Sep. 18	N Carolina A&T	G						
Sep. 25	Boston College	G						
Oct. 2	at NC State	G						
Oct. 9	Virginia Tech	G						
Oct. 16								
Oct. 23	Florida St (HC)	G						
Oct. 30	Duke	G						
Nov. 6								
Nov. 13	N Carolina	G						
Nov. 20	at Miami, Fl	G						
Nov. 27	at Maryland	G						

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Wake is 7-3 ATS in the 1st game of back-to-back road games since '95.
The Deacons are 6-14-2 ATS off a SU win the last 5 years.
WF is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS their last 3 regular season games the past 2 yrs.

Wake is 8-3-1 ATS as an AD under Grobe w/6 outright upsets in that span.
WF is 5-1-1 ATS in Death Valley, including a pair of outright upsets S/'91.

Wake Forest is 4-2 SU all-time & 2-1-1 ATS vs this instate foe.
These 2 schools are less than 30 miles apart.

This is the 1st ever Division IA foe for NC A&T!
NC A&T Aggies were 10-3 (7-1 in the MEAC) as conference champs LY.

WF is 4-5-2 SU all-time in this series, but prior to LY's meeting these 2 last met in '53.
Deacons are 10-5 SU & 5-9-1 ATS at home in lined gms vs non-conf tms S/'93.

Wake Forest is 6-10 ATS the last 16, but 5-2 ATS the last 7 in this series.
The home team has covered 7 of the last 8 games.

This is VT's 1st visit to Winston-Salem since 1984 when these 2 last met.
Wake Forest is 2-7 ATS the last 9 before a bye.

Wake Forest is 2-8-1 ATS the last 11 after a bye.
The Demon Deacons have covered 4 of the last 6 vs Florida St.

Wake Forest is 8-15 ATS since 1989 when hosting Tobacco Road teams.
The Demon Deacons are 4-7 ATS vs Duke S/'93 (2-0 SU & ATS the L2Y).

The home team is 2-11-1 ATS in this instate rivalry since 1990.
WF is 3-4 SU & 2-5 ATS at home in November under Grobe.

This will be the 7th time these 2 have met & the series is tied 3-3 SU.
Demon Deacons are 2-8 SU & ATS in lined games prior to Maryland S/'93.

The favorite is 7-1 ATS L/8 meetings & WF has only been favored once.
Wake Forest is 2-5 ATS the last 7 trips to Maryland.

JIM GROBE (Career 51-51-1)
4th Year at Wake Forest

Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

18-18	Straight Up	3-7-1	Home Favorite
15-16-3	Vs The Spread	3-3-1	Home Underdog
8-7-1	Off A SU Loss	1-3	Away Favorite
12-10-2	Vs Conference	8-3-1	Away Underdog
		3-6-1	Vs Non-Conference

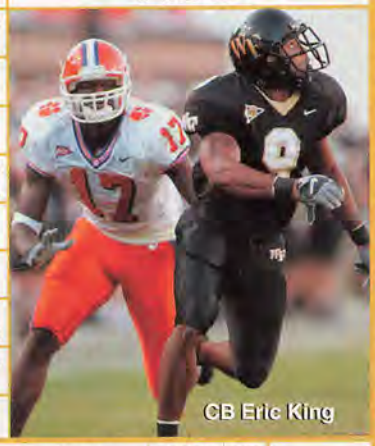
2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,20,3)
Lost: 21 (11,10,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,273

ACC


CB Eric King

STADIUM: GROVES STADIUM (31,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	6-5	2-9	6-5	6-6	5-7	33-46
ATS	8-3	5-5	6-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-6-2	5-7	37-36-3
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	1-4	6-10-1
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	1-1	11-10-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	4-6
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	1-1	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	2-1	16-10-1
Favorite	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-1	0-2	2-3-1	2-5	10-16-1
Dog	6-2	4-3	3-3	3-6	6-1-1	2-3-1	3-2	27-20-2
Grass	8-3	5-5	5-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-5-2	4-7	35-35-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	4-4	27-27-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-2-1	1-3	10-9-1
Off SU Win	3-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	2-3	10-17-2
Off SU Loss	4-1	4-3	5-0	2-6	3-2	3-1-1	2-4	23-17-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Barclay	235	1248	56	1192	12	5.1
Cory Randolph	94	496	92	404	5	4.3
Cornelius Birgs	103	369	25	344	5	3.3
Willie Idlette	41	279	45	234	3	5.7
D'Angelo Bryant	31	130	8	122	1	3.9
Nick Burney	32	83	4	79	4	2.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cory Randolph	246	144	58.5	1773	8	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Anderson	44	751	17.1	6	79
Willie Idlette	32	319	10.0	0	39
Chris Davis	19	249	13.1	1	52
Anthony Young	17	178	10.5	0	21
Nate Morton	14	160	11.4	0	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Plackemeier	57	2600	45.6	1	38.3	1	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Plackemeier	16-16	2-3	2-2	1-2	0-0	5-7	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Caron Bracy	90	0	4	3	0
Quintin Williams	88	0	4	5	1
Brad White	78	0	5	2	1
Warren Braxton	66	1	2	1	2
Kellen Brantley	65	4	5	2	1
Eric King	59	0	1	15	3
Dion Williams	57	0	4	2	0
Marcus McGruder	54	0	1	4	1
Riley Swanson	41	0	0	1	1
Josh Gattis	34	0	0	0	0
Jerome Nichols	33	2	9	6	2
Obi Chukwumah	29	0	0	1	0
Daryl Shaw	19	0	1	0	1
Cori Stukes	19	1	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Idlette	21	146	7.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Idlette	20	410	20.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Dixie	NL	Baylor	7-20	–
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34	L
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35	W
99	Aloha	+3	Arizona St	23-3	W
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	27.9	19	203	4.3	152	58.6	12.7	+7	2003	7	28.9	25	174	4.5	280	61.9	15.7
8*	27.4	21	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	+18	2002	8	25.2	21	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5
10*	26.5	22	222	4.0	169	52.0	14.7	-3	2001	8	28.3	20	140	3.7	245	61.8	13.6
3	16.5	18	150	3.6	176	52.5	19.8	-9	2000	1	32.9	21	206	4.7	227	58.0	13.2
6	22.2	17	175	3.6	145	57.6	14.4	+7	1999	7	17.4	17	119	3.3	188	53.7	17.6
8*	21.4	19	65	2.2	287	56.0	16.5	-4	1998	7	30.5	19	187	4.2	214	59.5	13.2

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Boston Coll	16	40-160	4.0	13-23	149	0		28	46-155	3.4	26-44	288	0	0
NC State	21	50-202	4.0	9-11	173	1		27	25-78	3.1	38-49	433	1	+2
Purdue	15	34-56	1.6	18-30	188	1		19	37-116	3.1	26-36	227	1	0
E Carolina	18	55-193	3.5	7-14	131	0		23	41-167	4.1	25-35	224	0	+4
at Virginia	21	49-174	3.6	17-31	218	2		29	33-151	4.6	30-45	326	0	+2
Georgia Tech	11	32-145	4.5	14-28	132	1		22	47-216	4.6	12-24	225	1	-2
at Duke	15	56-256	4.6	4-4	78	0		21	37-119	3.2	23-49	267	4	+2
at Florida St	16	52-230	4.4	8-15	96	5		27	41-138	3.4	25-40	367	1	+1
Clemson	22	60-321	5.4	6-8	85	0		29	24-62	2.6	35-57	343	2	+2
at N Carolina	31	53-251	4.7	22-33	311	1		24	46-328	7.1	12-26	147	1	-2
Connecticut	17	40-135	3.4	16-28	149	3		29	44-223	5.1	24-38	313	0	0
Maryland	21	48-316	6.6	12-24	108	2		25	45-339	7.5	12-22	198	0	-2
TOTALS	224	569-2439	4.3	146-249	1818	16		303	466-2092	4.5	288-465	3358	11	+7
AVERAGES	18.7	47-203	4.3	12-21	152	1.3		25.3	39-174	4.5	24-39	280	0.9	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Army	-2'	34-15	W
at Virginia	+10'	7-35	L
NC State	+7	31-7	W
Rutgers	-17	17-10	L
Maryland	+1	14-17	L
at Florida St	+31	10-33	W
UAB	-6'	47-3	W
Clemson	+4'	3-12	L
at N Carolina	-8	19-3	W
at Duke	-4	35-48	L
Georgia Tech	+9	26-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	16-20	–
N Carolina	+11'	14-35	L
at Clemson	+33	7-55	L
Virginia	+16'	10-27	L
Vanderbilt	+10'	10-17	W
at Georgia Tech	+24'	20-52	L
at Maryland	+12'	7-37	L
Duke	-4'	28-26	L
Florida St	+48	6-35	W
at Navy	+2'	49-26	W
at NC State	+15	14-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+16	21-19	W
Appalachian St	NL	20-10	–
Maryland	+6	20-27	L
at Florida St	+26'	24-48	W
NC State	+4	14-17	W
at Duke	-8'	42-35	L
Clemson	+7	14-21	T
at Virginia	+3	34-30	W
at N Carolina	+13'	32-31	W
Georgia Tech	+8	33-38	W
N Illinois	-10'	38-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-1	41-42 OT	L
E Carolina	-5	27-22	T
at NC State	+13'	13-32	L
at Purdue	+9'	24-21	W
Virginia	-2	34-38	L
at Georgia Tech	+13	24-21	W
Duke	-11	36-10	W
at Clemson	+8	23-31	T
N Carolina	-6	31-0	W
Florida St	+10	21-34	L
Navy	-27	30-27	L
at Maryland	+13'	14-32	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+12	32-28	W
NC State	+7'	38-24	W
Purdue	E	10-16	L
E Carolina	-19'	34-16	L
at Virginia	+7	24-27	W
Georgia Tech	-5	7-24	L
at Duke	-10	42-13	W
at Florida St	+18'	24-48	L
Clemson	E	45-17	W
at N Carolina	-8'	34-42	L
Connecticut	-9'	17-51	L
Maryland	+8	28-41	L

N CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - I find it interesting that N Carolina has never produced an NFL starting QB. Ronald Curry was PS#1 but never had the career expected. In his senior season he split the duties with Darian Durant. Durant threw for 1,919 yards (62.9%) with a 17-11 ratio and NC was 8-0 down the stretch when those two alternated. Durant left school in the spring of 2002 but Bunting left the door open and he eventually returned. He beat out Florida transfer CJ Stephens (PS#26) for the #1 job. Durant started the first 8 games before breaking his thumb throwing for 2,123 yards (59.3%) with a 16-9 ratio while rushing for 375. He was on his way to school records in several categories prior to the injury. Last year Durant stayed healthy and threw for 2,551 yards (60.2%) with an 18-10 ratio while rushing for 538 gross yards. He set the NC single season record for pass yards and total offense and is already the career record holder in both of those categories. Matt Baker (PS#76) came off the bench vs NC State and hit 7 of 9 for 146 yards including a late TD pass. Stephens hit 11 of 18 for 186 yards for the year but now departs. Both Durant and Baker are back and Baker has had 44 pass attempts in 6 games in two years. Added to the mix this year is Roger Heinz (6-1 192 rFr, PS#59). Durant went through a streak last year when he had 137 straight passes without an interception and as long as he stays healthy, he should be one of the ACC's premier QB's this season.

QB Darian Durant

RUNNING BACKS - The Tar Heels have had an incredible twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers, the most of any team in NCAA's history (USC is 2nd with 21). After having 12 straight 1,000 yard rushers from 1973-'84, the team has gone through a drought with just one in the last ten years (1997). In 2002 Jacque Lewis (PS#32) led the team with 574 yards (4.4), Willie Parker (PS#141) had 236 (3.4) and Mahlon Carey (PS#58) added 216 (3.9). Carey was moved to DB and the team got an interesting addition in true frosh Ronnie McGill (PS#123) who graduated early and was in for the spring. They also added in Kentucky transfer Chad Scott (PS#82) who had 821 yards rushing and 49 rec's in two years at UK. In August last year the RB's were banged up with the exception of Willie Parker and he started the opener but had just one attempt. The running game struggled in the first half of the year. In fact, Durant was the team's leading rusher in 4 of the first 8 games. Lewis did average a team high 6.1 ypc but Bunting says he did not give him more carries because he is injury prone with too much playing time. Lewis finished second on the team in rec's (34) and third in rushing (374). The team rushed for 287 yards vs Clemson, their best in a game since '94 but Durant was the leader with 110 followed by Scott (73). Two weeks later against WF they topped that mark with 328 yards and this time it was McGill who set a school record with 224 in the 2H. In the season finale vs Duke not much went right and P David Wooldridge was the team's leading rusher with 24 yards on a fake punt. For the season McGill finished with 654 yards (5.1). This year the only loss is Parker (3 sts, 181 yds, 3.8). They add in a VHT with Madison Hedgecock (PS#25) moving back to FB this year. This should be a much improved group and I give NC a shot at finally garnering another 1,000 yard back.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top 2 receivers plus their starting TE and the leading returnee was Jarwarski Pollock (PS#93, 31 rec in '02). Bunting brought in an exceptional class of WR's with 3 VHT's who all played but the star of the group was Pollock who had twice as many rec's as the #2. He set a school record with 71 rec although he had just 1 TD. Pollock is small (5-8 170) but has 4.32 speed and can make some acrobatic catches. I list the 3 VHT WR's below as well as the TE's. This year the only losses from this group are TE Bobby Blizzard (8 sts, 20, 8.1), WR Brandon Russell (3 sts, 20 rec, 12.1) and WR Danny Rumley (1 st, 3 rec). Not listed below are TE's Justin Phillips (6-4 228 Jr, 2 rec), Lewis Burnham (6-4 247 So, PS#51), John Dunn (6-5 260 Sr, 1 st 3 rec) and WR's Chris Curry (6-1 191 Sr, PS#176), Daunte Fields (6-0 172 So, PS#111) and Wallace Wright (6-0 187 Jr, 1 rec). This has the makings of a very talented group and is much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1995 to 2002 NC's best ypc rushing was just 3.6 and they have had just two OL drafted since 1990. Last year all 5 starters returned for the first time since 1996 and paved the way for an outstanding 4.7 ypc rushing although they had just 150 ypg. The unit allowed 23 sacks which cut the 2002 sack total (46) in half. This year they must replace RG Jeb Terry (12 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 0 sks allowed, 3 yr st'r, #5DC TB) and LG Jupiter Wilson (12 sts, 3 yr st'r). Eight of the top 10 return and 3 of the projected starters listed below are VHT's. Surprisingly C Jason Brown is the only 300 lb. starter but the 2004 version should come close to matching last year's fine production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Tar Heels had one of the top DL's in the country but in 2002 they had to replace a pair of 1st round DC's and a 7th round pick and suffered through an injury plagued season. After allowing just 3.3 ypc rushing the team yielded 4.8 ypc with just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 7 starts and then lost DT Donti Coats (3 sts in 2002) prior to the season and starting DE Jocques Dumas lost his job. NC allowed 4.9 ypc rushing and recorded just 16 sacks. This year they must replace DT Issac Mooring (2 sts, 22 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Jermicus Banks (1 st, 16 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Madison Hedgecock (11 sts, 55 tkls, 6.5 tfl) who moves back to FB. They have six players with starting experience including three who were frosh last year. Bunting brings in four players who were at Hargrave in 2003 including a couple of VHT's. The most impressive player is DT Isaiah Thomas who is big (318) and started the last five games as a true frosh. Not listed below are Xavier Rainey (6-3 257 So, PS#178) and Kenny Price (6-4 280 Fr, PS#320). This unit can only improve in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - In 2002 NC had to replace all three starters from this unit and last year looked to be in good shape with only 1 to replace. Starter Clarence Gaddy and Doug Justice combined for just eight starts while a pair of freshmen combined for 16. This year they must replace WLB Clay Roberson (4 sts, 18 tkls), MLB Devllen Bullard (8 sts, 45 tkls, 1.5 tfl) and WLB Clarence Gaddy (7 sts 2002, 8 tkls LY). This group is more experienced, has decent talent and should be stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 NC finished #15 in my pass D rankings but an inexperienced secondary in 2002 saw the rating plummet down to #100. Last year they had to replace two starters but moved in an RB and signed their first JUCO since 1998 and both became starters. They did lose starting CB Cedrick Holt to a broken leg early in the year but NC had the ignominy of finishing #117 in my pass D rankings allowing 63% with an amazing 25 TD's and just 2 int's. This year they must replace their #1 tackler in each of the last two years in FS Dexter Reid (12 sts, 2nd Tm ACC, 4.32 spd, #4DC of NE), CB Michael Waddell (5 sts, 18 tkls, #4DC TEN), CB Derrick Johnson (4 sts, 27 tkls) and SS Mike Harris (4 sts, 37 tkls). They do have four players back with starting experience and also bring in a three year starter from E Tenn St in FS Gerald Sensabaugh who has good size and should fill in for Reid nicely. They also bring in two VHT true frosh and two HT rFr. After last year's poor performance, this unit can only move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - John Bunting's special teams units ranked #93 and #114 in his first two seasons. They did get an outstanding addition in 2002, in Mich St transfer Dan Orner who tied an NCAA record with three 50+ FG's in the same game. Orner missed his first two FG's of 2003 but rebounded to hit 12 of 16 with a long of 51 and once again had three 50+ FG's. P John Lafferty averaged 37.5 before being replaced by rFr David Wooldridge (PS#15) who averaged 45.1 per boot with a long of 61. Michael Waddell averaged a super 14.5 last year on PR's (4.2 in '02) and also 31.7 on KR's finishing #1 in the NCAA in that category. Not only does Orner depart this year but so does Lafferty and Waddell. Mike Mason (PS#10) returned his first KR 100 yards for a TD vs Wisconsin but it was called back. Later he returned a 96 yard KR for a TD vs Maryland and averaged 26.0 ypr. They also bring in PS#1K Connor Barth. Thanks to the explosive return game NC finished #36 in my special teams rankings and could come close to matching that this year.

COACHES - John Bunting was an All-ACC LB for UNC during the 1969-'71 seasons and played with the PHI Eagles. He's been an assistant with 3 NFL teams and was HC at Div III Glassboro St from '88-'92 compiling a 12-1 record in his final season. The OC is Gary Tranquill who enters his 4th year in that role here. He was the OC at Virginia in 2000, at Mich St under Nick Saban, Navy and with the CLE Browns. The new DC is John Gutekunst, who was the HC at Minnesota from 1986-'91 and served as a DC at Rutgers from '94-'95. He was the S Carolina DB Coach the last five years under Lou Holtz. Gutekunst is actually co-DC and will handle the run D, while Marvin Sanders will handle the pass D.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Almost everything went right in John Bunting's first season as the team went 8-5 including a Peach Bowl win over Auburn. Unfortunately the last two seasons have been extremely poor going just 3-9 and 2-10. Last year they finished last in the ACC (first time since 1989) when their 13 game winning streak over Duke ended. Their two wins were the fewest since 1989. They did lead Syracuse by 17 in the 3Q but lost in 3 OT's and vs Clemson QB Durant fumbled into the endzone for a TB as they were going for the tying TD. NC deserved to be in the basement of the ACC as they were outgained by an average of 132 ypg, the worst mark in the league. This came just one year after they were outgained by 105.7 ypg in league play. Durant, one of the most exciting QB's in the country, returns for his senior season along with 7 other offensive starters. They should top last year's 26.4 ppg. Defense is where the question mark is. Despite solid talent and 7 starters back last season, they slipped from 35.1 to 38.3 ppg allowed and yielded 505 ypg. I rated them #108 on that side of the ball which is the last amongst all BCS conference defenses. They do have 7 starters back and should be improved but I thought they would be last year as well. Their home games in the ACC are all tough and the most winnable ones are on the road vs Wake Forest and Duke. They were -15 in turnovers last year but they have gone against the trend of my Turnovers=Turnaround article as they have had 4 straight years of negative double digit turnovers. Should they correct the turnover problem and greatly improve the defense, which are both possibilities, this team could be a surprise in the ACC. I think it will be difficult for them to achieve a winning record, especially with the ACC being a much tougher league.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DARIAN DURANT SR. 5-11 217 **PS#19**. 8 sts (inj) in '02, 2123 yds (59.3%) 16-9 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2551 pass (60%), 18-10 ratio, 538 rush. Matt Baker (6-2 209 Jr) PS#76. 44 career att's.
RB RONNIE MCGILL SO. 5-11 206 PS#123. 8 sts as true, 654 (5.1). **Jacque Lewis** (5-10 190 Sr) **PS#32**. 18 sts, 1195 yds (4.8), 56 rec 3Y. **Chad Scott** (5-9 196 Sr) PS#82. 425 yds LY.
FB MADISON HEDGECOCK SR. 6-3 260 **PS#25**. 10 sts @ FB in '01. 6 sts at FB in '02. 11 sts at DE LY, 55 tks, 6.5 tfl. 450 bench. Rikki Cook (6-0 260 Jr) **PS#31**. 1 st, 32 snaps LY.
WR MIKE MASON SO. 6-0 189 **PS#10**. 22 rec (14.2) as true. **Derrele Mitchell** (6-3 212 Jr) PS#117. 15 rec as true (15.5). 7 sts, 17 rec LY. **Jesse Holley** (6-3 190 So) **PS#15**.
WR JARWARSKI POLLOCK SR. 5-8 170 PS#93. 31 rec (15.0) in '02. 10 sts, school record 71 rec (10.5) LY. 4.32 spd. Adarius Bowman (6-4 217 So) **PS#16**. 2 sts as true, 10 rec (18.1).
TE Jon Hamlett So. 6-5 247 PS#28. 2 sts as true, 11 rec (10.5). **Jocques Dumas** (6-6 266 Sr) **PS#12DL**. 10 sts @DE, 38 tkls in '02. Scott Brumett (6-2 255 Sr) 204 tkls @E Tenn St 3Y.
C JASON BROWN SR. 6-3 328 **PS#59**. 3 sts at RT as true. 12 sts at C in '02, 896 snaps. 12 sts in '03, 0 sks in 818 snaps. 450 bench. Scott Lenahan (6-1 296 rFr) PS#111.
RG Steven Bell Jr. 6-3 285 2 sts at LG in '02, 65 snaps. 2nd string in '03. Calvin Darity is **PS#5**. Charlston Gray (6-3 299 rFr) PS#305. Patrick Hope (6-3 271 rFr).
LG Kyle Ralph Jr. 6-4 293 **PS#43**. Last **5 sts** as **true**. **472 snaps** in '03. 420 bench. Mickey Rice (6-0 298 So) PS#76. Arthur Smith (6-4 273 Jr) 1 st in '02. Inj '03.
RT SKIP SEAGRAVES SR. 6-5 280 **PS#56**. 1 st as rFr. 11 sts in '02. 12 sts, 603 snaps LY, 600 squat. Chris Woods (6-3 304 So) PS#235. Drew Hunter (6-7 305 Jr) PS#160.
LT WILLIE MCNEILL SR. 6-5 291 PS#196. 10 sts as rFr. 11 sts in '02. 12 sts LY, 718 snaps, **HM ACC**. 440 bench. Brian Chacos (6-4 297 Jr) **PS#19TE**. Kendall High (6-4 272 So).
K Connor Barth Fr. 6-1 175 **PS#1K**. 20 of 21 FG's at HS LY. 2 from 50+. 75% of KO's into EZ. Heath Martin (5-10 184 So). David Wooldridge 28 of 34 FG's in HS.

DE Alden Blizzard So. 6-3 257 PS#171. 2 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 4 sks. Marcus Hands (6-5 245 Fr) PS#34. Hargrave LY. Khalif Mitchell (6-6 297 Fr) PS#243. Kyndraus Guy (6-2 256 rFr) PS#118.
DT CHASE PAGE SR. 6-5 288 PS#179. 11 sts, 49 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 420 bench. 12 sts, 47 tkls, 5.5 tfl LY. Shelton Bynum (6-5 300 So) PS#159. Last 3 sts as true, 7 tkls, 1 tfl.
DT ISAIAH THOMAS SO. 6-4 318 **PS#18**. L/5 sts as **true**, 32 tkls, 1 tfl. Jonas Seawright (6-6 355 Sr) PS#72. 6 sts, 9 tkls LY. Donnell Livingston (6-3 296 rFr) PS#143OL, RS LY.
DE TOMMY DAVIS JR. 6-2 256 PS#182. 5 sts as rFr, 35 tkls. 5 sts LY. 30 tkls, 2 tfl. Terry Hunter (6-4 270 Fr) PS#44, Hargrave LY. Brian Rackley (6-5 249 So) PS#198, 3 tkls.
SLB Jeff Longhany Jr. 6-3 256 PS#81. 35 tkls as rFr. Last 4 starts LY, 50 tkls, 7 tfl. Victor Worsley (6-1 237 So) PS#63. **Joe Kedra** (6-4 238 So) **PS#20**. 5 tkls as true.
MLB DOUG JUSTICE JR. 6-2 246 **PS#17**. 11 sts as rFr, 97 tkls, 2 tfl. 1st 4 starts in '03, 44 tkls. Fred Sparkman (6-2 242 So) **PS#42**. 19 tkls as true. Chase Rice is PS#129.
WLB LARRY EDWARDS SO. 6-3 232 PS#100. Last 8 sts as true, 88 tkls, 5.5 tfl. Melik Brown (6-1 253 So) **PS#58**. 8 sts as true, 20 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Cori Powell is PS#116.
CB LIONELL GREEN SR. 6-1 180 PS#59JC. 3 int, 32 pbu at JC. L/8 sts here LY, 65 tkls, 8 pbu. Trimane Goddard is **PS#20**. Kareen Taylor (6-0 195 So). Jacoby Watkins (6-0 170 So).
CB Cedrick Holt Jr. 5-11 184 PS#91. 2 sts LY until broken leg. 4.3 spd, 15 tkl. Chris Hawkins (5-10 184 Sr) 5 sts LY, 30 tkls, 8 pbu. Bryan Bethea (5-10 178 rFr). PS#73RB.
SS MAHLON CAREY JR. 6-1 216 PS#58RB. 216 rush as true. 9 sts LY, 96 tkls, 2 int. Quinton Person (5-11 177 rFr) PS#52. Ronnie Bryant (6-0 210 Jr). Stephen Green (6-0 185 Fr) PS#75.
FS Gerald Sensabaugh Sr. 6-2 210 3 year starter at E Tenn St 2x's, **1st Tm Conf.** 74 tkls, 8 pbu, 5 blk kicks LY. DJ Walker (6-0 175 So) PS#101, 26 tkls. Martel Thatch is PS#38.
P DAVID WOOLDRIDGE SO. 6-1 190 PS#15K. L/5 sts as rFr, 27 punts, solid 45.1 avg L/61. 9 inside the 20, 24 yds rush. John Choate (6-2 185 rFr). Heath Martin (5-10 184 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Calvin Darity 6-4 275 PS#5
DB	Trimane Goddard 5-11 185 PS#20
K	Connor Barth 6-1 175 PS#1
DB	Martel Thatch 6-2 180 PS#38
RB	Antwain Carey 6-0 205 PS#54
OL	Thomas Nyaoga 6-5 290 PS#77
WR	Brooks Foster 6-2 190 PS#65
DB	Stephen Green 6-0 185 PS#75
DL	Byron Bishop 6-3 295 PS#99
DL	Kentwan Balmer 6-5 250 PS#100
WR	Del Roberts 5-8 170 PS#88
DL	Hilee Taylor 6-3 215 PS#116
LB	Cori Powell 6-2 225 PS#116
LB	Chase Rice 6-3 215 PS#129
OL	Wyatt Hicks 6-6 250 PS#235
QB	Michael Rozier 6-5 210 PS#164
OL	Ben Lemming 6-5 270 PS#350
TE	Scott Brumett 6-2 255 PS#122
DB	Willie Phelps 5-11 185 PS#897

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Bunting's records AT N CAROLINA

13-24	Straight Up	1-6	Home Favorite
15-21	Vs The Spread	3-8	Home Underdog
11-12	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
9-15	Vs Conference	10-6	Away Underdog
	6-6 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: **(2-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

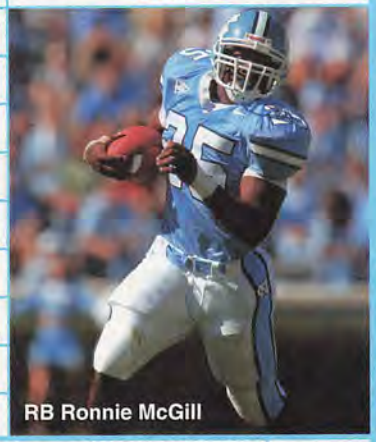
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (25,24,2)
Lost: 23 (9,10,4)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,133

ACC

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	William & Mary	G						North Carolina has had a double digit negative TO ratio the last 4 years. North Carolina is 3-8 ATS as a home dog under Bunting. Tar Heels are 2-5 ATS as DD home dogs the last 5 years.
Sep. 11	at Virginia	G						LY the Tribe was 5-5 finishing 6th in the Atlantic 10. In LY's opener they led WMU Broncos are 14-7 ATS but lost 56-24 allowing a WM record of 489 yds passing. N Carolina is only 1-7 ATS vs the Cavaliers the last 8 years. The visitor is 4-14 in their last 18 meetings.
Sep. 18	Georgia Tech	G						Tar Heels have been stung in 8 of the last 10 ATS by the Yellow Jackets. NC is only 8-15 SU & 6-17 ATS at home vs ACC foes since 1998.
Sep. 25	Louisville	G						Tar Heels are 4-10 ATS at home facing non-conf teams in lined games S/'96. N Carolina is 3-9 ATS the L/12 games in the 2nd of a 2+ game homestand.
Oct. 2	at Florida St	G						The visitor is 6-2 ATS since 1996 in this series. North Carolina is 6-2 ATS as an away dog of 17+ pts since 1994.
Oct. 9	NC State	G						Tar Heels are 8-3 SU & ATS vs instate rival Wolfpack the last 11 meetings. Might apply: N Carolina is only 1-6 ATS as a home fav under Bunting.
Oct. 16	at Utah	A						Tar Heels are 6-0 ATS on artificial turf since 1995. N Carolina is 7-4 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1996.
Oct. 23								
Oct. 30	Miami, Fl (HC)	G						North Carolina is 2-8-1 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games. Tar Heels are 2-7 ATS the week following a bye since 1997.
Nov. 6	Virginia Tech	G						North Carolina is 2-8 ATS in home finales since 1994. Last & only time S/'46 NC played VT was the '97 Carquest Bowl (42-3 win).
Nov. 13	at Wake Forest	G						The visitor is 11-2-1 ATS over the last 14 meetings. Tar Heels are 12-5 ATS the last 17 in the 1st of a 2+ game road trip.
Nov. 20	at Duke	G						North Carolina is 6-1 ATS vs the Blue Devils the last 7 years. Could apply: Tar Heels are 8-4 ATS as an away favorite the last 7 years.
Nov. 27								


RB Ronnie McGill

STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	6-5	3-8	6-5	7-5	3-9	2-10	37-43
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-6	6-5	5-7	4-8	6-6	36-43
Home Fav	2-3	2-3	0-2	2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	7-17
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	0-5	2-3	5-11
Away Fav	3-2	2-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	8-4
Away Dog	0-0	2-1	3-2	1-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	16-11
Favorite	5-5	4-4	0-2	4-3	1-5	0-1	1-1	15-21
Dog	0-1	2-1	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-7	5-5	21-22
Grass	5-6	6-5	4-6	5-5	5-7	3-8	5-6	33-43
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	3-5	25-31
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	3-1	11-12
Off SU Win	4-5	4-1	0-1	2-3	2-4	0-2	1-1	13-17
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-3	3-4	3-2	2-3	4-5	5-4	20-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Carquest	-2	Arkansas	20-10	W
96	Gator	-6'	W Virginia	20-13	W
97	Carquest	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3	W
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13	T
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10	W

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ronnie McGill	128	690	36	654	7	5.1
Darian Durant	91	538	142	396	6	4.4
Jacque Lewis	61	397	23	374	1	6.1
Chad Scott	39	192	10	182	3	4.7
Willie Parker	48	213	32	181	0	3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Darian Durant	389	234	60.2	2551	18	10
Matt Baker	19	12	63.2	166	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jarwarski Pollock	71	745	10.5	1	53
Jacque Lewis	34	391	11.5	5	64
Mike Mason	22	313	14.2	3	49
Chad Scott	17	243	14.3	1	52
Brandon Russell	20	242	12.1	1	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Wooldridge	27	1218	45.1	4	36.3	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dan Orner	35-35	3-3	5-7	1-2	3-4	12-16	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dexter Reid	132	0	4	3	0
Mahlon Carey	96	0	1	1	2
Larry Edwards	88	0.5	5	2	0
Lionell Green	65	0	0	8	0
Madison Hedgecock	55	1.5	5	1	0
Jeff Longhany	50	2	5	0	0
Chase Page	47	1.5	4	0	0
Devilen Bullard	45	0.5	1	0	0
Doug Justice	44	0	2	0	0
Mike Harris	37	0.5	0	3	0
Isaiah Thomas	32	0	1	0	0
Tommy Davis	30	0	2	0	0
Chris Hawkins	30	0	2	8	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Waddell	11	159	14.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Mason	25	651	26.0	1
Michael Waddell	15	475	31.7	1

N CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.4	20	150	4.7	244	60.1	14.9	-15	2003	7	38.3	26	227	4.9	278	63.0	13.2
6	18.6	20	103	3.0	266	54.6	19.9	-15	2002	3	35.1	23	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9
6*	25.9	19	130	3.2	230	56.8	13.9	-10	2001	7	20.8	17	118	3.3	178	51.3	14.2
3*	24.5	20	148	3.5	223	53.5	15.2	-12	2000	9	25.8	16	103	2.8	224	49.4	12.7
7	16.9	16	144	3.2	133	45.3	16.4	+2	1999	4	24.7	20	191	4.3	183	53.3	15.1
6*	24.0	16	133	3.5	185	49.7	13.2	0	1998	4	23.6	17	133	3.1	209	47.9	14.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida St	17	27-72	2.7	27-47	223	1	29	42-236	5.6	24-37	317	2	-1
Syracuse	31	42-165	3.9	32-45	340	0	26	47-230	4.9	20-33	288	2	-2
at Wisconsin	16	25-110	4.4	16-31	199	3	22	50-209	4.2	12-20	193	1	-1
at NC State	26	27-81	3.0	32-53	469	3	27	39-192	4.9	23-30	423	1	-1
Virginia	17	25-58	2.3	27-41	207	5	28	46-229	5.0	20-23	286	1	0
at E Carolina	16	43-189	4.4	15-25	198	0	16	45-164	3.6	13-17	125	3	0
Arizona St	18	34-164	4.8	13-23	167	1	29	35-190	5.4	34-59	408	1	-1
at Clemson	22	40-287	7.2	19-31	208	0	24	37-219	5.9	18-35	309	0	-4
at Maryland	16	25-108	4.3	21-32	277	4	27	50-252	5.0	16-27	360	1	-3
Wake Forest	24	46-328	7.1	12-26	147	1	31	53-251	4.7	22-33	311	1	+2
at Georgia Tech	21	31-157	5.1	26-40	289	2	28	50-298	6.0	14-27	148	1	-2
Duke	14	22-86	3.9	18-35	203	3	23	62-254	4.1	10-18	171	2	-2
TOTALS	238	387-1805	4.7	258-429	2927	23	310	556-2724	4.9	226-359	3339	16	-15
AVERAGES	19.8	32-150	4.7	22-36	244	1.9	25.8	46-227	4.9	19-30	278	1.3	-1.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-2'	17-20	L
at Indiana	+1'	42-30	W
Florida St	+19'	10-42	L
at Clemson	+5'	20-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+17	24-31	W
Houston	-6'	12-20	L
at Maryland	+9	7-45	L
Furman	NL	3-28	–
Wake Forest	+8	3-19	L
† NC State	+12	10-6	W
Duke	+3	38-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-17'	30-9	W
at Wake Forest	-11'	35-14	W
at Florida St	+25	14-63	L
Marshall	-3	20-15	W
Georgia Tech	-3	28-42	L
NC State	-1'	20-38	L
Clemson	+19	24-38	W
at Virginia	+4'	6-17	L
at Pittsburgh	+8	20-17	W
Maryland	-7	13-10	L
at Duke	-11	59-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+20'	27-41	W
at Maryland	-2'	7-23	L
at Texas	+22	14-44	L
Florida St	+17	41-9	W
at NC State	+1'	17-9	W
E Carolina	-6	24-21	L
Virginia	-8'	30-24	L
at Clemson	+6'	38-3	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	21-28	L
Wake Forest	-13'	31-32	L
Duke	-27'	52-17	W
SMU	-23'	19-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-7	21-27	L
at Syracuse	+5'	30-22	W
Texas	+13'	21-52	L
Georgia Tech	+2'	13-21	L
at Arizona St	+8'	38-35	W
NC State	+6'	17-34	L
at Virginia	+5	27-37	L
at Wake Forest	+6	0-31	L
Maryland	+14	7-59	L
Clemson	+10	12-42	L
at Florida St	+31'	14-40	W
at Duke	+3	23-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St	+16	0-37	L
Syracuse	+1'	47-49 3OT	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	27-38	W
at NC State	+17'	34-47	W
Virginia	+8'	13-38	L
at E Carolina	-7'	28-17	W
Arizona St	+6	31-33	W
at Clemson	+13'	28-36	W
at Maryland	+16'	21-59	L
Wake Forest	+8'	42-34	W
at Georgia Tech	+10	24-41	L
Duke	-6	22-30	L

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

SLB Brendan Dewan

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - This unit has been in a state of flux recently. Returning starter D Bryant took over the starting duties in 2001 but was declared academically ineligible in 2002. Adam Smith (PS#90) battled the more athletic Rutgers transfer Chris Dapolito (PS#48) for the job. Smith had the most knowledge of the system but they split duties in three of the first four games. Smith got the majority of the snaps, however, throwing for 2,031 yards (56.5%) with a 12-9 ratio. Dapolito threw for 295 yards (38.8%) with a 4-4 ratio while rushing for 149 gross yards. Both battled Mike Schneider (PS#104) for the starting job last year. Schneider turned down scholarship offers from programs like Ohio St, Iowa and Maryland. Prior to the year, Franks said that Smith was a solid #1 starter but he hit 6 of 20 in the opener for 47 yards. Schneider seemed more effective and started the second week. Schneider, however, suffered a concussion vs W Carolina and Smith was impressive vs the Catamounts. Schneider reclaimed the starting job but was injured in the 4Q vs WF and missed two games. When Roof took over he started bringing in Dapolito to run the option and alternated QB's the rest of the season. For the year Schneider got in eight starts throwing for 1,220 yards (46.6%) with a 4-6 ratio while rushing for 340 gross yards. Dapolito threw for 343 yards (55.6%) with a 2-2 ratio while rushing for 117. Smith threw for 488 yards (52.1%) with a 2-0 ratio. Of the 3 only Smith departs. Added to the mix this season is Nebraska transfer Curt Dukes (PS#18) who has 4.43 speed. It should be interesting to see which QB is the best fit for new OC Marty Galbraith's offense but there is plenty of talent and experience available and this unit should put up better numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Douglas (4.3 speed) led the team in rushing in 2000 with 503 yards (4.6) and was the #1 frosh in the country in all-purpose yards. In 2001 he set a Duke record for all-purpose yards and ranked #7 in the NCAA. The team averaged just 113 ypg rushing from 1999 to 2001 but that dramatically improved in 2002 with the emergence of FB Alex Wade who rushed for 979 yards (4.9). Douglas, who was troubled by an ankle injury most of 2002, saw his numbers slip to 640 yards (4.9). Douglas declared himself 100% healthy while Wade was banged up most of 2003 suffering from hamstring and rib injuries. Douglas, who was the #3 rusher in the ACC with 1,138 yards (4.8), won 1st Tm ACC honors. He leaves as Duke's career leader in all-purpose and rushing yards. Wade also departs but had just 3 starts and 252 yards (4.3). Cedric Dargan rushed for 264 yards (3.8) and is the leading returning rusher. The only other RB that carried the ball last year that is back is Aaron Fryer (PS#83) who had 58 total yards as a true frosh. When the team uses a FB they go with Mike Dowling (6-2 245 So, PS#162). Added to the mix this year at RB is former DB John-Paul Kimbrough (5-11 200 Jr, PS#236DB, 16 tkls) and three HT true frosh (see Newcomers). This unit is a lot less experienced and will miss Douglas' production.

RECEIVERS - Duke returned basically everyone to their receiving corps last year including Khary Sharpe who led the team in '02 with 30 rec (15.3). Last year Reggie Love lived up to his VHT billing (PS#40) and led the team with 27 rec (10.7) while Sharpe was #3 (23 rec, 10.1). This year the unit is experienced again despite losing both Love and Sharpe. I list the 2 deep below which includes six players with starting experience. Three different TE's started last year and all of them return, and watch out for Nick Stefanow (6-5 230 rFr, PS#17) who could contend for time. Not listed in the two deep are WR's Steve Campbell (6-1 215 Jr), Jamin Pastore (5-9 195 Jr, PS#197QB) as well as this year's signees. Even with the loss of two of its top WR's, I look for more production from this group in 2004 and more widespread use of 2 TE offenses with their great depth at that position.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite having some very experienced O-line's they struggled early in Franks' tenure averaging 3.0 or less in his first 3 seasons and allowed 55 sacks in 2000. In 2002 the OL paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. All 5 OL's returned last year but they surprisingly only paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. This year there are some big losses as 4 starters depart. Gone are C Luke Bayer (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Rusty Wilson (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Daryl Lewis (12 sts, 4 yr st'r), LG Drew Strojny (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, #7DC NYG) and backup LG Joe Boniewicz (27 plays). Only two players return with starting experience but Roof does have some VHT's to work with and brought in a solid class of true frosh this year, some of whom will play immediately. While last year's line was not overwhelming, this year's group is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Duke actually had the #1 rush D in the ACC allowing 121 ypg (3.4) and the team had 30 sacks. Surprisingly their star DE Shawn Johnson opted to transfer to Fordham but the team had six of the top 8 back. DE Phillip Alexander emerged and was 3rd in the ACC in tfl with 18.5. Overall Duke's D allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while recording just 19 sacks. This year they must replace DT Matt Zielinski (12 sts, 1st Tm ACC, 75 tkls, 18 tfl) but do have 7 of the top 8 back. This group is more experienced and should improve despite the loss of its top DT.

LINEBACKERS - The Blue Devils had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning last year including Ryan Fowler who simply led the team in tackles three consecutive seasons, the first player in school history to do so. Fowler had another great season but ended up #2 in tackles (136) and earned 2nd Tm ACC honors. He finished his career with 13 sacks and 35 tfl. Also gone from the LB unit is OLB Jim Scharrer (107 career tkls). Four players return with starting experience including Malcolm Ruff who moved over from RB last year and should be stronger in his second year at LB. They also add in two HT's that are listed in the mix below. Despite the loss of their top LB, this unit could be improved in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Duke finished #86 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had 7 of the top 8 DB's returning. Surprisingly they only moved up to #75 allowing 59% with a 15-11 ratio. This year they lose SS Terrell Smith (#1 tackler, 2nd Tm ACC) as well as CB Timo George (15 tkls, 2 int). Six of the top 8 do return and some of this year's true frosh could take over the backup spots. Despite the loss of their most productive DB, the Blue Devils could move up the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Carl Franks' first two seasons, the Blue Devils finished #35 and #15 which was surprising considering the team finished 0-11 in 2000. They plummeted to #105 in 2001 and with everyone back in 2002 were just #112. Once again everyone basically returned to the unit last year but K Brent Garber was injured early and missed part of the year. Matt Brooks hit 6 of 9 FG's with a long of 44 yards. Garber hit 7 of 12 with a long of 54 and definitely had stronger KO's. Garber departs but Alex Feinberg (PS#24) will contend and should win the job. P Trey McDonald (PS#78) enters his fourth year and had his best average last year (40.7) and has steadily improved his net punting from 30.5 in 2001 to 32.5 in 2002 and 35.0 last year. Top KR Senterrio Landrum, who averaged a super 28.4, is back as are the top PR's. Overall the Blue Devils moved up to #75 last year and I look for continued improvement in 2004.

COACHES - Ted Roof was the DC at GT from 1999-2001 and an asst coach here from '90-'93. He was also the DC here for 2 years and last year took over as interim HC for the final 5 games after Carl Franks was fired. Roof did a tremendous job taking an under-achieving team and getting them to win 2 of their last 3. They trailed Tennessee by 3 after 3Q's, lost by 7 to NCSt and did some other impressive things (see Phil's Forecast). The strong finish earned him the head job this year. The new OC is Marty Galbraith who spent 3 seasons at NCSt from 2000-'02 and was with the Arizona Cardinals last year as the TE coach. He has also been an OC at Wake Forest (1978-'82) and Georgia Tech from 1992-'93 as well as MAC Champion Marshall from '98-'99. Galbraith also coached under Steve Spurrier with the Tampa Bay Bandits in the USFL from '83-'84 and was with Norm Chow in 2000. Ted Roof was the DC last year and this year they are going with co-DC's in Scott Brown who has been the DL coach here for 7 years and Jerry Azzinaro who was the recruiting coordinator for 5 years at Syracuse.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past forty years Duke has had just 3 seasons of winning more than 6 games. They came into 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 in Fred Goldsmith's first season here. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, the team is just 18-83 SU including 8-64 SU in ACC play with 5 winless seasons in the last 8 years. In 2002 the team had five losses by a total of 17 points and last year had 20 starters back (most in ACC). Expectations were high at the beginning of the year but Duke had some games where they just didn't show up. In the opener, Virginia lost their starting QB and still handled an experienced Duke team 27-0. Versus Wake Forest they probably had the talent edge heading in but were absolutely throttled 42-13 in what would be the last game for head coach Carl Franks. Ted Roof did well in the final 5 games as the team went 2-3 and broke a 30 game losing streak in ACC play. They also beat N Carolina for the first time since 1989. It was enough to have them officially hire Roof, who is the 4th head man since Spurrier left. In 2001 Duke was outgained by an average of 148 ypg and in 2002 they were only outgained by 17 ypg. Last year they were outgained by 47 ypg but escaped the ACC basement for the first time in 3 years. This year Duke only has 13 returning starters and must replace 21 lettermen. The Devils do avoid Miami and NC St in league play but the brand-new ACC is an extremely tough league and I foresee their 10th straight losing season.

TE Ben Patrick

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CURT DUKES SO. 6-1 215 **PS#18. Nebraska** transfer. **Mike Schneider** (6-3 215 So) PS#104. 8 sts, 1220 pass, 340 rush LY. **Chris Dapolito** (6-3 215 Sr) PS#48.

RB Cedric Dargan Jr. 6-0 200 139 yds as true. 264 rush (3.8), 8 rec (8.0) LY. Aaron Fryer (5-11 215 So) PS#83. 58 yds as true. **Tim Ball** is PS#66. Justin Boyle is PS#112.

WR Ronnie Elliott Jr. 5-9 185 PS#120. 2 sts, 16 rec (10.5) 2Y. Deon Adams (6-2 190 So) PS#224. **TE Calen Powell** (6-5 255 Sr) PS#109. **10 sts**, 32 rec (14.3) 3 years.

WR SENTERRIO LANDRUM SR. 5-9 185 PS#137DB. 12 sts, 29 rec (10.1) in '02. 11 sts LY, 11 rec (9.2), 161 rush, 709 ret LY. **Chancellor Young** is **PS#29**. Kendral Felder (6-3 200 So).

WR LANCE JOHNSON SR. 6-1 185 6 sts in 2002, 25 rec (10.5). 7 starts LY, #2 w/ 23 rec (10.7). Mark Wigal (5-10 185 Jr) PS#81. Ben Kittleson (6-0 185 Jr) 7.02 in 60m.

TE BEN PATRICK SO. 6-4 260 PS#143DL. 1 start, 17 rec (12.8) LY. **Andy Roland** (6-4 235 Jr) PS#53. 13 sts, 32 rec 2Y. **Nick Stefanow** (6-5 230 rFr) **PS#17.**

C Dan Mooney Sr. 6-5 300 **PS#72OL**. 435 bench. 6 games in '01 & '02. 7 games, 87 plays in '03. Tyler Krieg (6-5 300 So) PS#168. 39 plays, 4 games last year.

RG Lavdrim Bauta So. 6-5 290 PS#458. 3 games, 45 plays as rFr. Joel East (6-4 260 So) PS#238LB. DT in '03. Paul Campitelli (6-3 265 So) PS#45TE.

LG Chris Best Jr. 6-5 305 PS#100TE. Canadian. 4 games, 41 snaps as rFr. 3 games, 33 plays in '03. Andrew Guidry (5-11 255 Jr). Jonathan Terry is PS#114.

RT CHRISTIAN MITCHELL SR. 6-7 325 **PS#74OL**. 3 games as true. 5 sts, 381 snaps in '01. 12 sts, 913 plays in '02. 10 sts, 641 plays LY, 440 bench. Danny Bowling (6-7 230 So).

LT Jim Moravchik Jr. 6-6 300 **PS#94OL**. 133 snaps, 5 games as rFr. 3 sts in '03, 559 plays. Garrett Mason (6-6 290 rFr) PS#254, Zach Maurides (6-6 275 rFr) PS#330.

K Matt Brooks Sr. 6-1 190 8 punts 39.0 in '01. 14 punts 33.6 in '02. Hit 6 of 9 FG's in '03, long of 44, 15 of 17 xp's. Alex Feinberg (6-1 200 rFr) PS#24K.

DE MICAH HARRIS SR. 6-4 255 PS#152. 1 st, 31 tkls as true. 12 sts, 61 tkls, 11 tfl in '02. 9 sts, 32 tkls, 5.5 tfl LY. Christopher Moore (6-6 250 rFr) PS#108. David Martin (6-4 240 Jr) PS#217.

DT Casey Camero So. 6-5 265 7 sks LY. 3 sts, 15 tkls, 2.5 tfl as true LY. Demetrius Warrick (6-7 305 Jr) PS#138. 1 st, 8 tkls LY. Kevin Wilson (6-2 265 So) 8 games.

DT ORRIN THOMPSON SR. 6-7 320 19 tkls, 2 sks as true. 7 sts, 34 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 9 sts, 31 tkls, 6.5 tfl LY. Bob Benion (6-3 275 So) PS#288. 2 sts, 19 tkls, 2 years (inj last year).

DE PHILLIP ALEXANDER SR. 6-4 255 2 sts, 35 tkls in '01 & '02. 12 sts LY, **#3 ACC tfl 18.5**, 59 tkls. Justin Kitchen (6-4 235 Jr) PS#237. 16 tkls 2Y. Eli Nichols (6-5 250 So) PS#159.

SLB BRENDAN DEWAN JR. 6-2 210 8 sts as rFr, 59 tkls, 6 tfl. 11 sts LY, 91 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Alex Williams (6-0 210 So) PS#122. 1 tkl as true. Corey Sobel (6-0 205 rFr) PS#77.

MLB Malcolm Ruff Jr. 6-1 250 **PS#37RB.** 70 yds, 194 plays as true. 2 starts at LB LY, 40 tkls, 5 tfl. Codey Lowe (6-2 230 So) PS#155 in '02. Alfred Williams is PS#155.

WLB GIUSEPPE AGUANNO SR. 6-1 240 PS#133. 26 tkls as true. 2 sts, 52 tkls, 8 tfl in' 02. 10 sts LY, 60 tkls, 8 tfl. DeAndre White (6-0 210 Jr) PS#247. 5 starts, 72 tkls, 1 sk, 2 years.

CB BRIAN GREENE JR. 6-1 190 PS#168QB. 8 sts , 44 tkls, 5 pbu as rFr. 12 sts LY, 37 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. John Talley (5-11 175 So) PS#288. 32 tkls, 3 pbu as true. Cedric Mason PS#172WR.

CB KENNETH STANFORD SR. 5-9 180 5 sts, 48 tkls, 7 pbu as rFr. 11 starts in '02, 52 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu. 12 sts LY, 63 tkls, 12 pbu, 1 int. Deonto McCormick (5-10 180 So) PS#302.

SS Jeramy Edwards So. 6-0 205 PS#91. 1 start as true, 14 tkls, 1 tfl. Mark Thompson (6-3 215 Jr) 12 games, 8 tackles in '02. Brandon Tapps (5-11 200 rFr) PS#295.

FS ALEX GREEN SR. 6-2 195 PS#67. 1 st as true, 36 tkls, 12 sts in '02, 64 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu. 11 sts LY, 56 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. CJ Woodard (6-0 185 Jr) PS#173, 19 tkls, 2 yrs.

P TREY McDONALD SR. 6-2 210 PS#78. 60 punts as rFr. 38.4 avg, 30.5 net. 49 punts in '02, 39.2 avg, net of 32.5. 55 punts in '03, 40.7 avg, net of 35.0. Chris Sprague PS#437JC.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Chancellor Young	6-2 210 PS#29
RB	Tim Ball	6-1 205 PS#66
WR	Corey Thompson	6-2 180 PS#81
OL	Jonathan Terry	6-3 315 PS#114
RB	Justin Boyle	6-1 220 PS#112
OL	Idris (Izzy)Bauta	6-4 270 PS#131
WR	Jomar Wright	6-1 180 PS#110
RB	Ronnie Drummer	5-9 165 PS#121
OL	Matt Rumsey	6-4 250 PS#152
OL	Fred Roland	6-8 305 PS#158
LB	Alfred Williams	6-2 245 PS#155
DL	Cameron Goldberg	6-6 250 PS#179
DB	Daniel Charbonnet	5-11 170 PS#208
PK	Chris Sprague	6-1 180 PS#437JC
DB	Zach Smith	5-11 210 PS#229
DL	Brian Sallee	6-4 250 PS#455JC
DB	Rodney Ezzard	5-11 165 PS#296
DB	Evalio Harrell	5-10 160 PS#314
DB	Andreas Platt	6-2 175 PS#347
TE	Patrick Bailey	6-4 240 PS#99
LB	Charles Robinson	6-2 210 PS#396
DB	Chris Davis	6-0 175 PS#491
DB	Jabari Marshall	5-11 170 PS#520
OL	Rob Schirmann	6-5 265 PS#628

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Navy	G						Duke is 2-11 SU & 5-8 ATS as a double digit home dog the last 3 years. Blue Devils are 2-5 SU & ATS in their 1st lined game of the season S/'97. Duke is 10-6 ATS at home in the month of November since 1992.
Sep. 11	at Connecticut	G						The visitor in this series is 4-2 SU & ATS since 1982. Duke is 4-8 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ game road trip the last 9 years.
Sep. 18	at Virginia Tech	G						Blue Devils are 5-7 SU, but 8-4 ATS as AD's of 7 or less. Pending LW Duke is only 5-12 ATS L/17 gms facing non-conf teams.
Sep. 25	Maryland	G						These 2 teams last met 1981-'84 w/the Blue Devils going 1-3 SU & ATS. Duke is 0-26 SU as an AD of 21+ pts S/'80 going 4-7 ATS L/11 but 4-0 ATS L2Y.
Oct. 2	The Citadel (HC)	G						The Blue Devils are 11-5 ATS at home off of a 2+ game road trip S/'89. Since 1996 Duke is only 1-5 ATS in their home opener.
Oct. 9								The Bulldogs are from the IAA Southern Conference & were 6-6 last year. The Citadel lost to Maryland 61-0 LY being outgained 565-137.
Oct. 16	at Georgia Tech	G						Bonus: Duke is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS prior to a bye losing by an avg of 23 ppg S/'97.
Oct. 23	Virginia	G						Should apply: Pending earlier results, Duke is 5-9 ATS off a SU win L7Y. The home team in this series is 6-2 ATS since 1996.
Oct. 30	at Wake Forest	G						The Blue Devils are 2-8 SU, but 7-3 ATS vs the Cavaliers the last 10 yrs. Since 1996 these 2 have only averaged 34 ppg.
Nov. 6	at Florida St	G						Blue Devils are 7-4 ATS S/'93, but 0-2 ATS L2Y vs the Demon Deacons. Duke entered the 2004 season 8-3 ATS as away dogs the last 2 years.
Nov. 13	Clemson	G						L6Y Duke is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS vs FSU losing by an avg score of 56-15. Duke has covered 3 of their last 4 road finales.
Nov. 20	N Carolina	G						Blue Devils are 9-3 ATS the game after Florida St. The home team has won 6 straight games ATS.
Nov. 27								The underdog is now 16-6 ATS in this "Victory Bell" clash since 1982. Duke was 7-0 ATS in home finales from 1991-'97, but are 2-4 ATS the L6Y.

TED ROOF (Career 2-3)
2nd Year at Duke

Roof's records AT DUKE

2-3	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
4-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
3-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
3-1	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
		1-0	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 21 (13,6,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,026

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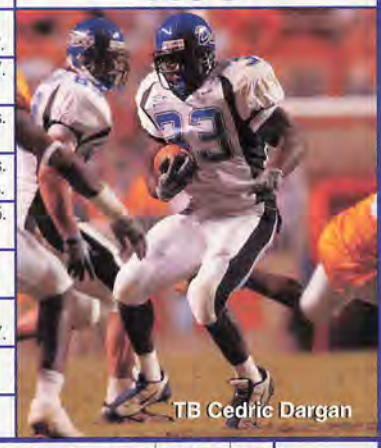

TB Cedric Dargan

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	3-8	0-11	0-11	2-10	4-8	15-64
ATS	7-4	4-6	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-4	5-6	36-41
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-7
Home Dog	4-2	0-2	3-0	3-2	1-5	3-2	2-2	16-15
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Dog	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-4	1-4	5-1	3-2	19-17
Favorite	0-0	1-2	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-9
Dog	7-4	3-4	5-2	5-6	2-9	8-3	5-4	35-32
Grass	7-4	4-5	5-6	5-6	1-9	8-4	5-6	35-40
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	1-7	5-3	4-4	27-29
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-2	9-12
Off SU Win	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	5-9
Off SU Loss	6-2	2-4	4-3	5-5	2-8	6-3	5-2	30-27

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Douglas	236	1181	43	1138	6	4.8
Cedric Dargan	**69**	**278**	**14**	**264**	**5**	**3.8**
Alex Wade	58	265	13	252	2	4.3
Mike Schneider	**84**	**340**	**159**	**181**	**1**	**2.2**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Schneider	**208**	**97**	**46.6**	**1220**	**4**	**6**
Adam Smith	94	49	52.1	488	2	0
Chris Dapolito	**54**	**30**	**55.6**	**343**	**2**	**2**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Reggie Love	27	290	10.7	4	40	
Andy Roland	**14**	**254**	**18.1**	**1**	**34**	
Lance Johnson	**23**	**247**	**10.7**	**1**	**32**	
Khary Sharpe	23	233	10.1	0	30	
Chris Douglas	20	212	10.6	0	36	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Trey McDonald	**55**	**2236**	**40.7**	**4**	**35.0**	**0**	**15**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brent Garber	5-5	2-2	1-1	3-7	1-2	7-12	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrell Smith	140	1	7	1	0
Ryan Fowler	136	0.5	12	4	0
Brendan Dewan	**91**	**0.5**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Matt Zielinski	75	7	11	4	0
Kenneth Stanford	**63**	**0**	**3**	**12**	**1**
Giuseppe Aguanno	**60**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**1**
Phillip Alexander	**59**	**6.5**	**12**	**5**	**0**
Alex Green	**56**	**0**	**4**	**8**	**2**
Malcolm Ruff	**40**	**1**	**4**	**0**	**1**
DeAndre White	**39**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Brian Greene	**37**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**1**
Micah Harris	**32**	**2.5**	**3**	**4**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Johnson	**21**	**105**	**5.0**	**0**
Jamin Pastore	**11**	**65**	**5.9**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Senterrio Landrum	**25**	**709**	**28.4**	**0**
Ronnie Elliott	**7**	**121**	**17.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
54	Orange	NL	Nebraska	34-7	–
57	Orange	NL	Oklahoma	21-48	–
60	Cotton	NL	Arkansas	7-6	–
89	All American	-3	Texas Tech	21-49	L
94	Hall of Fame	+8	Wisconsin	20-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
11*	17.6	20	172	3.8	171	49.0	19.5	+4	2003	9	28.6	19	158	4.4	217	59.0	13.1
5	18.9	18	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	+2	2002	7	29.4	20	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8
7*	19.3	19	113	3.0	231	48.0	17.9	-14	2001	7	44.6	23	246	5.5	246	61.1	11.0
7*	14.1	17	82	2.4	198	48.6	19.9	-13	2000	3	39.1	22	185	4.6	272	63.7	11.7
9*	19.7	17	74	2.2	235	46.6	15.6	-6	1999	10	33.0	21	181	4.3	241	56.7	12.8
6*	20.8	18	147	3.4	193	48.5	16.3	-10	1998	9	29.0	17	156	4.2	192	49.5	12.0

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia	13	35-152	4.3	11-29	120	3	19	41-204	5.0	12-22	169	1	0
W Carolina	25	57-215	3.8	18-29	181	3	10	19-4	0.2	18-33	181	3	+4
Rice	24	43-222	5.2	16-32	188	2	21	64-346	5.4	6-20	61	1	0
Northwestern	18	32-90	2.8	20-39	208	6	19	45-286	6.4	15-23	177	2	-1
Florida St	17	45-106	2.4	15-34	169	4	24	31-96	3.1	22-34	328	6	-1
at Maryland	25	45-143	3.2	20-47	270	4	19	31-131	4.2	18-32	238	0	0
Wake Forest	21	37-119	3.2	23-49	267	2	15	56-256	4.6	4-4	78	0	-2
NC State	24	56-214	3.8	16-31	160	3	18	23-56	2.4	23-31	369	0	0
at Tennessee	21	48-180	3.8	12-21	119	1	18	31-147	4.7	16-27	208	2	-1
Georgia Tech	17	48-253	5.3	8-15	141	2	22	30-142	4.7	27-47	247	0	+3
at Clemson	11	39-117	3.0	7-15	57	3	24	37-142	3.8	28-43	344	1	0
at N Carolina	23	62-254	4.1	10-18	171	2	14	22-86	3.9	18-35	203	3	+2
TOTALS	239	547-2065	3.8	176-359	2051	35	223	430-1896	4.4	207-351	2603	19	+4
AVERAGES	19.9	46-172	3.8	15-30	171	2.9	18.6	36-158	4.4	17-29	217	1.6	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	+4	9-27	L
Northwestern	-8	12-15 OT	L
Vanderbilt	-3'	14-31	L
Florida St	+40	23-51	W
at Virginia	+17	24-17 2OT	W
Georgia Tech	+16'	31-38	W
NC State	-2'	24-31 OT	L
at Maryland	+9'	25-22	W
at Clemson	+12'	7-58	L
Wake Forest	+4	48-35	W
at N Carolina	-3	0-38	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	+11	0-38	L
at Northwestern	+13'	5-38	L
Virginia	+20	10-26	W
at Vanderbilt	+17	7-26	L
Clemson	+37	22-52	W
at Florida St	+48	14-63	L
at Georgia Tech	+29	10-45	L
Maryland	+11'	9-20	W
at Wake Forest	+4'	26-28	W
at NC State	+18'	31-35	W
N Carolina	+11	21-59	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St	+30	13-55	L
at Rice	+9	13-15	W
Northwestern	+16	7-44	L
at Virginia	+17	10-31	L
Georgia Tech	+24'	10-37	L
Wake Forest	+8'	35-42	W
at Maryland	+25	17-59	L
Vanderbilt	+7'	28-42	L
NC State	+17	31-55	L
at N Carolina	+27'	17-52	L
at Clemson	+27	31-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	+14'	23-16	W
Louisville	+17'	3-40	L
at Northwestern	+6	21-26	W
at Florida St	+44'	17-48	W
at Navy	+2	43-17	W
Virginia	+11	22-27	W
at Wake Forest	+11	10-36	L
at NC State	+23'	22-24	W
Maryland	+13'	12-45	L
Clemson	+10	31-34	W
at Georgia Tech	+16'	2-17	W
N Carolina	-3	21-23	L

2003 RESULTS

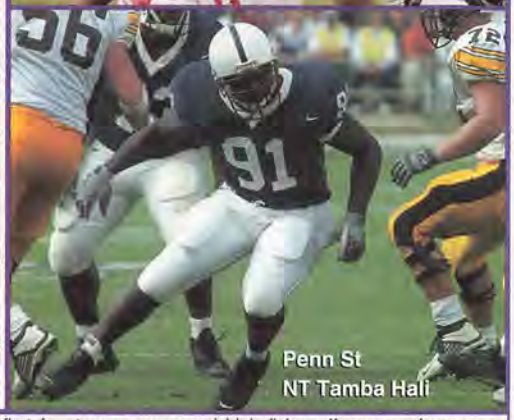
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia	+14'	0-27	L
W Carolina	NL	29-3	–
Rice	-11	27-24 OT	L
Northwestern	-3	10-28	L
Florida St	+29'	7-56	L
at Maryland	+27'	20-33	W
Wake Forest	+10	13-42	L
NC State	+20'	21-28	W
at Tennessee	+24	6-23	W
Georgia Tech	+13	41-17	W
at Clemson	+14	7-40	L
at N Carolina	+6	30-22	W

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Kyle Orton, Purdue	Jon Beutjer, Illinois	Zack Mills, Penn St	Matt LoVecchio, Indiana
RB	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	Lydell Ross, Ohio St	Austin Scott, Penn St	David Underwood, Michigan
RB	Marion Barber III, Minnesota	Laurence Maroney, Minnesota	EB Halsey, Illinois	Jermelle Lewis, Iowa
WR	Braylon Edwards, Michigan	Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	Agim Shabaj, Michigan St	Roy Hall, Ohio St
WR	Jason Avant, Michigan	Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	Jared Ellerson, Minnesota	Paris Hamilton, Minnesota
WR	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Kyle Brown, Michigan St	Brandon Williams, Wisconsin	Courtney Roby, Indiana
TE	Eric Knott, Michigan St	Aaron Halterman, Indiana	Ryan Hamby, Ohio St	Matt Spaeth, Minnesota
C	Greg Eslinger, Minnesota	Donovan Raiola, Wisconsin	Nick Mangold, Ohio St	Chris Morris, Michigan St
G	David Baas, Michigan	Jonathan Clinkscale, Wisconsin	Mark Setterstrom, Minnesota	Matt Lentz, Michigan
G	Dan Buenning, Wisconsin	Tyler Reed, Penn St	Mike Jones, Iowa	Chris Jahnke, Indiana
T	Mike Otto, Purdue	Adam Stenavich, Michigan	Peter McMahon, Iowa	Zach Strief, Northwestern
T	Rob Sims, Ohio St	Bucky Babcock, Illinois	Rian Melander, Minnesota	Levi Brown, Penn St
DL	Matt Roth, Iowa	LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	Anthony Montgomery, Minnesota	Victor Adeyanju, Indiana
DL	Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin	Quinn Pitcock, Ohio St	Colby Clark, Northwestern	Jodie Clemons, Indiana
DL	Simon Fraser, Ohio St	Tamba Hali, Penn St	Brent Grover, Purdue	Luis Castillo, Northwestern
DL	Loren Howard, N'western	Clifford Dukes, Michigan St	Pat Massey, Michigan	Mike Kudla, Ohio St
LB	Matt Sinclair, Illinois	Pierre Woods, Michigan	Seth Mitchell, Michigan St	John Pickens, Northwestern
LB	Anthony Schlegel, Ohio St	Derek Wake, Penn St	Ronald Stanley, Michigan St	John Kerr, Ohio St
LB	AJ Hawk, Ohio St	Abdul Hodge, Iowa	Chad Greenway, Iowa	Lawrence Reid, Michigan
CB	Marlin Jackson, Michigan	Scott Starks, Wisconsin	Dustin Fox, Ohio St	Ukee Dozier, Minnesota
CB	Antwaun Rogers, Purdue	Alan Zemaitis, Penn St	Markus Curry, Michigan	Kelvin Hayden, Illinois
SS	Ernest Shazor, Michigan	Bernard Pollard, Purdue	Donte Whitner, Ohio St	Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana
FS	Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	Nate Salley, Ohio St	Jason Harmon, Michigan St	Will Meyers, Indiana
K	Mike Nugent, Ohio St	Dave Rayner, Michigan St	Ben Jones, Purdue	Rhys Lloyd, Minnesota
P	Brandon Fields, Michigan St	David Bradley, Iowa	Adam Finley, Michigan	Steve Weatherford, Illinois
KR	DeAndra Cobb, Michigan St	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Laurence Maroney, Minnesota	EB Halsey, Illinois
PR	Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Marion Barber III, Minnesota	Calvin Lowry, Penn St

Northwestern DE Loren Howard


Penn St NT Tamba Hali

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. MICHIGAN - I do seven sets of power ratings and all 7 call Michigan the most talented team in the Big 10, some of them by wide margins. They have my #1 rated defense in the conference and last season outgained Big 10 foes by an average of 139.1 ypg. On offense the new QB will benefit from throwing to my #1 rated receiving corps and the O-line is solid. The Wolves will be favored in each of their first 10 games and the Big 10 Title could come down to the season finale at Ohio St for the fourth straight year.

2. OHIO ST - The Buckeyes have been far from dominant the last few years winning a lot of close games including seven by 7 points or less in their National Championship season. Last year they won 6 more games by 7 points or less including two in OT. Still, had they defeated Michigan in the regular season finale, they would have gone to the National Title game. They finished impressively beating K-State as they led 35-14 at one point. No team in the NCAA has ever taken a larger NFL draft hit as OSU who lost 14 players in 7 rounds, 3 more than the previous record. With just 9 starters back, you would normally forecast a rebuilding year but the Buckeyes have tremendous depth on defense and I rate them #4 in the country on that side of the ball. The last time Tressel had a 1st year starting QB, his team won the National Title with Craig Krenzel and this year's starting QB may be more talented. While the Bucks have some tough road games (NCSt, Iowa, Mich St, Purdue), I give them a shot at being 10-0 going into their season finale vs Michigan, a team they have beaten 2 of the last 3 years. They also have 16 players on my All Big 10 team.

3. WISCONSIN - Barry Alvarez's team finished #4 in the country in 1999 when they went to and won their second consecutive Rose Bowl. In the last three years they are just 20-19. Despite breaking in a new QB, I think the Badgers offense will be the most potent it has been since 1999 with Anthony Davis and an outstanding O-line. Eight starters are back on a defense which has allowed over 23.0 ppg in each of the last 3 years, but they will improve upon that figure. The Badgers have five members on my 1st Tm Big 10 (tied for 2nd most in the conf). None of the four road games in Big 10 play are easy (Ohio St, Purdue, Mich St and Iowa) but they do get to avoid Michigan. Alvarez has a team and schedule that is capable of getting the Badgers back to the Rose Bowl.

4. MINNESOTA - This may be Glen Mason's most talented team yet and last year they almost upset Michigan leading by 21 pts going into the 4Q. Had they done so, they would likely have won the Big 10 Title and would not have suffered the letdown they did the next week in their loss to Mich St. Also in the season finale, Minnesota out FD'd Iowa 29-15 but came up short and could have easily have won all three of their Big 10 losses. The Gophers have 14 starters back but must break in a new QB. Last year they outgained Big 10 foes by 138 ypg, the league's second best mark. The Gophers have 13 players on my All-Big 10 team, the 3rd most in the league. I would have forecasted the Gophers higher had it not been for their schedule. They do have a shot at getting to their first Rose Bowl since 1967 if they can handle Michigan, Mich St and Wisconsin all on the road.

5. PENN ST - Ugly. That is the best way to describe PSU's last 4 seasons, three of which have been losing ones. Interestingly, PSU has been much better than their final records would indicate. In 2002 they outscored foes by an average of 34.3 to 17.4 and could easily have won all four games they lost. Last season PSU plummeted to new lows at 3-9 but were only outscored by 1.9 ppg. I will call for PSU to drop their first two Big 10 games this year but they could win 5 of their last 6. I will forecast a return to the plus side of the ledger and the postseason in 2004 for Paterno.

6. IOWA - Iowa was 5-3 in the Big 10 & could have easily lost to both Minnesota and Wisconsin in the final two games in which they were out FD'd by a 46-24 margin. They were surprisingly (for a 5-3 team) outgained by 2.3 ypg. This year Iowa is tied with Ohio St for fewest returning starters at 9 and must replace 24 lettermen. The defense is solid and I rate them in the Top 10 in the country. They have a lot of question marks on offense where they once again have to replace the majority of their O-line but this time do not have a Robert Gallery returning. Despite the inexperience at QB, they could actually improve at that position. Ferentz continues to have this team overachieving but this time does not have a Top 10 special teams unit to fall back on like he has had the last few years.

7. PURDUE - Joe Tiller's first few teams possessed high flying offenses and average defenses. His teams have been much stronger defensively the last 3 years and his "basketball on grass" offense averaged just 26.8 ppg in 2003. This year they will be very potent offensively with the Big 10's top unit led by QB Kyle Orton. The questions are on defense where they have just 3 starters back. While they do get to host Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio St, those are far from guaranteed wins. Last year they did outgain Big 10 foes by an average of 92.6 ypg, the third best mark but also benefitted from +12 in turnovers. With Purdue hosting the big boys, they could be a surprise team in Big 10 play.

8. MICHIGAN ST - The Spartans were a fortunate team last year benefitting from +11 in turnovers and in Big 10 play were outgained by 14.1 ypg but managed a 5-3 finish. They do have an experienced squad but break in a new QB and have a tough schedule. John L Smith stepped into a great situation last year inheriting a team that was the most underachieving team in the NCAA in 2002. They should get off to a great start again this year as they'll be favored in their first four games which means Smith should get back to his 8th straight bowl game.

9. NORTHWESTERN - The Wildcats are strong on both the offensive and defensive lines and that is where a lot of games are won. The Cats overachieved getting to a bowl and despite being outgained by 75.7 ypg in league play, they managed a 4-4 finish. This team is stronger than the 2003 version with 17 starters back and just 11 lettermen lost. They do have a shot at getting back to a bowl game.

10. ILLINOIS - The Illini were the Big 10 Champs in 2001 but fell hard LY as they were last in the league being outgained by 161.3 ypg and outscored by 25.6 ppg in conference play. They were -18 inTO's which means better things should be in the offing but the defense has just 6 starters back from a unit that allowed 33.2 ppg LY. The offense should be solid provided Jon Beutjer stays healthy. They should also have better success in the non-conf games giving them more confidence going into league play. There are some factors that point to the Illini moving up in the standings, but they have a lot of ground to make up.

11. INDIANA - I think if given time, Gerry DiNardo will do a fine job at Indiana. He took over a team that had the fewest amount of scholarship players in the NCAA in his first season and they were still very low in numbers last year. The numbers are rising and DiNardo is filling the team with his recruits. They have 19 starters back and just 10 lettermen lost. Unfortunately they were outgained by 130.9 ypg in league play so there is some substantial ground to make up. They must face both Illinois and Northwestern (teams in their class) on the road. Indy may be a year away from contending for a bowl bid.

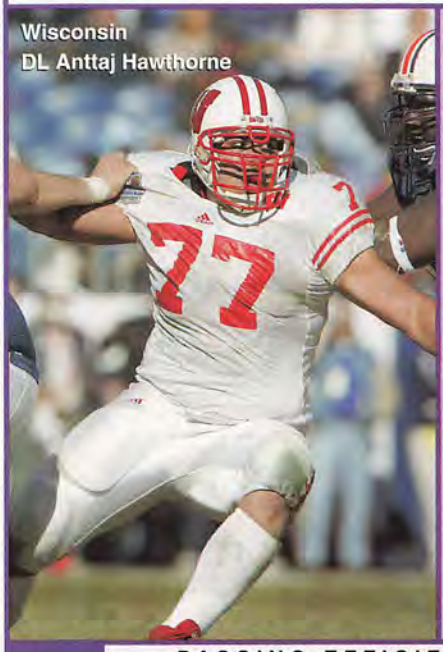
Big Ten Notes: In 2002, Ohio St was the first Big 10 team to play in the BCS Title Game. The conference took home its first National Title since 1997 (Michigan was co-champ) and first undisputed title since OSU last won it in 1968. In the last 9 years, Michigan has captured 4 conference titles and while it is expected that OSU has 3 in that span, surprisingly Northwestern also has 3. Neither Indiana nor Minnesota have had a piece of the Big 10 Championship since 1967. After not having a team finish in the AP Top 10 since 1999, the league had 3 teams finish there in 2002 and repeated that trifecta last year. In each of the last two years, the Big 10 has had the best record vs other BCS conferences as they were 8-5 in the regular season in 2002 and 12-8 last year, one of just 2 conferences to finish above .500 in that category. After an outstanding 5-2 mark in the bowls in 2002, they slipped last season to just 3-5 although Iowa and OSU delivered impressive wins in January. The league loses 6 of its top 7 QB's, its top 3 rushers and top 2 receivers. It appears it will be a down year for the Big 10 and I doubt they will be able to have 3 Top 10 teams in this year's final poll. Although I do feel every team in the league has a chance at a bowl except for Indiana. The Big 10 will be using instant replay this year after having a myriad of problems with ref calls the last 2 seasons which could be the harbinger of instant replay for all of college football. Michigan and Ohio St combined for 11 players on my 1st Team Big 10 list and a combined 33 overall.

2003 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
3	Minnesota	35.6	2	509.1	1	293.4	1	5.7	1	215.8	6	62.7	2	14.3	5	10.0	2	13.0	2
6	Michigan	35.8	1	442.5	2	164.9	4	4.0	4	277.6	2	62.0	3	12.4	2	11.0	5	10.0	1
27	Wisconsin	28.3	4	393.9	3	181.1	3	4.1	3	212.8	7	55.7	7	13.9	4	14.0	8	19.0	7
38	Purdue	24.8	5	382.9	4	159.8	6	3.5	6	223.1	4	60.2	4	15.5	6	11.0	5	22.0	9
40	Michigan St	31.1	3	379.4	5	83.4	11	3.1	11	296.0	1	63.5	1	12.2	1	7.0	1	20.0	8
43	Iowa	24.8	5	322.8	8	145.3	7	3.7	5	177.5	9	51.1	11	13.0	3	17.0	9	17.0	6
49	Ohio St	21.9	7	350.0	6	122.5	8	3.3	9	227.5	3	58.3	6	16.0	7	10.0	2	22.0	9
64	Northwestern	18.5	9	346.1	7	201.1	2	4.2	2	145.0	11	53.6	8	18.7	9	17.0	9	16.0	4
73	Penn St	19.3	8	314.9	9	96.8	10	3.1	10	218.1	5	52.9	10	16.4	8	13.0	7	16.0	4
77	Illinois	14.0	10	304.1	11	101.8	9	3.4	8	202.4	8	58.7	5	21.7	10	19.0	11	13.0	2
97	Indiana	13.0	11	308.1	10	161.1	5	3.4	7	147.0	10	53.2	9	23.7	11	10.0	2	27.0	11

2003 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
4	Ohio St	15.5	1	287.6	1	78.8	1	2.3	1	208.9	5	60.0	6	18.6	1	13.0	6	21.0	4
5	Michigan	18.8	3	303.4	3	122.5	4	3.7	5	180.9	3	52.3	2	16.2	7	15.0	3	19.0	6
10	Iowa	20.0	4	325.1	4	96.5	2	2.5	2	228.6	7	84.9	11	16.3	6	14.0	5	21.0	4
13	Purdue	17.3	2	290.3	2	115.8	3	3.2	3	174.5	2	51.4	1	16.8	2	16.0	2	31.0	1
24	Wisconsin	22.5	5	367.0	5	140.1	6	3.9	7	226.9	6	53.8	3	16.3	5	15.0	3	22.0	3
27	Michigan St	23.9	7	393.5	8	153.5	7	3.6	4	240.0	9	56.7	5	16.5	4	17.0	1	27.0	2
34	Penn St	23.8	6	378.5	7	211.6	10	4.4	9	166.9	1	53.8	4	15.9	8	12.0	7	12.0	8
45	Minnesota	25.5	9	371.1	6	128.4	5	3.8	6	242.8	11	60.4	7	14.6	9	9.0	10	12.0	8
54	Northwestern	25.3	8	421.8	9	179.8	8	4.3	8	242.0	10	61.0	8	16.7	3	12.0	7	11.0	10
84	Illinois	39.6	11	465.4	11	267.4	11	4.9	11	198.0	4	66.1	9	11.7	11	4.0	11	14.0	7
91	Indiana	34.9	10	438.9	10	205.5	9	4.8	10	233.4	8	69.3	10	12.6	10	12.0	7	9.0	11



2003 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	7	1	286	150	10	3	460	219
Ohio St	6	2	175	124	11	2	322	229
Purdue	6	2	198	138	9	4	349	226
Iowa	5	3	198	160	10	3	373	210
Minnesota	5	3	285	204	10	3	503	285
Michigan St	5	3	249	191	8	5	363	293
Wisconsin	4	4	226	180	7	6	355	306
Northwestern	4	4	148	202	6	7	263	326
Penn St	1	7	154	190	3	9	233	255
Indiana	1	7	104	279	2	10	177	388
Illinois	0	8	112	317	1	11	203	398

Coach of the Year: John L. Smith, Michigan St

2002 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio St	8	0	185	88	14	0	410	183
Iowa	8	0	302	130	11	2	484	256
Michigan	6	2	224	162	10	3	361	265
Penn St	5	3	286	152	9	4	446	227
Purdue	4	4	235	182	7	6	386	288
Illinois	4	4	212	206	5	7	346	307
Minnesota	3	5	198	256	8	5	376	319
Wisconsin	2	6	202	218	8	6	372	322
Michigan St	2	6	194	314	4	8	316	398
Northwestern	1	7	170	332	3	9	272	493
Indiana	1	7	164	332	3	9	258	445

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2001 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Illinois	7	1	261	199	10	1	356	238
Michigan	6	2	216	135	8	3	303	192
Ohio St	5	3	223	174	7	4	284	213
Iowa	4	4	263	206	6	5	372	242
Purdue	4	4	153	193	6	5	223	245
Indiana	4	4	239	220	5	6	305	298
Penn St	4	4	189	208	5	6	248	281
Michigan St	3	5	223	238	6	5	330	276
Wisconsin	3	5	215	260	5	7	313	346
Northwestern	2	6	197	300	4	7	320	378
Minnesota	2	6	191	237	4	7	308	299

Coach of the Year: Ron Turner, Illinois

2003 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minny	250	158	63.2	5	2401	9.6	17	162.3
Jim Sorgi, Wisconsin	248	140	56.5	9	2251	9.1	17	148.1
John Navarre, Michigan	456	270	59.2	10	3331	7.3	24	133.6
Jeff Smoker, Michigan St	488	302	61.9	14	3395	6.9	21	128.8
Kyle Orton, Purdue	**414**	**251**	**60.6**	**7**	**2885**	**7.0**	**15**	**127.7**
Craig Krenzel, Ohio St	278	153	55.0	10	2040	7.3	15	127.3
Nathan Chandler, Iowa	307	165	53.7	10	2040	6.6	18	122.4
Zack Mills, Penn St	**251**	**136**	**54.2**	**5**	**1404**	**5.6**	**6**	**105.1**
Michael Robinson, Penn St	**138**	**62**	**44.9**	**5**	**892**	**6.5**	**5**	**103.9**
Brett Basanez, N'western	**302**	**162**	**53.6**	**12**	**1916**	**6.3**	**4**	**103.4**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Chris Perry, Michigan	13	338	1674	5.0	18	128.8
Jason Wright, Northwestern	13	267	1388	5.2	20	106.8
Fred Russell, Iowa	13	282	1355	4.8	7	104.2
Marion Barber III, Minnesota	**13**	**207**	**1196**	**5.8**	**17**	**92.0**
Laurence Maroney, Minnesota	**13**	**162**	**1121**	**6.9**	**10**	**86.2**
B Green-Ellis, Indiana	**12**	**225**	**938**	**4.2**	**7**	**78.2**
Jerod Void, Purdue	**13**	**235**	**952**	**4.1**	**13**	**73.2**
Dwayne Smith, Wisconsin	**13**	**165**	**857**	**5.2**	**9**	**65.9**
Lydell Ross, Ohio St	**13**	**193**	**826**	**4.3**	**10**	**63.5**
EB Halsey, Illinois	**9**	**140**	**525**	**3.8**	**2**	**58.3**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAndra Cobb, Michigan St	**28**	**763**	**3**	**27.2**
Laurence Maroney, Minnesota	**16**	**413**	**1**	**25.8**
EB Halsey, Illinois	**16**	**378**	**0**	**23.6**
Lance Bennett, Indiana	**18**	**405**	**0**	**22.5**
Ramon Ochoa, Iowa	18	396	0	22.0
Jerome Brooks, Purdue	**32**	**701**	**0**	**21.9**
Brandon Williams, Wisconsin	**29**	**626**	**0**	**21.6**
Marcus Mason, Illinois	**11**	**208**	**0**	**18.9**
Calvin Lowry, Penn St	**16**	**300**	**0**	**18.8**
Derell Jenkins, Northwestern	**18**	**320**	**0**	**17.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Lee Evans, Wisconsin	13	64	1213	13	93.3	4.9	19.0
John Standeford, Purdue	13	77	1150	4	88.5	5.9	14.9
Braylon Edwards, Michigan	**13**	**85**	**1138**	**14**	**87.5**	**6.5**	**13.4**
Jared Ellerson, Minnesota	**12**	**44**	**909**	**5**	**75.8**	**3.7**	**20.7**
Jason Avant, Michigan	**12**	**47**	**772**	**2**	**64.3**	**3.9**	**16.4**
Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue	**13**	**86**	**835**	**3**	**64.2**	**6.6**	**9.7**
Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	13	55	834	7	64.2	4.2	15.2
Aaron Hosack, Minnesota	13	51	814	8	62.6	3.9	16.0
Kelvin Hayden, Illinois	**10**	**52**	**592**	**3**	**59.2**	**5.2**	**11.4**
Agim Shabaj, Michigan St	**13**	**57**	**692**	**5**	**53.2**	**4.4**	**12.1**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Jeff Smoker, Michigan St	13	63	-116	488	3395	3279	252.2
John Navarre, Michigan	13	48	-91	456	3331	3240	249.2
Kyle Orton, Purdue	**13**	**112**	**237**	**414**	**2885**	**3122**	**240.2**
Asad Abdul-Khaliq, Minny	13	88	370	250	2401	2771	213.2
Craig Krenzel, OSU	11	109	255	278	2040	2295	208.6
Jim Sorgi, Wisconisn	12	67	-10	248	2251	2241	186.8
Nathan Chandler, Iowa	13	89	138	307	2040	2178	167.5
Brett Basanez, N'western	**13**	**128**	**219**	**302**	**1916**	**2135**	**164.2**
Matt LoVecchio, Indiana	**11**	**97**	**-7**	**291**	**1778**	**1771**	**161.0**
Zack Mills, Penn St	**10**	**63**	**124**	**251**	**1404**	**1528**	**152.8**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brandon Fields, Michigan St	**13**	**62**	**2878**	**46.4**
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	**11**	**46**	**2045**	**44.5**
BJ Sander, Ohio St	13	82	3553	43.3
Brent Slaton, Purdue	13	78	3303	42.3
Jeremy Kapinos, Penn St	**12**	**68**	**2850**	**41.9**
David Bradley, Iowa	**13**	**79**	**3223**	**40.8**
Tyson Beattie, Indiana	**12**	**68**	**2773**	**40.8**
RJ Morse, Wisconsin	**13**	**62**	**2521**	**40.7**
Adam Finley, Michigan	**13**	**53**	**2120**	**40.0**
Brian Huffman, Northwestern	**13**	**72**	**2872**	**39.9**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nate Kaeding, Iowa	13	20	21	95.2	55
Mike Nugent, Ohio St	**13**	**16**	**19**	**84.2**	**53**
Ben Jones, Purdue	**13**	**25**	**30**	**83.3**	**50**
Rhys Lloyd, Minnesota	**13**	**14**	**18**	**77.8**	**54**
Dave Rayner, Michigan St	**13**	**22**	**29**	**75.9**	**52**
Garrett Rivas, Michigan	**13**	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**47**
Bryan Robertson, Indiana	**12**	**12**	**18**	**66.7**	**40**
John Gockman, Illinois	12	14	22	63.6	48
Robbie Gould, Penn St	**10**	**9**	**16**	**56.2**	**47**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Marion Barber III, Minnesota	**28**	**405**	**0**	**14.5**
Jim Leonhard, Wisconsin	**34**	**470**	**2**	**13.8**
Steve Breaston, Michigan	**45**	**619**	**2**	**13.8**
Ramon Ochoa, Iowa	40	495	1	12.4
Anthony Chambers, Purdue	47	499	1	10.6
Calvin Lowry, Penn St	**26**	**240**	**0**	**9.2**
Michael Jenkins, Ohio St	20	178	1	8.9
Glenn Johnson, Indiana	17	136	0	8.0
Ziehl Kavanaght, Michigan St	26	206	0	7.9
Kunle Patrick, Northwestern	25	150	0	6.0

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Abdul Hodge, Iowa	**13**	**83**	**58**	**141**	**10.8**
Matt Sinclair, Illinois	**12**	**61**	**67**	**128**	**10.7**
Chad Greenway, Iowa	**13**	**77**	**55**	**132**	**10.2**
Gino Capone, Penn St	10	49	51	100	10.0
Tim McGarigle, Northwestern	**12**	**58**	**60**	**118**	**9.8**
Winston Taylor, Illinois	12	53	56	109	9.1
AJ Hawk, Ohio St	**13**	**55**	**51**	**106**	**8.2**
Kyle Killion, Indiana	**12**	**65**	**32**	**97**	**8.1**
Herana-Daze Jones, Indiana	**12**	**70**	**26**	**96**	**8.0**
Landon Johnson, Purdue	13	72	30	102	7.8
Ben West, Minnesota	12	65	29	94	7.8
Seth Mitchell, Michigan St	**11**	**51**	**35**	**86**	**7.8**

TFL

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Shaun Phillips, Purdue	23.5	92	**Loren Howard, N'western**	**16.0**	**67**
Will Smith, Ohio St	20.5	92	Craig Terrill, Purdue	15.5	70
Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisky	**20.0**	**54**	Greg Taplin, Michigan St	14.0	67
Alex Lewis, Wisky	17.0	74	**Pierre Woods, Michigan**	**14.0**	**50**
Matt Roth, Iowa	**16.0**	**92**	Mike Labinjo, Michigan St	12.0	67

SACKS

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Shaun Phillips, Purdue	14.5	67	Alex Lewis, Wisconsin	9.0	64
Matt Roth, Iowa	**12.0**	**83**	Craig Terrill, Purdue	8.5	48
Howard Hodges, Iowa	11.0	54	**Jonathan Welsh, Wisconsin**	**8.0**	**64**
Will Smith, Ohio St	10.5	66	**Loren Howard, N'western**	**8.0**	**42**
Greg Taplin, Michigan St	10.0	60	**Pierre Woods, Michigan**	**7.0**	**36**

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - John Navarre's much maligned career at Michigan comes to a close and as a senior he became the first QB in school history to top 3,000 yards passing in a season and the first to top 9,000 yards for a career (9,254). Navarre (#7DC of ARZ) was just 1-6 on the road vs ranked teams but in the loss vs Iowa threw for a school record 389 yards. He had 3 of the top 6 passing games in Michigan history and threw for over 200 yards 28 times. Last year he threw for 3,331 yards (59.2%) with a 24-10 ratio. Matt Gutierrez (PS#12) is a more mobile QB that has a good grasp of the offense and hit 13 of 19 for 153 yards with a 1-0 ratio as the backup last year. He will battle Clayton Richard (6-4 227 rFr, PS#8) who is more the prototypical dropback QB with a stronger arm and threw for 7,800 yards and 65 TD's in his last two years of HS. Also in the mix are true frosh Chad Henne (PS#1) as well as scout team QB Jeff Kastl (6-3 218 So, PS#141). Spencer Brinton (6-5 223 Sr, PS#35) who had 7 starts at San Diego St was granted a sixth year but missed spring due to injury. The unit is going from a four year veteran coming off a record setting season to an inexperienced starter so expect the numbers to be down.

RUNNING BACKS - A surprising stat heading into last year was that Michigan had averaged over 4.0 ypc rushing just once the previous seven years but with a solid O-line and veteran backfield I called for them to top that figure. They did just that and RB Chris Perry (PS#45) was the star. Perry rushed for 1,110 yards but only 4.2 ypc in 2002. Last year he emerged with 1,674 yards and 5.0 ypc while also snagging 44 rec's (8.3). Perry (#1DC of CIN) became a serious Heisman candidate after averaging 183 ypg rushing the first three games, although the attention cooled after he had only 11 att for 26 yards vs Oregon. He would, however, set a Michigan record with 51 rush attempts against Mich St (old record was Ron Johnson's 42 in 1967). He also rushed for 154 yards in the big game against Ohio St and became just the fourth UM back to top 1,500 yards in a season. He broke Anthony Thomas' school record for all-purpose yards with 2,041 and set a single season record for attempts with 338 on his way to becoming the school's first Doak Walker Award winner. He will be tough to replace. David Underwood (PS#16) surprisingly has just 483 yards in his three years but after averaging 3.5 and 2.9 in the first two, he averaged 5.2 ypc last year. Jerome Jackson (PS#31) had the team's best ypc at 6.4 while rushing for 187 yards as a true frosh. He has 4.45 speed and is the brother of former Minnesota Gophers RB Terry. Pierre Rembert (6-0 213 So, PS#49) had 85 yards (4.0) as a rFr. Timmy Bracken (5-9 206 Sr) is finally healthy after breaking his leg two years ago and has 173 career yards rushing. This year's true frosh Max Martin (PS#21) and Mike Hart (PS#11) also figure to be in the mix. I list the FB's below and they are solid as Kevin Dudley blocks like an OL. Not listed below is FB Obi Oluigbo (6-0 243 So, PS#126LB) and TB Anton Campbell (5-11 192 rFr, PS#33). James Presley (PS#10) is the wild card and at 231 lbs can play both FB and TB. There is plenty of talent here and it will be interesting to see who emerges as the feature back.

RECEIVERS - Michigan is known for NFL caliber WR's and may have one of its best groups yet. Purdue's Joe Tiller said that they had the best corps of receivers that he'd ever seen. Braylon Edwards led the team in receiving in 2002 with 67 rec's (15.4) and was given the famed "#1" jersey last spring signifying he was among the select company of Anthony Carter and David Terrell (both 1st round DC's). They did have to replace their #2, 3 and 4 receivers last year but had plenty of talent. Edwards led the team again with 85 rec's (13.4), despite playing the year with a broken pinky finger and early in the season was in Carr's doghouse for being late to a team meeting. VHT Jason Avant (PS#10) emerged and was #2 with 47 (16.4). Steve Breaston (PS#43) had 38 (11.7) and was a dangerous returnman as a rFr. Carl Tabb (PS#12) had 10 (10.3). The top receiving TE's are back along with everyone else and the only losses to this unit are TE Andy Mignery (8 sts, 4 rec), WR Tyrece Butler (2 sts, 3 rec) and WR Calvin Bell (2 sts, 8 rec). Not listed below are TE Kevin Murphy (6-5 253 So, PS#13) as well as former QB Jermaine Gonzales (6-2 210 Sr, PS#27QB) who is in his second year at WR, Chris Matsos (6-0 209 Jr, 1 rec) and this year's signees. Check out page 13 to find out where this unit ranks in the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Michigan's front wall paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and had their best overall performance since 2000 paving the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 15 sacks during the regular season. Unfortunately in the bowl game they yielded 9 sacks to USC. This year they must replace RT Tony Pape (13 sts, 1st Tm B10, 3 yr st'r, #7DC of MIA), C David Pearson (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 2 yr st'r) and 2nd string RG Courtney Morgan. Naturally Carr has a ton of VHT's available including 10 in the 2 deep listed below. This unit is slightly less experienced than last year's version but is one of the Big 10's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Michigan's D yielded 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 42 sacks overall in 2002. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 29 starts and the D allowed 3.5 ypc rushing with just 29 sacks overall. This year they lose 3 starters in DT Norman Heuer (13 sts, 16 tkls, HM B10), DT Grant Bowman (12 sts, 36 tkls, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm B10), DE Larry Stevens (12 sts, 27 tkls, 4 sks, 2nd Tm B10) and DE Alain Kashama (3 sts, 11 tkls, 2 sks). I like the starting DE's in Patrick Massey and LaMarr Woodley and Minnesota's HC Glen Mason compared Woodley favorably to LaVar Arrington. While the DT's are new, they are larger as last year's starters averaged 289 and this year's 323. This has the makings of a top-notch group albeit a less experienced one.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wolves lost one starter who was a 2nd round DC and their leading tackler. Returning starter ILB Zach Kaufman did not fully recover from a knee injury and lost his job notching just 6 tackles in limited action so basically one starter returned. This year they must replace ILB Carl Diggs (12 sts, HM B10, 56 tkls, 7 tfl) as well as Kaufman. Four of the top six return. Included in the 2 deep I list below are four players who ranked in the top 10 at their position coming out of high school. This group is more experienced than the 2003 version and looks to be one of the best units in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Michigan was #26 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace two starters who were NFL DC's and 3 players who combined for six starts and 59 tackles. While they had two starters returning, CB Marlin Jackson was moved to FS and went from earning 2nd Tm AA honors at CB to not even being an honorable mention All Big 10 honoree at FS. The Wolves still finished #13 in my pass D rankings allowing 53.9% with an outstanding 9-14 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Jeremy LeSueur (12 sts, 48 tkls, 2nd Tm B10, 10 pbu, #3DC of DEN) and FS Jon Shaw (1 st, 21 tkls). Jackson now moves back to his more comfortable CB spot. Ryan Mundy (PS#5) is plugged in the open FS spot. They also get in Stanford transfer Grant Mason who may take one of the starting CB spots and plenty of VHT freshmen. This should be one of, if not the top secondary in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Lloyd Carr's special teams have struggled but his units finished #32, #30 and #42 the first three years of the millennium. Carr pointed out that their kickers had the worst FG % in the NCAA since Michigan Stadium went to grass but he expected improvement with the switch to FieldTurf. In the opening game, Adam Finley hit just 1 of 3 FG's and Garrett Rivas (PS#39) took over as a true frosh and hit 9 of 12 with a long of 47 showing Carr's projected improvement. Michigan had one of the top PR's in the country in Steve Breaston who set a school record for PR yards in a season with 619 (13.8), while recording 2 TD's and having 2 TD's called back. UM had not had a PR TD since 1997. Amazingly, despite the presence of Breaston, the Wolves tumbled to #94 in my special teams rankings and were responsible for a couple of their defeats. Against Oregon, the team had two missed xp's, allowed a PR TD, a blocked punt TD and was stopped on a fake punt. Versus Iowa, they had a punt blocked on an unusual punting formation and also allowed a PR TD which cost them in a close loss. They also suffered a blocked FG vs USC. Another surprise is from 1999 to 2001 the Wolves blocked 16 punts but have recorded just one the last two years. Punter Adam Finley returns for his senior season and rebounded from a shaky year with a very solid bowl game. After having his net drop from 36.7 to 32.0, he should return to his 2002 form. Breaston is back and the top 2 KR's return as well. This unit should go from a weakness to a strength and be one of the most improved special teams in the country under new coordinator Mike DeBord, the head coach at Central Michigan last year.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 despite facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. He is 14-3 vs Top 10 competition. His OC Terry Malone, who enters his third year in that position, was a Broyles finalist last year. The DC is Jim Hermann, now in his 8th season, who took home the Broyles Award in 1997.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1997 the Wolves have, by far, the most wins in Big 10 play with 46 and the next closest (OSU) has 40. The Wolves have been to 29 straight bowls, the 2nd longest streak in the country. They have also been to 8 straight January bowls and finished #9 in the final polls in 2002. Carr was very high on last year's O-line calling it "one of his best yet" and with veteran QB John Navarre back, I called for the offense to be their most productive in years and they averaged 35.4 ppg. Defensively they had 6 starters back and allowed just 16.8 ppg. The season started off great as in their first three games they outscored their opponents 133-10 including a 38-0 shutout of Notre Dame but then they imploded at Oregon. They led Iowa 20-10 but ended up losing to the Hawks for the second straight year. They nearly lost a 3rd game when they played Minnesota on a Friday night and trailed by 21 entering the 4Q but put together the greatest comeback in school history with 31 points in the 4Q . They won the final 6 games of the season including beating #4 ranked Ohio St at home 35-21. Unfortunately they came up short in the Rose Bowl vs #1 ranked USC but finished the year #6 in the polls. This year Michigan has the best set of receivers in the country but must replace QB Navarre (3,331 yards passing) and RB Perry (2,041 total yards). Defensively the Wolves return six starters and I rate them #3 in the country on that side of the ball. All 7 of my sets of power ratings call Michigan the most talented team in the Big 10 and the only game that is even a question mark on their schedule appears to be the season finale when they travel to Columbus. Mich has greatly outplayed OSU the last 3 years as they had a 68-46 FD edge despite losing in 2001 and 2002 and easily controlled last year's game. Provided the new backfield performs solidly, the Wolves, who outgained their Big 10 foes by 139.1 ypg last year, have a great shot at not only a Big 10 Title but an undefeated season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Matt Gutierrez So. 6-4 230 **PS#12**. 153 yds pass as rFr, mobile. Clayton Richard (6-4 227 rFr) **PS#8**. Lefty Spencer Brinton (6-5 223 Sr) PS#35. 7 sts at San Diego St.

RB David Underwood Sr. 6-0 227 **PS#16**. 483 yds (4.1) in 3Y. **Jerome Jackson** (5-11 198 So) **PS#31**. 187 yds (6.4) as true. Pierre Rembert (6-0 213 So) PS#49. 85 rush yds (4.0).

FB KEVIN DUDLEY SR. 6-1 237 PS#90. Blocks like an OL. 11 sts LY, 29 yds. **James Presley** (6-2 231 rFr) **PS#10LB**. Brian Thompson (6-2 235 So) PS#153LB. 82 rec yds LY.

WR BRAYLON EDWARDS SR. 6-3 206 Turned down NFL #1 w/67 rec (15.4) in '02. **1st Tm B10** LY, 85 rec (13.4). Carl Tabb (6-2 193 So) **PS#12**. 10 rec (10.3). Adrian Arrington **PS#10**.

WR JASON AVANT JR. 6-1 209 **PS#10. 2nd Tm B10** in '03, 47 rec (16.4). Steve Breaston (6-1 181 So) PS#43. 38 rec (11.7), 810 return yds. Doug Dutch is **PS#14**.

TE Tim Massaquoi Jr. 6-4 249 **PS#8WR**. 6 sts LY, 15 rec (13.3). Tyler Ecker (6-6 249 So) **PS#10**. Mission 2000-'01. 7 rec (14.0) in '03. Jim Fisher (6-5 255 Sr) **PS#15**.

C Mark Bihl So. 6-4 301 **PS#58OL**. 2nd string C as rFr, 11 games. Leo Henige (6-4 331 Jr) **PS#32**. 8 games LY. Derek Bell (6-4 276 Jr) walk-on. 5 games at DT LY.

RG MATT LENTZ JR. 6-6 316 **PS#45**. 2nd string, 8 games as rFr. 13 sts in '03 at RG. 225 bench 31x's! 770 leg press. Adam Kraus (6-6 291 rFr) **PS#65DL**. 4.9 speed.

LG DAVID BAAS SR. 6-5 307 **PS#29**. 1 st, 6 games as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts LY. **1st Tm B10 2 straight yrs!!** Top OL Award. Tom Berishaj (6-4 328 So) PS#88.

RT Jake Long rFr. 6-7 331 **PS#53**. The coaches are very high on him. Rueben Riley (6-3 311 So) PS#47. 2nd string in '03, 4 games. Brett Gallimore is **PS#15**.

LT ADAM STENAVICH JR. 6-5 313 **PS#15**. 7 games as rFr, 2 sts. 13 sts at LT in '03, NFL prospect. Mike Kolodziej (6-7 319 So) **PS#14DL**. 2nd string as rFr, 9 games.

K GARRETT RIVAS SO. 5-9 210 PS#39K. Hit 9 of 12 FG's LY, long of 47. Adam Finley **PS#6**. 7 of 10 in '02, long of 40. Troy Nienberg (6-2 171 Sr) 22 TB's on 75 KO's LY.

DE PAT MASSEY JR. 6-8 276 **PS#7**. 5 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 9 sts LY, 23 tkls, 8 tfl. Will Paul (6-3 264 rFr) **PS#21**. 4.59 spd. Tim Jamison (6-4 235 Fr) **PS#28**. 114 tkls HS Sr yr.

DT Gabe Watson Jr. 6-4 333 **PS#5DL**. 2 tkls as true. 13 tkls in '03, 1 tfl. Alex Ofili (6-4 289 Jr) PS#110. 7 games, 4 tkls, 1 sk 2 years. Paul Sarantos (6-3 261 Jr) PS#117LB.

DT Larry Harrison So. 6-3 313 **PS#22DL**. 12 tkls as rFr, 3 tfl, 11 games. Alan Branch (6-6 305 Fr) **PS#24**. Will Johnson is PS#29. Marquise Walton is PS#105OL.

DE LaMarr Woodley So. 6-2 268 **PS#2LB**. 4.7 speed, 29" VL. 2 sts as true, 23 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Rondell Biggs (6-2 268 So) PS#128. 3 tkls, 8 games as rFr.

SLB PIERRE WOODS JR. 6-5 248 **PS#9DL**. 13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 68 tkls, 7 sks, 7 tfl LY **Shawn Crable** (6-5 234 rFr) **PS#2DL**. Roy Manning (6-2 240 Sr) PS#125, 34 tkls, 4 tfl 3Y.

ILB Scott McClintock Jr. 6-2 243 **PS#9LB**. 2 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. 1 st LY, 37 tkls, 3 tfl. Dave Harris (6-2 246 So) PS#53. Inj'd as rFr, Joe Sarantos (6-3 231 Jr) PS#48. 33 tkls, 2Y.

ILB LAWRENCE REID JR. 6-1 219 PS#51. 13 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 13 sts, 82 tkls, 6 tfl, HM B10. Prescott Burgess (6-3 223 So) **PS#1DB**. 15 tkls as **true**. Patrick Sharrow (6-4 287 rFr) PS#109.

CB MARKUS CURRY SR. 5-11 183 **PS#20**. 13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 48 tkls, 2 int, 10 pbu LY. Grant Mason (6-0 194 Jr) PS#58. 23 rec (6.7) at Stanford in '02. Quinton McCoy (5-9 167 rFr) **PS#16**.

CB MARLIN JACKSON SR. 6-1 199 **PS#6**. 13 sts @ CB in '02, **2nd Tm AA**, 18 pbu. 6 sts @ FS LY, 50 tkls. Leon Hall (5-11 193 So) PS#23. 2 sts as true, 6 pbu. Darnell Hood (5-11 191 So) **PS#33.**

SS ERNEST SHAZOR JR. 6-4 226 **PS#1**. 25 tkls as rFr, 4 pbu. **2nd Tm B10** in '03, 11 sts, 57 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Jacob Stewart (6-0 212 Jr) PS#84. 2 sts, 25 tkls, 1 int, 2 years.

FS Ryan Mundy So. 6-1 209 **PS#5**. 10 tkls as true. **Willis Barringer** (6-0 201 So) PS#141. 6 sts as rFr, 23 tkls, 2 pbu. Brandent Englemon (5-11 197 rFr) PS#196.

P ADAM FINLEY SR. 6-4 209 PS#6. **2nd Tm Big 10** in '02, 69 punts. 42.2 avg, net of 36.7. 53 punts in '03, 40.0 avg, 32.0 net. Mark Spencer (6-0 215 So) PS#70 LY, 1 punt.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Chad Henne 6-3 215 PS#1
WR	Adrian Arrington 6-2 172 PS#10
WR	Doug Dutch 6-0 190 PS#14
RB	Michael Hart 5-9 185 PS#11
OL	Brett Gallimore 6-6 302 PS#15
DL	Alan Branch 6-6 326 PS#24
OL	Jeremy Ciulla 6-5 275 PS#19
DL	Mike Massey 6-4 216 PS#25
WR	Morgan Trent 6-1 175 PS#19
RB	Max Martin 6-2 210 PS#21
OL	Alex Mitchell 6-5 305 PS#24
DL	Tim Jamison 6-4 230 PS#28
DL	Will Johnson 6-3 285 PS#29
LB	Chris Rogers 6-3 242 PS#24
DB	Charles Stewart 6-1 184 PS#26
LB	Chris Graham 5-10 205 PS#30
LB	Roger Allison 6-1 228 PS#37
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		14-17	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,20,4)
Lost: 27 (15,11,1)

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BIG 10

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Miami, Oh	A						Wolverines are 4-9 ATS as a favorite of 5' or less since 1999. Michigan was 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS last year at home their 1st yr on art turf. UM has been to 27 straight bowls (1975 last time they didn't play in one). The Wolverines are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS vs current MAC schools since 1995. Michigan is 11-6 ATS when hosting non-conf opponents since 1997.
Sep. 11	at Notre Dame	G						Wolverines are 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS in their last 6 road openers. UM is 4-3-1 SU & 1-7 ATS S/'91 when they shutout an opp the previous yr.
Sep. 18	San Diego St	A						Michigan is 2-5 ATS since '93 the week after taking on the Fighting Irish. UM is 14-5 SU, but 5-13 ATS S/'84 the wk before conference play begins.
Sep. 25	Iowa	A						Michigan hasn't lost a Big 10 opener SU since 1981 (22 straight). The Wolverines are 11-2 ATS since 1996 in their 2nd straight home game.
Oct. 2	at Indiana	A						Michigan is 5-2 ATS the last 2 years as a Big 10 away favorite. UM is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS S/'89 in Bloomington (all as AF's) outscoring UI an avg of 39-15 ppg.
Oct. 9	Minnesota (HC)	A						The home team has covered in just 5 of the last 17 meetings. The Wolverines are 4-1 SU & ATS the last 5 Homecoming games.
Oct. 16	at Illinois	A						UM is 1-7-1 ATS in their 1st of 2 straight away games since 1992. Michigan hasn't lost SU to Illinois in Champaign since 1983.
Oct. 23	at Purdue	G						UM has held PU's offense in check, as all-time PU is avg just 12.6 ppg. Michigan is 8-1 SU & 6-2-1 ATS the L/9 the week before rival Michigan St.
Oct. 30	Michigan St	A						UM is 4-1 ATS the last 5 when hosting instate rival Michigan St. Michigan is 3-6 ATS the last 9 before a bye (but 3-0 ATS L3Y).
Nov. 6								
Nov. 13	Northwestern	A						Since 1992 the Wolverine are 5-3 SU & 2-6 ATS vs the Wildcats. Carr is 8-2 SU after a bye & 3-6-1 ATS w/the avg win 31-22.
Nov. 20	at Ohio St	G						Michigan is only 2-7-1 ATS at the "Horseshoe" since 1982. OSU/UM has been the final game of Big 10 play since 1935!
Nov. 27								

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	9-3	9-2	8-3	8-3	9-3	10-2	64-16
ATS	6-5	4-8	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	4-8	9-3	39-40-1
Home Fav	3-4	3-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	2-5	6-1	25-19
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	2-1	0-5	1-3	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	3-2	9-18-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	4-3
Favorite	5-5	3-7	4-6	4-5	5-4-1	4-7	9-3	34-37-1
Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	5-3
Grass	4-4	4-6	4-4	6-4	5-2-1	2-8	2-1	27-29-1
Artificial	2-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	0-3	2-0	7-2	12-11
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	11-13
Off SU Win	5-5	3-5	5-3	3-4	3-4-1	3-6	7-2	29-29-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	7-7

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Perry	338	1721	47	1674	18	5.0
David Underwood	52	276	6	270	2	5.2
Jerome Jackson	29	187	0	187	2	6.4
Pierre Rembert	21	89	4	85	3	4.0
Matt Gutierrez	3	4	1	3	1	1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Navarre	456	270	59.2	3331	24	10
Matt Gutierrez	19	13	68.4	153	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Braylon Edwards	85	1138	13.4	14	64
Jason Avant	47	772	16.4	2	71
Steve Breaston	38	444	11.7	3	37
Chris Perry	44	367	8.3	2	21
Tim Massaquoi	15	199	13.3	2	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Finley	53	2120	40.0	6	32.0	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Rivas	50-51	4-4	2-2	3-6	0-0	9-12	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lawrence Reid	82	1	5	3	0
Pierre Woods	68	7	7	1	0
Ernest Shazor	57	2	6	3	2
Carl Diggs	56	1	6	2	0
Marlin Jackson	50	0	1	2	2
Jeremy LeSueur	48	1	3	10	2
Markus Curry	48	0	2	10	2
Scott McClintock	37	1	2	1	1
Grant Bowman	36	3	8	0	0
Larry Stevens	27	4	4	0	0
Leon Hall	26	0	1	3	3
Patrick Massey	23	2	6	1	0
LaMarr Woodley	23	2	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	45	619	13.8	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	9	191	21.2	0
Jeremy LeSueur	9	189	21.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Orange	+1	Alabama (OT)	35-34	W
00	Citrus	-7'	Auburn	31-28	L
01	Citrus	+3	Tennessee	17-45	L
02	Outback	-1	Florida	38-30	W
03	Rose	+7	USC	14-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	35.4	24	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	+2	2003	6	16.8	15	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4
7*	30.1	21	122	3.2	265	60.4	12.9	+10	1999	8	20.6	16	121	3.3	212	51.7	16.2
6	27.6	18	156	3.8	226	59.1	13.8	-3	1998	9	18.1	15	122	3.1	181	49.9	16.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
C Michigan	31	46-342	7.4	22-36	273	0	20	45-218	4.8	18-29	150	0	+1
Houston	28	51-392	7.7	14-31	144	1	8	28-74	2.6	15-31	64	6	+1
Notre Dame	19	54-188	3.5	17-24	251	0	7	25-49	2.0	8-24	91	2	-1
at Oregon	19	19-(-3)	-0.2	28-55	360	4	21	45-127	2.8	20-31	253	1	-3
Indiana	16	36-168	4.7	16-26	170	1	17	44-102	2.3	16-33	107	3	-2
at Iowa	18	33-74	2.2	26-49	389	3	14	37-100	2.7	17-34	195	3	0
at Minnesota	27	31-94	3.0	34-48	389	1	21	53-424	8.0	8-18	71	0	+1
Illinois	30	49-275	5.6	22-34	244	1	13	29-89	3.1	16-28	163	1	+2
Purdue	19	38-105	2.8	18-33	240	3	13	29-58	2.0	18-37	184	7	+2
at Michigan St	29	55-216	3.9	17-31	223	1	13	16-36	2.3	21-41	254	0	-1
at Northwestern	26	48-217	4.5	22-31	288	0	12	33-117	3.5	12-23	144	1	+2
Ohio St	24	40-170	4.3	21-32	278	0	22	25-54	2.2	28-46	329	4	0
† USC	25	38-49	1.3	27-46	271	9	19	25-68	2.7	24-35	342	1	0
TOTALS	311	538-2287	4.3	284-476	3520	24	200	434-1516	3.5	221-410	2347	29	+2
AVERAGES	23.9	41-176	4.3	22-37	271	1.8	15.4	33-117	3.5	17-32	181	2.2	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	-7'	26-22	L
Rice	-27	37-3	W
at Syracuse	-5'	18-13	L
at Wisconsin	-3'	21-16	W
Purdue	-6	38-12	W
at Michigan St	-2'	31-34	L
Illinois	-24'	29-35	L
at Indiana	-16'	34-31	L
Northwestern	-23	37-3	W
at Penn St	+6	31-27	W
Ohio St	-11	24-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-30	42-7	W
Rice	-27'	38-7	W
at UCLA	-4'	20-23	L
at Illinois	-7	35-31	L
Wisconsin	-8	13-10	L
at Purdue	+2	31-32	W
Indiana	-15'	58-0	W
Michigan St	-16'	14-0	L
at Northwestern	-7'	51-54	L
Penn St	-15'	33-11	W
at Ohio St	+2'	38-26	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-24'	31-13	L
at Washington	+3	18-23	L
W Michigan	-14	38-21	W
Illinois	-6'	45-20	W
at Penn St	-11	20-0	W
Purdue	-11	24-10	W
at Iowa	-6	32-26	T
at Michigan St	-6	24-26	L
Minnesota	-15'	31-10	W
at Wisconsin	-5	20-17	L
Ohio St	-8'	20-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-6	31-29	L
W Michigan	-22'	35-12	W
at Notre Dame	-5	23-25	L
Utah	-10'	10-7	L
at Illinois	-7'	45-28	W
Penn St	-4'	27-24 OT	L
at Purdue	-3'	23-21	L
Iowa	-3'	9-34	L
Michigan St	-14'	49-3	W
at Minnesota	-6'	41-24	W
Wisconsin	-10'	21-14	L
at Ohio St	+4	9-14	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-33	45-7	W
Houston	-27'	50-3	W
Notre Dame	-10	38-0	W
at Oregon	-7	27-31	L
Indiana	-33'	31-17	L
at Iowa	-3	27-30	L
at Minnesota	-2	38-35	W
Illinois	-27'	56-14	W
Purdue	-4'	31-3	W
at Michigan St	-3'	27-20	W
at Northwestern	-17'	41-10	W
Ohio St	-7	35-21	W

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Craig Krenzel's (PS#23) 1st ever start was in 2001 vs Michigan and he helped lead the Buckeyes to the 26-20 upset win. Krenzel does not have the strongest arm, quickest release nor is he the most mobile QB but he is very smart and does not make mistakes. He battled Scott McMullen (PS#42), Justin Zwick (PS#7) and Troy Smith (PS#31) for the starting job in 2002. Of the four Zwick has the strongest arm, McMullen the quickest release and Smith is the most mobile. Krenzel guided the team to a perfect 14-0 record and the National Championship throwing for 2,110 yards (59.4%) with a 12-7 ratio and showed his mobility rushing for 548 gross yards. Last year Krenzel did miss some time with injuries and threw for 2,040 yards (55%) with a 15-10 ratio while rushing for 392 yards. McMullen played in seven games getting two starts and threw for 615 yards (65.4%) with a 5-3 ratio. Krenzel was the #5DC of CHI and McMullen also departs. Zwick was brought in during the 1Q vs Northwestern with the Buckeyes leading just 10-0 and played in three games and 9:00 as the #3 QB. He threw for just 24 yards (8 passes) and had a TD pass dropped. He will battle Troy Smith who is a dangerous runner and a solid passer. Also in the mix is true frosh Todd Boeckman (PS#30) who grayshirted. The Buckeyes have done well with first year starting QB's in the past and no matter who wins the job could put up even better numbers than last year's experienced seniors.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year on these pages I made Maurice Clarett my top candidate to win the Heisman and he ended up not playing a single down and was a big distraction for the majority of the season. Both Lydell Ross (PS#18) and Maurice Hall (PS#8) bulked up in the offseason adding roughly 20 lbs each but both suffered from nagging injuries. Neither were as dominating as Clarett who averaged 5.6 ypc in 2002 with 1,237 yards. The two combined for less than that with Ross having 826 yards (4.3) and Hall 316 yards (3.3). FB Branden Joe (PS#19) was the team's #4 rusher. This year basically everyone returns. Not listed in the 2 deep is Ira Guilford (PS#16DB) who had 64 yards last year but whose eligibility is in question at the time of this writing, Mike DeMaria (5-9 190 Sr), Roshawn Parker (5-11 219 Sr) and FB Colby Staubs (6-0 200 So) as well as true frosh VHT Erik Haw (PS#18). The Buckeyes averaged just 126 ypg rushing (3.3), their worst total since 1988 and should show significant improvement.

RECEIVERS - The Buckeyes had a solid receiving corps in their National Title season and basically everyone returned last year. Michael Jenkins led the team with 61 rec (17.6) in 2002 and last year led them again with 55 (15.2). The other starting WR, Chris Gamble, moved full-time to defense (4 rec). Drew Carter started the first eight games and had 25 rec (16.4) but suffered a season ending knee injury. Santonio Holmes showed some game breaking ability and in just 4 starts had 32 rec (17.2) with 30 coming in the last six games. TE Ben Hartsock had 13 starts and 33 rec and was named 1st Tm Big Ten. This year they must replace Jenkins (13 sts, #1DC of ATL), Hartsock (#3DC IND), Carter (#5DC CAR) and Gamble. I list the 2 deep below and naturally there are plenty of VHT's in the group including 3 rFr and of course this year's signees including Devon Lyons (PS#11DB). Not listed is Maurice Lee (5-10 180 Sr, PS#13). With the loss of 3 of their top 4 receivers, I'll call the unit down a notch in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - I would first like to compliment the OSU Athletic Dept for keeping track of minutes played, as it really helps in evaluating the O-line where few statistics can be compiled. One would expect OSU, which garnered a reputation of "3 yards and a cloud of dust" under Woody Hayes to have a top-notch running game on a yearly basis. Surprisingly in 2002 the team averaged 4.3 ypc rushing which was their best total since 1998. That number was, of course, aided by Maurice Clarett. Last year LT Ivan Douglas (10 sts in '02) missed the year due to injury. They still had 4 starters back from a unit that helped pave the way to a National Championship. Surprisingly they managed to open holes for just 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are RG Alex Stepanovich (9 sts, 1st Tm B10, 2 yr st'r, 271 min, #4DC ARZ), OG Bryce Bishop (7 sts, PS#8, 207 min), LG Adrien Clarke (13 sts, 364 min, 4 yr st'r, #7DC PHI) and RT Shane Olivea (12 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 368 min, 2 yr st'r, #7DC SD). I feel last year's unit underperformed so despite the inexperience, the new unit could boost production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A veteran DL in 2002 was a key in the Buckeyes run to a National Title as they allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing and the defense accounted for 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but the veteran and talented unit helped OSU have the second best run defense in the country allowing just 62 ypg and a minuscule 2.0 ypc with 37 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are Big 10 Def POY DE Will Smith (49 tkls, 10.5 sks, 10 tfl, #1DC NO), DT Darrion Scott (10 sts, 36 tkls, 9 tfl, HM B10, #3DC MIN) and DT Tim Anderson (13 sts, 45 tkls, 11.5 tfl, 1st Tm B10, #3DC BUF). Most of the backups return so 5 of the top 8 are back. The unit has 10 VHT's in the 3 deep I list below which does not even include this year's crop of true frosh. This will once again be a formidable unit but it is clearly weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace two starting LB's who were 3rd & 4th round DC's and both earned 1st Tm Big 10 honors. Projected starting MLB Mike D'Andrea (PS#1) suffered a shoulder injury and missed the final four games playing just 76 minutes. This year they must replace MLB Fred Pagac (PS#14, 10 sts, 36 tkls, 4 tfl), SLB Robert Reynolds (12 sts, 81 tkls, 9 tfl, #5DC TEN) but have 4 of the top 6 back. The unit also gets some tremendous upgrades. True frosh Marcus Freeman (PS#8) was in for the spring. Anthony Schlegel was simply 1st Tm MWC at Air Force leading the team with 117 tackles and 12 tfl in 2002 and transferred here last season. John Kerr led Indiana in tackles with 114 as a true frosh and was on the Big 10 All Frosh. Despite having only 1 starter returning, the Bucks have 3 players who led Div IA teams in tackles. This is a very talented unit with more experience than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bucks finished #19 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace 3 players who combined for 34 starts including SS Michael Doss who was a 2nd round DC. They returned CB Dustin Fox and Chris Gamble who had taken over a CB spot in the second half of 2002. OSU finished #37 in my pass D rankings in 2003 allowing 57.9% but with a solid 14-15 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace Gamble (12 sts, 3 int, 12 pbu, 1st Tm B10, #1DC CAR) and SS Will Allen (13 sts, 1st Tm AA, 83 tkls, 2 int, #4DC TB). Six of the top 8 return and the unit is, of course, loaded with VHT's. Despite the losses, they should reload once again and be just as strong as 2003's unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Buckeyes have had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings including #1 in both 1995 and 1998. In Tressel's first year they finished #35 but the team did struggle hitting 10 of 24 FG's. Mike Nugent, who struggled as a frosh, had an amazing year in 2002 hitting 25 of 28 with a long of 51. Punter Andy Groom averaged 45.0 in 2002 with a 37.3 net and the team finished #14 in my special teams rankings including FG's. Last year they had to replace Groom but BJ Sander (PS#3, #3DC GB), who had 37 punts in 2000 and was a backup the next two years, averaged 43.3 per punt with a net of 41.0 and won the Ray Guy Award. Under Tressel the team has 9 blocked kicks in three years. Nugent hit 16 of 19 FG's with a long of 53. The return game was average and overall the Buckeyes finished just #29 (#18 including kickers). Nugent is back and I expect improvement in the return game so even with the loss of their top-notch punter, they could improve upon last year's special teams ranking.

COACHES - Jim Tressel, in just his second year, won a National Championship and was the first coach to win an NCAA Title at the IAA level and then one in IA ball. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year in 2002 and now enters his fourth season after guiding OSU to another Top 10 finish last year. His OC is Jim Bollman who was the Bears TE coach in '99 and 2000. The DC must be replaced as Mark Dantonio took over as the head man at Cincinnati. Mark Snyder has been the LB coach here the past three years and is now in his first year as the DC. He will be aided by DB Coach Mel Tucker who has also named the co-DC.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St had finished outside of the AP Top 25 for three straight years prior to 2002. Before the 2002 season I rated Ohio St #7 in the country which was far higher than almost every other source and I called them a surprise team and a darkhorse contender for the National Title. Only two other preseason magazines (beside mine) even picked the Buckeyes to win the Big 10. They simply took home their first National Championship since 1968 when Woody Hayes won his 3rd. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins but did have some close escapes and won 7 games by 7 points or less. Last year they appeared to be a stronger team with a great shot at repeating as National Champs but the Maurice Clarett situation hurt them and a reliable feature back never was found. The Bucks still had a shot at getting to the National Title game in the season finale when they lost to Michigan but did end the season on a solid note beating a powerful Kansas St team in a game they led at one point 35-14. No team in the country took a bigger hit in the NFL draft with a record setting 14 NFL DC's in 7 rounds and the previous high had been 11. The Bucks have just 9 starters back which ties them with Iowa for the fewest in the league. The biggest question marks are on offense where they have a rebuilt O-line and must break in a new QB. Keep in mind, the last time Tressel had to break in a new QB, his team averaged 29.3 ppg and won the National Title. Defensively, despite having just 4 starters back, the Buckeyes will have their normal outstanding unit and I rate them #4 in the country on that side of the ball. Any time a team has so few starters back, it looks like a rebuilding year but despite a tough schedule (NCSt, Iowa, Mich St and Purdue on the road) they could win the Big 10 Title. If OSU knocks off rival Michigan in the season finale, they have a shot at being in the National Championship hunt once again.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Justin Zwick So. 6-5 225 **PS#7**. 8 passes, 9 min as rFr. **Troy Smith** (6-1 205 So) PS#31. 14 yds rush, 11 min in 2003. **Todd Boeckman** (6-5 235 Fr) PS#30.

RB LYDELL ROSS SR. 6-0 220 **PS#18**. 12 sts, 3 yrs. 1864 rush (3.9). Maurice Hall (5-10 200 Sr) **PS#8**. 5 sts, 758 yds (3.9) 3Y. Tony Pittman PS#19. In for spring.

FB BRANDEN JOE SR. 6-0 245 **PS#19**. 3 sts, 129 ttl yds, 78 min LY. Brandon Schnittker (6-1 250 Jr) PS#61LB. 1 st, 77 min LY, **Stan White** (6-3 238 So) **PS#18LB**.

WR Roy Hall So. 6-3 228 **PS#15**. 6 rec (11.5) as rFr. John Hollins (6-2 205 Sr) PS#37. **Devin Jordan** (6-3 190 rFr) **PS#22**. **Dareus Hiley** (6-1 195 rFr) **PS#22DB**.

WR SANTONIO HOLMES SO. 5-11 185 PS#59. 4 sts LY, 30 rec in L/6 games (17.2)! Bam Childress (5-10 185 Sr) **PS#27DB**, 3 sts, 16 rec, 3Y. Tony Gonzalez (6-0 190 rFr) **PS#25**.

TE Ryan Hamby Jr. 6-5 240 PS#52, 5 sts, 189 min in '02. 7 sts LY, 18 rec (10.6) 208 min. Jason Caldwell (6-5 265 Sr). Chad Hoobler is **PS#4**. Rory Nicol is PS#13WR.

C NICK MANGOLD JR. 6-4 280 **PS#62**. 72 min as true. 11 sts in '03, 342 min. Steve Winner (6-6 270 Jr) PS#227. **LS** Kyle Andrews (5-11 245 Sr). Awarded scholarship LY.

RG Mike Kne Sr. 6-4 300 St'r at Fordham in 2000. 36 in min '02. 1 st, 48 min LY. **Adam Olds** (6-4 290 Jr) **PS#25**. 13 min LY (hip inj). RJ Coleman (6-5 285 So) **PS#4TE**.

LG Doug Datish So. 6-5 290 **PS#11**. 4 games, 6 minutes as a rFr. Andree Tyree (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#13TE**, 26 minutes over two years. John Conroy (6-3 275 Jr).

RT Kirk Barton rFr. 6-6 280 **PS#98OL**. Scout Tm MVP in '03. 2nd string but RS. Tim Schafer (6-5 290 So) **PS#60DL**. 8 games, 10 min. John McLaughlin (6-6 290 Sr).

LT ROB SIMS JR. 6-4 305 **PS#33**. 6 sts, 153 min as true. 12 sts in '03, 317 min. TJ Downing (6-5 300 So) **PS#74**. 2 min. Steve Rehring is **PS#46** in for spring.

K MIKE NUGENT SR. 5-10 170 **PS#5**. 7 of 14 FG's as true. **1st Tm AA** in 2002, 25 of 28 FG's, long of 51. Hit 16 of 19 in '03, long of 53, 6 of 7 from 40+, 2-2 from 50+.

DE SIMON FRASER SR. 6-6 265 **PS#13**. 2 sts in '02, 20 tkls, 5 sks, 178 min. 12 sts LY, 34 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 301 min. Jay Richardson (6-5 245 So) PS#70. Reggie Smith (6-3 225 rFr) PS#74.

DT Marcus Green Jr. 6-3 290 **PS#50OL**. 25 min as rFr. 3 sts LY, 84 min, 15 tkls, 1 tfl. **David Patterson** (6-5 285 So) **PS#11**, 7 tkls, 2 sks as **true**. Sian Cotton (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#28**.

DT Quinn Pitcock So. 6-4 285 **PS#11**. 1 sts at DE as rFr, 17 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl, 106 min. Joel Penton (6-5 255 So) **PS#51** 17 min as rFr. Brandon Maupin (6-6 290 So) **PS#24**.

DE Mike Kudla Jr. 6-3 255 **PS#23LB**. 515 bench. 159 min, 21 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 yrs. **Redgie Arden** (6-4 240 Jr) **PS#11** 1 st @ TE in '02. Marcel Frost (6-5 240 rFr) **PS#8TE**.

WLB AJ HAWK JR. 6-2 230 **PS#40**. 1 st, 26 tkls as true. 13 sts LY, **#1 tkl'r**, 13 tfl, **1st Tm B10**, 420 bench. Marcus Freeman **PS#8** in for spring. Curt Lukens (6-3 200 rFr).

MLB Anthony Schlegel Jr. 6-2 245 13 sts at **Air Force** in '02, **1st Tm MWC, #1 tkl'r**, 12 tfl. John Kerr (6-1 246 So) PS#81. **#1 tkl'r at Indiana** as true, **Big 10 Frosh Team**.

SLB Bobby Carpenter Jr. 6-3 240 **PS#26**. 12 tkls as true. 3 sts LY, 37 tkls, 4.5 sks. **Mike D'Andrea** (6-3 240 Jr) **PS#1**, 31 tkls, 2 yrs (inj). Thomas Matthews (6-2 210 Sr) 6 tkls 3Y.

CB EJ Underwood Jr. 6-1 175 **PS#17**. 2 sts in '02. 21 tkls, 3 pbu, 135 min. 4 tkls LY (1st four games until inj). **Ted Ginn** is **PS#1**. Michael Roberts (5-11 178 So) **PS#37**.

CB DUSTIN FOX SR. 6-0 190 **PS#16**. 1 st as true, 28 tkls, 4 pbu. 14 sts, 84 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu in '02. **2nd Tm B10**, 77 tkls, 3 int, 9 pbu, 42"VL. Ashton Youboty (6-2 187 So) **PS#30** 14 tkls.

SS Donte Whitner So. 5-11 185 **PS#9**. 22 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 86 min as **true**. Tyler Everett (6-1 185 Jr) **PS#24**. 30 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu. 113 min, 2 yrs. Sirjo Welch is **PS#18**.

FS NATE SALLEY JR. 6-3 205 **PS#43**. 6 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, **HM B10**, 77 tkls, 5 pbu, 333 min. **Brandon Mitchell** (6-3 190 So) PS#98WR, 3 sts, 19 tkls, 89 min. 400m on track tm.

P Josh Huston Sr. 6-1 195 **PS#10**. 67 TB, 79 KO's in HS. 3 of 10 FG's here in '01, did KO's. Only one game LY but #2 punter. AJ Trapasso (6-1 220 Fr) PS#30. In for spring, 42.0 LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Ted Ginn 6-0 170 PS#1
LB	Marcus Freeman 6-3 230 PS#8
OL	Kyle Mitchum 6-6 275 PS#6
WR	Rory Nicol 6-5 245 PS#13
DB	Devon Lyons 6-4 214 PS#11
TE	Chad Hoobler 6-3 215 PS#4
RB	Erik Haw 6-1 210 PS#18
RB	Tony Pittman 5-11 190 PS#19
OL	Ben Person 6-4 300 PS#25
DB	Sirjo Welch 6-0 185 PS#18
DB	Brandon Underwood 6-2 170 PS#28
OL	Steve Rehring 6-8 315 PS#46
DB	Shaun Lane 5-10 180 PS#51
WR	Nick Patterson 6-2 210 PS#54
DL	Nader Abdallah 6-3 295 PS#69
LB	Vernon Gholston 6-4 250 PS#59
OL	Jon Skinner 6-5 280 PS#84
DL	Alex Barrow 6-4 245 PS#101
WR	Albert Dukes 6-1 170 PS#89
LB	Dionte Johnson 6-0 220 PS#112
RB	Dennis Kennedy 5-11 190 PS#179
K	A.J. Trapasso 6-1 220 PS#30
LB	Brandon Smith 6-3 240 PS#227
LB	Curtis Terry 6-2 205 PS#321

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Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

32-7	Straight Up	12-8-1	Home Favorite
16-19-1	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
4-1	Off A SU Loss	3-8	Away Favorite
11-12-1	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
	5-7 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,22,2)
Lost: 22 (12,9,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 104,870

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Ohio St is 9-1-1 ATS as a single digit home favorite under Tressel. Buckeyes are 4-9 ATS the last 13 as a 20 pt or more favorite. Ohio St is 38-3 SU & 25-16 ATS the last 41 non-conference games.
Sep. 4	Cincinnati	G						OSU is 11-0 SU & 9-2 ATS in the 1st HG of the season avg score 38-11. UC was 1 of 6 single digit wins for OSU in 2002 on their way to a National Title.
Sep. 11	Marshall	G						Ohio St is 8-0 SU, but 2-6 ATS vs MAC schools since 1992. Under HC Tressel OSU is 10-17-1 ATS after a SU win.
Sep. 18	at NC State	G						Ohio St is 10-4 ATS since 1990 when visiting non-Big 10 teams. The Buckeyes are 7-4 ATS before a bye the last 11.
Sep. 25								Bonus: Ohio St is 6-3 ATS in the last 9 conference openers.
Oct. 2	at Northwestern	G						Ohio St has not lost to Northwestern SU since 1971. The Buckeyes are 6-2 ATS after a bye the last 8.
Oct. 9	Wisconsin	G						OSU is 13-1 SU & 9-5 ATS in non-Michigan "revenge" games since 1994. OSU hasn't beaten Wisconsin SU at the Horseshoe S/'96 (ATS S/'94).
Oct. 16	at Iowa	G						Ohio St is 10-1-1 SU & 10-2 ATS since 1974 when visiting the Hawkeyes. OSU has outscored Iowa 33-15 in the above situation.
Oct. 23	Indiana (HC)	G						All-time Ohio St has held Indiana to just 9.97 ppg. Ohio St is 7-3 ATS their last 10 Homecoming games.
Oct. 30	Penn St	G						OSU is 5-0 SU & ATS when hosting Penn St. The last 3 games have been decided by a combined 9 pts.
Nov. 6	at Michigan St	G						Ohio St is 11-4 SU but 5-10 ATS vs Michigan St since 1981. The visitor is 7-2 ATS since 1991.
Nov. 13	at Purdue	G						OSU is 9-2 SU, but 3-7-1 ATS the last 11 games before Michigan. Ohio St is 9-1 SU & 7-2-1 ATS vs Purdue since 1990.
Nov. 20	Michigan	G						The home team is 14-7-1 ATS the last 22 in this series. Ohio St is 4-1-1 ATS when a home dog to Michigan since 1982.
Nov. 27								

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STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (101,568)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	10-1	6-6	8-3	7-4	13-0	10-2	64-18
ATS	6-6	7-4	5-7	5-6	5-6	7-6	4-7-1	39-42-1
Home Fav	2-5	3-3	3-4	2-4	2-3	7-1	3-4-1	22-24-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	3-0	4-1	0-1	3-1	2-1	0-5	1-2	13-11
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	4-6
Favorite	5-5	7-4	3-5	5-5	4-4	7-6	4-6-1	35-35-1
Dog	1-1	0-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	4-7
Grass	4-6	5-4	4-6	4-5	4-6	7-4	3-5-1	31-36-1
Artificial	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	8-6
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	1-3	2-1	0-3	4-1	1-3	11-15
Off SU Win	6-4	5-4	1-5	3-5	2-4	6-6	2-7-1	25-35-1
Off SU Loss	0-1	1-0	4-1	1-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	10-4

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lydell Ross	**193**	**856**	**30**	**826**	**10**	**4.3**
Maurice Hall	**97**	**358**	**42**	**316**	**1**	**3.3**
Craig Krenzel	109	392	137	255	3	2.3
Branden Joe	**27**	**100**	**1**	**99**	**0**	**3.7**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Craig Krenzel	278	153	55.0	2040	15	10
Scott McMullen	78	51	65.4	615	5	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Michael Jenkins	55	834	15.2	7	60
Santonio Holmes	**32**	**549**	**17.2**	**7**	**47**
Drew Carter	25	410	16.4	1	49
Ben Hartsock	33	290	8.8	2	20
Ryan Hamby	**18**	**190**	**10.6**	**3**	**31**
Bam Childress	**11**	**133**	**12.1**	**0**	**36**
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
BJ Sander	82	3553	43.3	15	41.0	0	39
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Nugent	**38-38**	**5-6**	**5-6**	**4-5**	**2-2**	**16-19**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
AJ Hawk	**106**	**4**	**9**	**5**	**2**
Will Allen	83	0	3	6	2
Robert Reynolds	81	2	7	1	1
Dustin Fox	**77**	**0**	**3**	**9**	**3**
Nate Salley	**77**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Will Smith	49	10.5	10	4	0
Tim Anderson	45	3.5	8	2	0
Chris Gamble	41	0	2	12	3
Bobby Carpenter	**37**	**4.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Fred Pagac	36	1	3	0	0
Darrion Scott	36	4	5	0	0
Simon Fraser	**34**	**1.5**	**6**	**5**	**0**
Mike D'Andrea	**24**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Michael Jenkins	20	178	8.9	1
Chris Gamble	20	92	4.6	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Maurice Hall	**10**	**198**	**19.8**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Sugar	-12'	Texas A&M	24-14	L
00	Outback	-6'	S Carolina	7-24	L
01	Outback	+1	S Carolina	28-31	L
02	Fiesta	+11'	Miami, Fl	31-24	W
03	Fiesta	+7	Kansas St	35-28	W

OHIO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.8	17	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	+1	2003	6	17.6	19	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6
5	23.8	18	167	4.2	181	46.7	14.6	-8	1999	7	23.9	19	160	3.7	203	59.7	15.1
8	35.8	24	200	4.7	298	58.9	13.9	+5	1998	9	12.0	14	70	2.2	190	48.3	21.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Washington	21	43 - 142	3.3	15 - 28	203	3	15	24 - 7	0.3	26 - 49	255	3	-2
San Diego St	10	37 - 120	3.2	5 - 20	76	3	20	26 - 28	1.1	24 - 41	188	4	+2
NC State	15	32 - 44	1.4	26 - 36	273	2	28	30 - 21	0.7	36 - 52	315	3	-2
Bowling Green	17	48 - 205	4.3	10 - 16	118	3	21	23 - 40	1.7	33 - 56	326	4	+1
Northwestern	16	35 - 125	3.6	19 - 32	186	0	11	40 - 121	3.0	10 - 25	64	3	0
at Wisconsin	12	26 - 69	2.7	14 - 26	202	3	13	48 - 141	2.9	7 - 10	158	3	0
Iowa	11	42 - 56	1.3	11 - 22	129	4	15	40 - 66	1.7	14 - 27	153	3	+2
at Indiana	26	39 - 216	5.5	25 - 33	387	1	13	32 - (-12)	-0.4	17 - 26	143	6	-2
at Penn St	17	39 - 153	3.9	17 - 29	148	2	18	27 - 33	1.2	27 - 42	253	1	0
Michigan St	23	49 - 182	3.7	12 - 24	213	3	20	17 - 5	0.3	36 - 56	373	3	+1
Purdue	15	39 - 125	3.2	15 - 30	226	5	24	36 - 106	2.9	27 - 47	249	2	+2
at Michigan	22	25 - 54	2.2	28 - 46	329	4	24	40 - 170	4.3	21 - 32	278	0	0
† Kansas St	15	40 - 148	3.7	11 - 24	189	0	25	32 - 84	2.6	20 - 52	294	2	-1
TOTALS	220	494 - 1639	3.3	208 - 366	2679	33	247	415-810	2.0	298 - 515	3049	37	+1
AVERAGES	16.9	38 - 126	3.3	16 - 28	206	2.5	19.0	32 - 62	2.0	23 - 40	235	2.8	0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Miami, Fl	-5'	12-23	L
UCLA	-11	42-20	W
Ohio U	-43	40-16	L
Cincinnati	-33	34-20	L
Wisconsin	-7	17-42	L
Purdue	-2'	25-22	W
at Penn St	+11	10-23	L
at Minnesota	+3'	20-17	W
Iowa	-22'	41-11	W
at Michigan St	+5'	7-23	L
Illinois	-10'	20-46	L
at Michigan	+11	17-24	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-18'	43-10	W
at Arizona	-5'	27-17	W
Miami, Oh	-23	27-16	L
Penn St	-12	45-6	W
at Wisconsin	-1'	23-7	W
Minnesota	-13	17-29	L
at Iowa	-19	38-10	W
at Purdue	+1'	27-31	L
Michigan St	-14'	27-13	L
at Illinois	-7'	24-21	L
Michigan	-2'	26-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-25	28-14	L
at UCLA	+6'	6-13	L
at Indiana	-9'	27-14	W
Northwestern	-3	38-20	W
Wisconsin	-11	17-20	L
San Diego St	-22'	27-12	L
at Penn St	-6'	27-29	L
at Minnesota	-2	31-28	W
Purdue	-6	35-9	W
Illinois	+1'	22-34	L
at Michigan	+8'	26-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6	45-21	W
Kent St	-28'	51-17	W
Wash St	-7	25-7	W
† Cincinnati	-18'	23-19	L
Indiana	-29'	45-17	L
at Northwestern	-25	27-16	L
San Jose St	-28'	50-7	W
at Wisconsin	-7	19-14	L
Penn St	-4'	13-7	W
Minnesota	-13'	34-3	W
at Purdue	-5'	10-6	L
at Illinois	-8'	23-16 OT	L
Michigan	-4	14-9	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-9	28-9	W
San Diego St	-30'	16-13	L
NC State	-9'	44-38 3OT	L
Bowling Green	-12'	24-17	L
Northwestern	-20'	20-0	L
at Wisconsin	-2'	10-17	L
Iowa	-3'	19-10	W
at Indiana	-20'	35-6	W
at Penn St	-7	21-20	L
Michigan St	-6'	33-23	W
Purdue	-3	16-13 OT	T
at Michigan	+7	21-35	L

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Brooks Bollinger left as the school's all-time career leader in victories for a QB going 30-13 in his four years as a starter. Jim Sorgi played 27 games in three years heading into last season but was 0-5 as a starter. Sorgi struggled early but played through a bruised sternum vs Illinois. He was injured vs Ohio St and Matt Schabert came off the bench and helped guide the upset victory. Sorgi was injured again vs Purdue and Schabert started in the loss the next week vs Northwestern. That loss made UW backup QB's 0-6 as starters. Sorgi returned and vs Minnesota and Mich St had an outstanding 9-1 ratio including becoming the first Badgers QB since 1995 to top 300 yards (305 vs UM). When Sorgi was knocked out yet again vs Iowa, Schabert hit just 4 of 11 for 49 yards and his 3 int were turned into 17 points for Iowa. John Stocco became the backup QB after that. Stocco replaced the injury riddled Sorgi in the bowl and hit 4 of 7 for 34 yards. Sorgi departs (#6DC IND) after throwing for 2,251 yards (56.5%) with a 17-9 ratio while rushing for 196 yards. The athletic Stocco (PS#36) has a powerful arm with a 94 mph fastball. He was the clear cut QB out of spring. Schabert (PS#34) knows the offense but lacks arm strength. Tyler Donovan (6-1 185 rFr) was PS#29 has been compared to Bollinger as he is very mobile with a solid arm. He was the #2 QB in spring. True frosh Sean Lewis (6-7 217, PS#27) was in for the spring. Sorgi had a solid season when healthy last year and while this group is less experienced it looks to be in good shape.

RB Anthony Davis

RUNNING BACKS - UW's streak of 10 straight seasons with a 1,000 yard rusher (tied for the 2nd longest in NCAA history with USC) came to an end last year thanks to injuries. Anthony Davis appeared on his way to a 2,000 yard season with 414 yards in the first two games but was injured and missed five full games and had just 268 yards the rest of the year. Backup Dwayne Smith (PS#88) suffered a couple of fumbles vs UNLV and then was injured and Booker Stanley (5-10 206 So, PS#116) led the team with 119 yards rushing against both NC and Penn St. Smith had a 207 yard effort vs Mich St and finished with 857 yds (5.2). He did have the 1,000 yard barrier within his reach in the bowl and got just 4 carries for one yard after Davis returned. The good news for Badger fans is that all of the RB's are back including Phillip Fuller (5-11 187 So, PS#61) who had 24 yards. I list the FB's below and they also add in this year's newcomers. With a healthy Davis, this should be a far more productive unit in 2004.

RECEIVERS - Lee Evans (4.3 spd) set a Big 10 record for yardage in a season with 1,545 yards and a super 20.6 ypc in 2001. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in the spring game in 2002 missing the year. Jonathan Orr (PS#41) led the team with 842 yards (17.9) and Brandon Williams (PS#113) had 663 (12.8). Darrin Charles (PS#26) suffered through sprained ankles and in seven starts had 25 rec (12.9). The Badgers returned all three plus Evans last year and were in great shape. Evans led the Big 10 in receiving yards setting a school record with 258 yards and 5 TD's vs Mich St. Starting TE Bob Docherty (PS#39) quit the team prior to the season and Tony Paciotti took over (10 sts, 1 rec). Owen Daniels (PS#18) moved from QB and had 15 rec (12.9). This year they must replace Evans (1,213 yds, 19.0, 13 sts, 1st Tm Big 10, #1DC BUF) but basically everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are Enrique Cook (6-2 199 So, PS#40), Jeff Holzbauer (5-11 188 So, PS#237QB), Luke Swan (6-0 193 rFr, PS#143) and TE's Kurt Ware (6-4 249 rFr, PS#89LB) and Matt Brown (6-5 206 rFr, PS#71). Ernest Mason (PS#47, has 4.29 spd) should be a much bigger factor if he can shake his legal difficulties. While replacing Evans will not be easy, this is still a top-notch receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers averaged 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 27 sacks in 2001 and had all 5 starters returning in 2002 so big things were expected. Surprisingly the unit allowed 46 sacks and averaged just 4.1 ypc rushing again. Last year the losses were heavy with 3 starters moving on including 2nd and 7th round DC's. With two starters back, the Badgers averaged just 4.0 ypc rushing (weakest ypc since 1997), and the unit allowed 37 sacks. This year they are in great shape as all five starters and all the backups return. Look for Joe Thomas (PS#12) who earned playing time as a true frosh at tackle to beat out either Mike Lorenz or Morgan Davis for one of the starting spots. This is a much more experienced O-line and I look for big time improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - An inexperienced Badger D-line allowed 4.2 and 4.0 ypc rushing in 2001 and 2002. That 2002 version had zero starters returning. Last season it appeared three starters were back but starting DE Erasmus James was injured and missed the season. Overall the defense allowed 3.9 ypc but upped it's sack count from 20 to 32. This year they lose DE Nick Cochart (2 sts, 2 tkls) and they could get James back although he missed spring and is questionable for the fall. I list a talented 2 deep below with 3 VHT's including rFr Justin Ostrowski (PS#4) who I expect to beat out DT Jason Jefferson by season's end. This is the Badgers' most experienced and best defensive front in over three years.

LINEBACKERS - A LB has led the Badgers in tackles in 20 of the last 22 seasons. Six different LB's started and none were able to accomplish that in 2002. Everyone returned last year and Jeff Mack tied with FS Jim Leonhard for the top tackler honors. This year the group is a lot less experienced as two starters depart and they were the most productive players. Mack had 7 tfl's and was HM Big 10 to go with his 98 tackles. LB/DE Alex Lewis (12 sts, 89 tkls, 1st Tm B10, #5DC of DET) who had 9 sacks and 8 tfl was the team's top pass rusher. Also departing this year is Kyle McCorison (1 st, 27 tkls, 3 tfl). In the spring Reginald Cribbs (PS#27) bounced back from two injury plagued years to take snaps with the #1 defense. Almost everyone in the 2 deep is either a VHT or an HT so the talent is solid but the group is less experienced than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Badgers finished #4 and #12 in my pass D rankings in 1999 and 2000 mostly due to CB Jamar Fletcher who won the Thorpe Award as the top DB in the country. UW dropped to #44 in the pass D rankings in 2001. In 2002 FS Jim Leonhard had an amazing 11 int and was the #2 tackler but the team finished #54. He returned last year as did two other starters but CB Brett Bell went down to injury after 3 games. Overall UW finished #29 in my pass D rankings allowing 53.9% with a 13-12 ratio. This year they lose SS Ryan Aiello (11 sts, 81 tkls, 5 tfl) but do have seven players back with starting experience. Last year's DC Kevin Cosgrove called CB Scott Starks one of the best in the Big 10 and was shocked when he did not even earn HM Big 10 honors. He and Bell should form a terrific CB duo and Leonhard is back for his senior season. This looks like one of the stronger secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Badgers finished #1 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and #5 in 2000 but surprisingly dropped down to #102 in 2001. Brian Murphy was appointed the new special teams coach in 2002 and they moved up to #46. Last year basically everyone returned and they improved again up to #34. They did have some problems on KR's allowing 246 yards to N Car but improved as the season went on. Kicker Mike Allen suffered a hip injury and was still not 100% at the end of the year. Scott Campbell hit 4 of 9 FG's with a long of 35 but Allen hit 9 of 12 with a long of 46, one season after hitting 12 of 19 with a long of 48. His healthy return is a plus. RJ Morse improved his net from 33.6 to 36.9 and returns for his senior season. They have the dangerous Jim Leonhard as PR and he had two PR TD's (13.8). KR Brandon Williams (21.6) is solid. Also they add in true frosh Taylor Mehlhaff who boots most of his KO's out of the end zone. With everyone back, this looks like a Top 10 unit in 2004.

COACHES - UW used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From 1985-'90 they averaged just one Big 10 win per season. HC Barry Alvarez has changed the Badgers' fortunes drastically guiding the team to 9 bowls. He is 7-2 as a head coach in bowl games. Only Woody Hayes has more Rose Bowl wins (4) than Alvarez (3). He is now in his 15th year and was Big 10 Coach of the Year in 1998 and is already Wisconsin's all-time leader in wins (99). He will be taking over the AD duties this year. His OC is Brian White who enters his tenth year here and former UNLV HC Jeff Horton is the QB coach. After eight years Kevin Cosgrove departed for Nebraska and the new DC is Bret Bielema. Bielema comes over after two years at Kansas St as the co-DC and also was an Iowa asst for nine years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Barry Alvarez guided Wisconsin to the Rose Bowl in both 1998 and 1999 and they finished #4 in the country in 1999 but have come nowhere near that level since. The Badgers are just 9-15 in Big 10 play the last 3 years. Last season they beat defending National Champ Ohio St at home to vault to 6-1 and #14 in the polls but suffered some tough losses. Against UNLV they had a 17-11 FD edge but turnovers did them in. They lost to Minnesota on the last play of the game and then were dominating Iowa leading 21-7 when backup Schabert threw 3 int's leading to 17 straight Iowa points. At the end of the game they were at the Iowa 5 yard line and came up short. In the bowl loss to Auburn, there were some very questionable ref calls overturning a couple of Tiger fumbles which proved to be key. The team had five 1st stringers miss 30 starts during the year including RB Anthony Davis. The Badgers have 9 starters back on offense and their best O-line since 1999 and this will help the new QB to be effective. Defensively they have 8 starters back and plenty of talent and I will call for them to have the lowest amount of ppg allowed since 1999. The Badgers are clearly one of the premier teams in the Big 10 and capable of getting back to the Rose Bowl. The schedule doesn't help, however, as they play Ohio St, Purdue, Michigan St and Iowa, all in unfriendly confines but avoid Michigan. Despite playing one less game than last year, I'll call for UW to top last season's 7 win total and the Badgers are a bonafide Big 10 Title contender.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB John Stocco So. 6-2 202 PS#36. 123 yds pass as rFr. **Matt Schabert** (6-2 202 Sr) PS#34. 1 st, 618 yds (52%) 3-5 ratio 3Y, Tyler Donovan (6-1 185 rFr) **PS#29**. Sean Lewis is **PS#27**.

TB ANTHONY DAVIS SR. 5-8 194 1st Tm B10 in '01. 1466 yds (5.0). 13 sts in '02, 1555 yds (5.2). 8 sts LY (inj) 682 (5.9). Dwayne Smith (5-11 225 Jr), 552 (5.0) in '02. 857 (5.2) 5 sts LY.

FB MATT BERNSTEIN JR. 6-2 264 PS#79. 9 sts in '02, 100 ttl yds. 7 sts in '03, 120 rush, 8 rec (9.9). Greg Root (6-2 262 Jr). Josh Balts (6-1 238 rFr). Chris Pressley is **PS#48**.

WR BRANDON WILLIAMS JR. 5-11 175 PS#113. 6 sts as true, 52 rec (12.8). 12 sts LY, 49 rec (13.2). Ernest Mason (6-0 179 So) **PS#47**. 4.29 spd. Brandon White (6-3 187 Jr) PS#77.

WR Jonathan Orr Jr. 6-3 183 PS#41. 13 sts in '02, **#1 w/47 rec** (17.9). 2 sts, 7 rec LY. **Darrin Charles** (6-6 206 Sr) **PS#26.** 8 sts, 45 rec (14.1) 2Y. Brandon Tobias (6-5 232 rFr) PS#67.

TE TONY PACIOTTI SR. 6-4 264 PS#23. 10 sts in '02. 10 sts LY, 1 rec. **Owen Daniels** (6-3 222 Jr) **PS#18QB**. 6 passes in '02. 15 rec (12.9) LY. Jason Pociask (6-3 249 Jr) 5 sts.

C DONOVAN RAIOLA JR. 6-3 280 PS#104. 1 st as rFr. 13 sts in '03, HM B10. Jason Palermo (6-3 285 Jr) PS#101DL. 1 letter. Marcus Coleman (6-6 311 rFr) PS#76DL.

RG JONATHAN CLINKSCALE SR. 6-3 304 PS#125. 6 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 starts in '03. Randy Gyllin (6-3 313 So) PS#85. Matt Lawrence (6-5 282 Jr) PS#110.

LG DAN BUENNING SR. 6-4 313 PS#146. **2nd Tm Big 10**. 12 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03. Luke Knauf (6-4 312 rFr) **PS#68**. Kraig Urbik (6-6 315 Fr) is PS#64.

RT MIKE LORENZ SR. 6-5 315 **PS#51**. 12 games in '02. 13 sts at RT in 2003. Jake Wood (6-6 289 Jr) PS#101. Lettered in 2003. Andrew Weininger (6-6 303 rFr) **PS#46**.

LT MORGAN DAVIS SR. 6-5 319 12 games & lettered in '02. 13 sts at LT LY. **Joe Thomas** (6-8 283 So) **PS#12**. St'd @ DE in bowl, 7 tkls. Danny Kaye (6-8 318 rFr) **PS#34**.

K MIKE ALLEN SR. 6-2 182 Hit 12 of 19 FG's, long of 48 in '02. Hip injury LY, 9 of 12 FG's, long of 46. Taylor Mehlhaff PS#9. 52 yd FG in HS, 93% TB's on KO's.

DE JONATHAN WELSH SR. 6-4 231 3 sts, 53 tkls, 7 tfl L2Y. 11 sts LY, 50 tkls, **8 sks**, 4 tfl. **Erasmus James** (6-4 263 Sr) 13 sts, 57 tkls, 8 tfl in '02. Inj LY. Jamal Cooper (6-4 202 rFr) PS#66.

RT JASON JEFFERSON SR. 6-3 308 12 sts in '02, 45 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts in '03, 30 tkls, 2 tfl. **Justin Ostrowski** (6-5 284 rFr) **PS#4**. Lyle Maiava (6-2 309 Jr) PS#104.

LT ANTTAJ HAWTHORNE SR. 6-3 312 **PS#5**. 3 sts as true. 14 sts in '02, 68 tkls, 7 tfl. 13 sts, **1st Tm B10**, 75 tkls, **20 tfl**. Kalvin Barrett (6-2 319 Sr) PS#64. 6 sts at RG in '01. 2 in '02.

LE DARIUS JONES SR. 6-3 276 **PS#5LB**. 3 sts in '02, 42 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. 11 sts LY, 40 tkls, 3 sks. Joe Monty (6-2 257 So) PS#94. 9 tkls in '03. Mark Gorman (6-4 276 So).

OLB LaMarr Watkins Jr. 6-1 211 **PS#70RB**. 6 sts as true, 41 tkls, 4 tfl. 2 sts in '03, 18 tkls, 1 tfl. Dontez Sanders (6-1 208 Jr) PS#78WR, 19 tkls 2Y. John Gillen (6-4 248 Jr) PS#84.

ILB Elliot Goode Jr. 6-2 234 PS#62. 14 tkls in '02. 1 st, 16 tkls in '03. Reginald Cribbs (6-1 225 So) **PS#27** (inj 2Y). Brandon Kelly (6-4 233 rFr) PS#103.

ILB MARK ZALEWSKI SO. 6-2 232 PS#52. 1 st as rFr, 8 tkls. **Kareem Timbers** (6-3 209 Sr) **PS#22. 13 sts,** 48 tkls, 4 tfl last 2 years. Paul Joran (6-3 222 So) PS#74.

CB SCOTT STARKS SR. 5-10 176 10 sts as true, 64 tkls, 10 pbu. 14 sts, 61 tkls, 10 pbu in '02. 12 sts, 60 tkls, 18 pbu LY. Chuckie Cowans (5-8 161 Sr) 4 sts, 5 pbu LY. Jameson Davis is PS#118.

CB BRETT BELL JR. 6-0 196 **PS#10**. 2 sts at FS in '02, 33 tkls. 3 sts, 12 tkls until inj LY. Levonne Rowan (6-1 191 Jr) PS#65. 9 sts, 45 tkls, 6 pbu LY. Johnny Sylvain (5-10 177 Jr) PS#51.

SS Robert Brooks Sr. 5-10 181 PS#91. 21 tkls as true. 31 tkls in '02. 2 sts, 31 tkls, 3 pbu LY. Johnny White (6-2 211 So) PS#139WR. Joe Stellmacher (6-1 210 So) 1 st, 16 tkls until inj LY.

FS JIM LEONHARD SR. 5-8 183 14 sts, **11 int**, 25 pbu in '02. **2 yr 1st Tm Big 10**. 13 sts LY, 98 tkls, **7 int**, 5 pbu. Roderick Rogers (6-2 186 So) PS#140. Zach Hampton (5-10 170 So).

P RJ MORSE SR. 6-1 246 74 punts in '02, 37.4 avg & net of 33.6. 62 punts in '03, 40.7 avg & net of 36.9. Kenneth DeBauche (6-2 209 rFr) PS#75. 44.3 career avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Nick Hayden 6-5 275 PS#14
RB	Jamil Walker 6-2 205 PS#25
QB	Sean Lewis 6-7 217 PS#27
QB	Bryan Savage 6-4 215 PS#30
RB	Chris Pressley 6-1 262 PS#48
OL	Kraig Urbik 6-6 315 PS#64
QB	Marcus Randle El 5-10 180 PS#45
LB	Andy Crooks 6-3 235 PS#74
DL	Gino Cruse Jr 6-5 305 PS#115
DL	Dave Peck 6-5 225 PS#133
DB	Jameson Davis 6-0 191 PS#118
DB	Allen Langford 5-11 185 PS#119
PK	Taylor Mehlhaff 5-11 180 PS#9
TE	Jason Chapman 6-4 260 PS#37
LB	Nick Sutton 6-2 215 PS#135
DL	Mike Newkirk 6-3 240 PS#151
WR	Jack Ikegwuonu 6-1 190 PS#143
DB	Antonio Freeman 6-0 185 PS#199
WR	Jarvis Minton 6-1 190 PS#190
LB	Jammar Crane 6-1 195 PS#215
RB	Bill Rentmeester 6-0 240 PS#266
LB	Joe Walker 6-2 200 PS#265
LB	Joshua Neal 5-10 225 PS#393

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Wisconsin has struggled as a home favorite going 5-16 ATS since 2000. The Badgers are 1-13 ATS as a double digit favorite the last 4 years.
Sep. 4	UCF	A						Badgers are 5-13 ATS vs non-conference foes since 1999. Wisconsin is 23-2 SU but 6-7 ATS vs current MAC opponents.
Sep. 11	UNLV	A						Badgers are 4-2 SU, but 1-3 ATS vs UNLV. Wisconsin is 3-4 SU & 1-6 ATS in their 2nd straight home game S/'00.
Sep. 18	at Arizona	G						The Badgers are 10-6 ATS the last 16 on natural grass. Wisconsin is 15-8 ATS the last 23 lined road games.
Sep. 25	Penn St	A						The Badgers are 9-4 ATS in their last 13 Big 10 openers. Alvarez & Paterno have been HC's in over 600 games between them.
Oct. 2	Illinois	A						The home team is 3-8 ATS the last 11 meetings. The favorite is 7-2 ATS the last 9 games.
Oct. 9	at Ohio St	G						Wisconsin is 4-6-1 SU, but 8-3 ATS the last 11 meetings. Wisconsin is 8-2 ATS the last 5 years as an away dog.
Oct. 16	at Purdue	G						UW is 6-10 SU, but 11-5 ATS in games after always tough OSU S/'86. Wisky's 3 pt loss to PU LY tailspinned their season as they dropped 4 of the 5 gms SU to close the yr.
Oct. 23	Northwestern (HC)	A						Tms have avg 56 ppg the L/13 gms even w/LY's 23 total pts (lowest score combined S/'68). The Badgers are 9-4 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1992.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Minnesota	A						Wisconsin is 4-6 ATS since 1994 in games after a bye. The Badgers are 11-2 ATS in their last 13 Camp Randall finales.
Nov. 13	at Michigan St	G						The favorite is 9-2 ATS in the last 11 series meetings. The Badgers are 6-3 SU & ATS the last 9 meetings vs the Spartans.
Nov. 20	at Iowa	G						Wisconsin is 4-6 SU & ATS in their last 10 road finales. The favorite is 4-7 ATS the last 11 meetings.
Nov. 27								

BARRY ALVAREZ (Career 99-67-4)
15th Year at Wisconsin

Alvarez's records AT WISCONSIN

99-67-4	Straight Up	30-32	Home Favorite
80-77	Vs The Spread	14-11	Home Underdog
31-30	Off A SU Loss	17-20	Away Favorite
60-52	Vs Conference	19-14	Away Underdog
		20-25	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,20,2)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 78,486

BIG 10

FS Jim Leonhard

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (76,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	10-1	9-2	8-4	5-7	7-6	7-5	54-29
ATS	5-7	8-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	6-6	6-6	41-40
Home Fav	2-2	5-1	4-1	1-4	0-4	3-4	1-4	16-20
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	6-4
Away Fav	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	11-10
Away Dog	0-3	0-1	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	8-6
Favorite	3-4	8-2	5-3	3-6	0-5	4-5	4-5	27-30
Dog	2-3	0-1	2-1	1-2	5-1	2-1	2-1	14-10
Grass	1-3	3-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	12-10
Artificial	4-4	5-1	5-3	2-7	3-6	5-4	5-5	29-30
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	31-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	1-2	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-3	10-15
Off SU Win	5-3	6-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	2-3	3-4	26-22
Off SU Loss	0-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-3	4-2	2-2	13-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwayne Smith	165	902	45	857	9	5.2
Anthony Davis	116	714	32	682	7	5.9
Booker Stanley	133	560	37	523	5	3.9
Matt Bernstein	29	120	0	120	0	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jim Sorgi	248	140	56.5	2251	17	9
Matt Schabert	65	33	50.8	441	1	4
John Stocco	17	10	58.8	123	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Lee Evans	64	1213	19.0	13	99	
Brandon Williams	49	649	13.2	1	75	
Darrin Charles	20	310	15.5	2	40	
Owen Daniels	15	193	12.9	2	27	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
RJ Morse	62	2521	40.7	9	36.9	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Scott Campbell	10-10	3-3	1-2	0-4	0-0	4-9	35
Mike Allen	32-34	6-6	2-2	1-3	0-1	9-12	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeff Mack	98	1	6	1	0
Jim Leonhard	98	1	3	5	7
Alex Lewis	89	9	8	3	0
Ryan Aiello	81	0	5	2	1
Anttaj Hawthorne	75	4	16	1	0
Scott Starks	60	0	1	18	1
Jonathan Welsh	50	8	4	2	0
Levonne Rowan	45	0	1	6	0
Darius Jones	40	3	1	0	0
Robert Brooks	31	1	1	3	0
Jason Jefferson	30	1	1	0	0
Kyle McCorison	27	1	2	0	1
Chuckie Cowans	24	0	0	5	1
Kareem Timbers	21	2	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jim Leonhard	34	470	13.8	2	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon Williams	29	626	21.6	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Rose	+9	UCLA	38-31	W
99	Rose	-14	Stanford	17-9	L
00	Sun	-5'	UCLA	21-20	L
02	Alamo	+7	Colorado (OT)	31-28	W
03	Music City	+3'	Auburn	14-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.3	21	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	-3	2003	8	23.5	18	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2
8	34.1	22	274	5.2	142	55.7	12.2	+11	1999	8	12.8	17	110	3.5	188	50.3	23.2
9*	31.8	17	216	4.3	114	52.5	10.4	+23	1998	8	11.9	16	92	2.7	200	54.4	24.6

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at W Virginia	26	45-223	5.0	20-34	215	0	14	38-162	4.3	15-26	138	2	0
Akron	25	44-310	7.0	14-25	281	3	29	40-162	4.1	31-52	372	4	0
UNLV	17	42-52	1.2	13-30	239	8	11	37-94	2.5	12-25	93	0	-4
N Carolina	22	50-209	4.2	12-20	193	1	16	25-110	4.4	16-31	199	3	+1
at Illinois	26	63-307	4.9	7-13	131	2	20	21-64	3.0	23-41	207	1	+1
at Penn St	22	51-234	4.6	9-26	140	4	21	28-45	1.6	22-44	379	2	+2
Ohio St	13	48-141	2.9	7-10	158	3	12	26-69	2.7	14-26	202	3	0
Purdue	12	34-97	2.9	11-18	196	4	27	38-66	1.7	38-55	411	7	-3
at Northwestern	19	38-135	3.6	20-36	193	2	20	52-245	4.7	10-23	176	1	+1
at Minnesota	27	32-119	3.7	23-34	305	1	25	55-336	6.1	11-17	159	1	-1
Michigan St	25	39-245	6.3	17-26	385	2	18	34-95	2.8	17-33	215	5	+2
Iowa	17	50-171	3.4	14-31	194	1	9	34-201	5.9	8-27	66	2	-1
† Auburn	18	37-58	1.6	17-29	203	6	15	40-197	4.9	11-23	157	1	-1
TOTALS	269	573-2301	4.0	184-332	2833	37	237	468-1846	3.9	228-423	2774	32	-3
AVERAGES	20.7	44-177	4.0	14-26	218	2.8	18.2	36-142	3.9	18-33	213	2.5	-0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	-42	49-10	L
Ball St	-36'	50-10	W
at Cincinnati	-27	12-17	L
Michigan	+3'	16-21	L
at Ohio St	+7	42-17	W
at Minnesota	-2'	20-17 OT	W
Indiana	-14'	59-0	W
Michigan St	-2	40-10	W
at Northwestern	-23	35-19	L
at Purdue	+1	28-21	W
Iowa	-31'	41-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-33	19-7	L
Oregon	-6'	27-23	L
Cincinnati	-14'	28-25 OT	L
Northwestern	-16'	44-47 2OT	L
at Michigan	+8	10-13	W
Ohio St	+1'	7-23	L
at Michigan St	-3	17-10	W
Purdue	+5'	24-30 OT	L
at Iowa	-16	13-7	L
Minnesota	-5	41-20	W
at Indiana	-6'	43-22	W
at Hawaii	-19	34-18	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-10	26-17	L
at Oregon	+11'	28-31	W
Fresno St	-4'	20-32	L
at Penn St	+1'	18-6	W
W Kentucky	NL	24-6	–
Indiana	-14'	32-63	L
at Ohio St	+11	20-17	W
at Illinois	+5'	35-42	L
Michigan St	-4	28-42	L
Iowa	+1'	34-28	W
Michigan	+5	17-20	W
at Minnesota	-3	31-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-9'	23-21	L
at UNLV	-5'	27-7	N/A
W Virginia	-10'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-22	24-21	L
Arizona	-4'	31-10	W
Penn St	-2'	31-34	L
at Indiana	-11	29-32	L
Ohio St	+7	14-19	W
at Michigan St	-4	42-24	W
at Iowa	+9'	3-20	L
Illinois	-6	20-37	L
at Michigan	+10'	14-21	W
Minnesota	-7'	49-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	-3	24-17	W
Akron	-24'	48-31	L
UNLV	-20	5-23	L
N Carolina	-14'	38-27	L
at Illinois	-2'	38-20	W
at Penn St	-1'	30-23	W
Ohio St	+2'	17-10	W
Purdue	+2	23-26	L
at Northwestern	-10	7-16	L
at Minnesota	+8	34-37	W
Michigan St	-1'	56-21	W
Iowa	-3	21-27	L

MINNESOTA GOPHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 the Gophers were very inexperienced at this position and Asad Abdul-Khaliq (PS#71) was considered the Gophers QB of the future and started their first four games. He ended up losing his starting job to JUCO transfer Travis Cole. Cole began 2001 as the starter but Adbul-Khaliq started the last seven games and threw for 1,393 yards (57.2%) with a 12-6 ratio while rushing for 356. In 2002 Adbul-Khaliq had a 10-1 ratio and was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after 4 games. He injured his ankle vs Purdue and in the last 8 games (not 100%) had just a 9-10 ratio but his 19 TD's were the 2nd best in school history. Last year Khaliq had a fine senior season finishing #5 in the NCAA in pass efficiency throwing for 2,401 yards (63.2%) with a super 17-5 ratio while rushing for 447 gross yards. Backup Benji Kamrath threw for 250 yards (47.1%) with a 1-2 ratio but unfortunately both depart and once again UM's QB will be very green. Last year's third stringer, Bryan Cupito (PS#76) who is a strong armed pocket passer, had just one pass attempt as a rFr. Adam Ernst (6-2 210 Jr) threw for 2,400 yards (63%) with a 22-6 ratio at JUCO last year and was in for the spring, as was true frosh John Carlson (PS#48). Mason signed six QB's overall including Mike Maciejowski (PS#69) and Tony Mortensen (PS#79). Naturally this unit is far less experienced than last season.

RUNNING BACKS - The Gophers were loaded at RB last season. Marion Barber II topped 1,000 yards here in 1978 and his son Marion III, rushed for 742 yards (6.3) as a true frosh in just two starts in 2001. He missed 2002 with a hamstring injury but returned last year. Thomas Tapeh (PS#7) had an injury plagued career but had 906 yards (5.0) in 2002. Terry Jackson was the feature back in 2002 rushing for 1,317 yards (5.5) including a school record 477 yards in a two game stretch. The team then added true frosh Laurence Maroney (PS#42) who was expected to redshirt but really caught the eye of the coaches. Last year Maroney actually supplanted Jackson who had just three starts and 256 yards (4.7). Tapeh rushed for 570 yards (4.8). Barber and Maroney rushed for 1,196 (5.8) and 1,121 (6.9) respectively to become just the 30th pair of RB's in NCAA history to each top 1,000 yards in the same backfield. Tapeh was the #5DC of PHI and Jackson opted to transfer but Barber and Maroney are back. Amir Pinnix (6-0 190 rFr) was PS#66 and Brandon Hagen (6-0 215 Jr) had 51 yards (4.2) and moved to FB. Added to the mix at TB this year is some outstanding newcomers including Gary Russell (PS#119) and Maurice Alexander (5-8 185 rFr, PS#71). Even with the two losses, this is still a deep and top-notch RB corps.

RB Laurence Maroney

RECEIVERS - Last season the Gophers had to replace their starting WR who led the team in rec's and was #2 in yards. JUCO signee Paris Hamilton who was labeled a fast Ron Johnson with 4.37 speed and good size, was injured prior to the season and did not play. They returned super TE Ben Utecht and Aaron Hosack who lead the team in rec yards in 2002. Utecht had some injuries last year and saw his reception total drop from 37 to 18 (16.1) but departs as the school's all-time leader in receiving yards for a TE (1,211). Jared Ellerson had 113 yards receiving in 2002 and topped that in the opener with 156 vs Tulsa. He finished as the team leader in yards with 909 averaging a super 20.7 on 44 rec's. No receiver had a 100 yard game in 2002 but they had 9 last year. This year they must replace Utecht (10 sts), Hosack (13 sts) and Tony Patterson (3 sts, 21 rec). Their top guy is back in Ellerson, and Matt Spaeth was impressive at the other TE spot as the team starts two TE's quite often. I list the 2 deep below and Hamilton should have a big impact. Not listed below are TE's Chad Redmann (6-3 250 Sr, PS#61), WR's Jakari Wallace (5-8 165 Jr, 3 rec), Mark Jundt (5-11 185 So), Adam Galbreath (6-3 190 rFr, PS#273) and this year's true frosh. Despite the losses, this unit should be at least equal to last year and with a healthy Hamilton, could even be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers have received excellent O-line play under Glen Mason. After averaging 5.1 ypc rushing and allowing just 19 sacks in 2001, they had to replace 3 starters in 2002 and slipped a little to 4.7 ypc while allowing 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and did indeed improve. They went from averaging 210 ypg rushing to 289, increased their ypc to an astounding 5.5 and allowed just 16 sacks. The good news this year is that basically everyone is back. The only losses are RG Joseph Quinn (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, 950 plays), LT Matt McIntosh (1 st, 193 plays), C Peter Prudden (135 plays) and G Mark McElroy (30 plays). Joe Ainslie beat out Mike Nicholson for the starting RT job in the second half of the season and both are back so 5 players who started 6 or more games return. Not listed in the 2 deep below are John Jakel (6-5 275 rFr), Tony Brinkhaus (6-4 285 rFr, PS#110DL) and Lance Sannes (6-7 305 Jr). This unit is among the best in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Minnesota has made steady progress under Mason vs the run. After taking a step backward allowing 4.6 ypc while recording just 14 sacks in 2001, they cut it to 4.3 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks. The line was extremely undersized in 2002 averaging just 245 lbs across. Last year all four starters returned and two players shared positions. At NT Anthony Montgomery and Dan Kwapinski each had 7 starts, but Montgomery had 533 plays, 34 tackles and 8 tfl and Kwapinski just 468 plays (18 tkls, 1 tfl) so I classify Montgomery as a returning starter as Kwapinski departs. At the DE spot, Paul Nixon had 9 starts, 467 plays (18 tkls, 3 tfl) while Eric Clark had 485 plays (3 sts, 13 tkls). Nixon departs. Also gone from the front wall is DT Scott Stephenson (5 tkls, 165 plays) and DT Sam Logan (2 tkls, 15 plays). I look for a much bigger impact from VHT Keith Lipka (PS#41) who was a JUCO transfer last year with 13 sacks at JC in 2002. Not listed in the 2 deep below is DE Junior Eugene (6-1 230 Jr, 4 tkls), Matt Seveland (6-2 225 Sr, Minnesota-Morris trans), Todd Meisel (6-4 250 rFr, PS#590) and this year's true frosh. Minny only allowed 3.5 ypc rushing while recording 26 sacks last year and I look for continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - The team had to replace just one starter from this unit last year and as chronicled above, the D showed a lot of improvement. This year they lose SLB Ben West (12 sts, 94 tkls, 9 tfl, 694 plays) but 5 of the top 6 are back and last year's backups Dominique Sims (PS#5), Brian Smith (JC) and Mario Reese (a lot of potential) are all solid. I list the 3 deep below and Mark Mullaney's father played for the Vikings and Kyle McKenzie's brother plays for the Bears. Not listed below is Mike Sherels (6-0 235 rFr) and this year's true frosh (see Newcomers). Even with the loss of the #2 tackler, I look for continued improvement from the LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 Minnesota finished #59 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back just having to replace CB Mike Lehan (#5DC). FS Eli Ward led the team in tackles in both 2002 & 2003. The Gophers' pass D allowed 218 ypg (59%) with a 14-11 ratio to finish #57 in my pass D rankings. This year they must replace SS Justin Isom (11 sts, 57 tkls, 4 int) and FS Ward (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, 3 int, Tm Def MVP). Both starting CB's are back and six of the top 8 overall. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Byron Williams (6-0 190 Sr, PS#325JC), Johnathan Richmond (5-10 200 Sr, 28 tkls, 301 plays 3Y) and Seth Thompson (6-0 185 rFr). I was surprised at the Gophers pass D finish last year and despite two big losses, I feel they can improve in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason has always had his team in the upper half of my special teams rankings dating back to his tenure at Kansas. In 1999 and 2000 the Gophers finished #5 and #17 but in 2001 dropped down to #101. With an outstanding duo of P Preston Gruening and K Dan Nystrom, they moved up to #58 in 2002. Last year they both departed as did their top PR and KR so it looked like the unit was in trouble. Heading into August, Ryan Donahue and Ryan Duffy were battling for the kicking job and Mark Rivers was the starting punter. Rhys Lloyd was a JUCO signee who did not get academic clearance until a week before the season started. Once cleared, he took over the punting, KO and FG duties and the three aforementioned players all quit the team shortly thereafter. Lloyd hit a 62 yard FG in practice and recorded a lot of TB's on KO's, which Minnesota has had trouble with for years. He became the first UM kicker to hit two 50+ yard FG's in a season since 1997. Despite his presence Minnesota fell back to #69. Lloyd is back as are dangerous returnmen KR Maroney (25.8 KR) and PR Barber (14.5). One surprising thing from last year is that they had zero blocked punts after blocking 14 from 1999 to 2002. This has the makings of a potential Top 25 special teams group.

COACHES - The Gophers had been in three bowls in the 21 years prior to Mason's arrival but have now been in four bowls in the last five years under his tutelage. I think he is doing a fine job here and the flirtation with Ohio St a few years back is now a thing of the past. He has co-OC's in Tony Petersen and Mitch Browning. The DC, Greg Hudson, is in his 2nd full season after being the LB coach in 2001 and 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Gophers went to bowl games in 1999 and 2000 but I called for them to finish last in the Big 10 in 2001 and they did just that. That was an inexperienced team with just 3 returning starters on defense. In 2002 they were much more experienced and I said they could get off to a 5-2 or 6-1 start due to a soft non-conf schedule but would struggle in the 2H of the season. The Gophers started the year at 7-1 which was their best start since 1967 and were #19 in the coaches poll. They lost their final four Big 10 games by a combined 169-79 but did upset Arkansas in the Music City Bowl, giving the team some confidence and its first bowl win in 17 years. Mason called 2003's squad the strongest and fastest edition he has ever coached. Eight wins had been the high in the Mason tenure but last year I called for them to top that total as they avoided both Ohio St and Purdue in league play. Minnesota responded by winning 10 games for the first time since 1905 and their offense set records for points (503), TD's (66), total offense (6,430), rushing yards (3,759), rushing TD's (46), yards per play (6.6), completion % (61.3) and FD's (326). It did help that they had 12 games (more than they used to play) and finished #4 in the NCAA in total offense 494 ypg. While the Gophers finished just 5-3 in Big 10 play, they showed vast improvement as in 2002 they were outgained in Big 10 action by 55 ypg. Last season they outgained Big 10 foes by 138 ypg, only 1.1 ypg less than league champ Michigan. Last season they got off to another outstanding start opening the season 6-0 for the first time since 1941. Unfortunately they suffered a tough loss at home vs Michigan by blowing a big lead and the chance at their first Big 10 Title since 1967. They were in a flat spot the next week and Mich St beat them at home. Later in the year they also had a 29-15 FD edge vs Iowa but lost or they would have been in a New Year's Day bowl. The only real question mark on this year's team is who will replace Asad Abdul-Khaliq. The RB's are among the best in the nation, the O-line is solid and the D returns 7 starters. They once again avoid both Purdue and Ohio St but have 4 tough road trips this year including 3 in Big 10 play (Mich, Mich St and Wisconsin). UM could have easily won all 3 games they lost last year and with 14 starters back, will be a legitimate contender in the Big 10 and will definitely get to their 3rd straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Bryan Cupito So. 6-1 190 PS#76. Rocket arm, 3rd string LY, 104 plays, 1 pass. **Adam Ernst** is **PS#102JUCO**. **John Carlson** is **PS#48**. Both were in for spring.
RB MARION BARBER JR. 5-11 215 2 sts as true, 742 yds (6.3). RS in '02. 9 sts LY, 1196 yds (5.8), 577 ret yds. **Laurence Maroney** (5-11 200 So) PS#42. **1121 (6.9) yds. B10 Fr of Yr.**
FB Justin Valentine rFr. 6-2 215 PS#75. Brandon Hagen (6-0 215 Jr) 415 bench. 51 yds LY. Jason Lamers (6-0 240 So) 12 games. Jeremy Faue (5-11 200 rFr).
WR Paris Hamilton Sr. 6-1 195 **PS#21JC**. 4.37 spd. Inj'd in '03. Keith Matthews (6-2 205 Sr) PS#120. 7 rec, 2 yrs. Logan Payne (6-2 205 So) 1 rec, 11 ret yards as true.
WR JARED ELLERSON JR. 6-1 195 PS#177. 1 st, 9 rec in '02. 11 sts in '03, **44 rec (20.7)**. 147 rush, HM B10. Micah Rucker (6-6 200 rFr) PS#85. Pierre Jackson (5-11 170 So).
TE MATT SPAETH SO. 6-6 265 PS#48. 10 sts in '03, 908 plays, 12 rec (8.2). **Jarod Posthumus** (6-4 250 Jr) PS#50QB. 408 plays, 2 rec. Jack Simmons is PS#17.
C GREG ESLINGER JR. 6-3 285 PS#187. 13 sts as true, 927 plays. 13 sts LY, 993 plays, **3rd Tm AA**. Tyson Swaggert (6-4 285 So) PS#100. LS Blake Lilligren (6-1 265 So).
RG Brandon Harston Sr. 6-2 315 PS#153DL. 17 tkls, 3 tfl. 333 plays in '01. 10 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 131 plays on OL LY. 400 bench. Trevor McCulloch (6-4 320 Jr) PS#155.
LG MARK SETTERSTROM JR. 6-3 300 PS#130. 13 sts as true, 925 plays. 13 sts in '03, 1073 plays, HM B10. Brian Goblirsch (6-2 295 So) PS#509. Josh Brenny (6-5 305 So).
RT JOE AINSLIE SO. 6-7 305 PS#117. Shot put 50+ feet. 6 starts as rFr (last 5), 597 plays. Mike Nicholson (6-5 290 Jr) PS#135. 138 plays in 2002. 7 sts, 479 plays in 2003.
LT RIAN MELANDER SR. 6-7 295 **PS#83**. 3 sts in '02, 482 plays. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm Big 10**, 874 plays. Brian Moss (6-6 280 So) PS#120. Steve Shidell (6-5 260 rFr) PS#125.
K RHYS LLOYD SR. 6-1 220 PS#153JC. Late signee last year, 62 yd FG in practice. Solid 14 of 18 FG's in '03, long of 54, 2 misses 50+. Jason Giannini is PS#47K.

DE DARRELL REID SR. 6-2 280 PS#91LB. 11 sts, 433 plays, 28 tkls in '01, 12 sts, 698 plays, 43 tkls, 8 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 34 tkls, 5.5 sks, 7 tfl. Maurice Buchanan (6-3 255 So) PS#99. 3 gms LY.
DT MARK LOSLI JR. 6-6 285 PS#99DL. 10 sts, 652 plays, 37 tkls, 6 sks in '02. 13 sts, 726 plays, 33 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl LY. **Keith Lipka** (6-3 265 Jr) **PS#41**. 13 sks at JC in '02. 1 st, 7 tkls LY.
NT ANTHONY MONTGOMERY JR. 6-5 315 PS#33TE. 1 st as true, 14 tkls, 2 tfl, 304 plays. 7 sts LY, 34 tkls, 8 tfl, 533 plays. Neel Allen (6-3 295 rFr) PS#156OL. Stephon Hopkins (6-0 240 So) PS#178LB.
DE Eric Clark So. 6-4 250 PS#232. 4.8 spd. 3 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 3 tfl, 485 plays. Pat McCarthy (6-0 235 So) PS#205. 11 tkls, 131 plays. John Scroggins (6-5 225 rFr) PS#279WR.
WLB TERRANCE CAMPBELL JR. 6-2 200 **4.6 spd.** 6 sts, 642 plays, 67 tkls, 7 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 750 plays, 87 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. John Shevlin (6-1 220 rFr) PS#130. Mark Mullaney (6-0 215 rFr). Jamal Harris (6-0 180 rFr) PS#600. Desi Steib (6-1 185 rFr) PS#365. Stephon Rhea (5-10 170 rFr).
SLB KYLE McKENZIE JR. 6-1 230 2 sts, 17 tkls, 360 plays in '02. 12 sts, 738 plays, 61 tkls, 6 tfl. **Brian Smith** (6-1 235 Sr) PS#186JC. 1 st, 272 plays, 28 tkls, 4 tfl here last year.
DLB Dominique Sims Sr. 6-1 225 **PS#5DB**. 1 st, 44 tkls, 286 plays in '01. 1 st, 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 267 plays LY. **Mario Reese** (6-3 225 So) 1 st, 183 plays, 16 tkls. Patrick Cheney (6-1 225 rFr).
CB TRUMAINE BANKS SO. 5-10 185 PS#125. 12 sts as rFr, 922 plays, 56 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu.
CB UKEE DOZIER SR. 6-1 183 7 sts, 31 tkls, 599 plays in '01. 12 sts, 39 tkls, 764 plays, 5 pbu. 13 sts LY, 952 plays, 72 tkls, 8 pbu. Mike Wojciechowski (5-8 190 Sr) 33 tkls, 688 plays 3Y.
SS Justin Fraley Sr. 6-0 210 PS#75. 6 sts, 47 tkls in '01. 6 sts at LB in '02. 42 tkls, 424 plays. 3 sts, 528 plays LY, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 2 int. Quentin White (6-0 200 Jr) PS#164, 17 tkls in 2Y.
FS John Pawielski Jr. 5-11 195 8 tkls as true, 177 plays. 1 st LY, 404 plays, 31 tkls, 1 pbu. **Brandon Owens** (6-2 205 So) PS#77. 3 tkls as true. Samad Cain (6-1 190 rFr) PS#103.
P RHYS LLOYD SR. 6-1 220 JC in '02. 40 punts here in '03, 213 plays. 39.2 avg but 33.1 net, HM B10. Big leg & does KO's. Justin Kucek is PS#53K, 42.3 average in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	John Carlson 6-2 200 PS#48	
TE	Jack Simmons 6-4 215 PS#17	
RB	Dominique Barber 6-0 180 PS#84	
QB	Mike Maciejowski 6-3 210 PS#69	
QB	Tony Mortensen 6-3 200 PS#79	
LB	Leland Jones 6-2 215 PS#111	
DL	Everett Pedescleaux 6-5 240 PS#138	
QB	Adam Ernst 6-2 210 PS#102JC	
OL	Nhemie Theodore 6-3 275 PS#141	
RB	Gary Russell 5-11 195 PS#119	
DB	Hussain Shakir 6-0 190 PS#161	
TE	Tom Leavitt 6-3 215 PS#52	
LB	Steve Moore 6-2 230 PS#162	
DB	Andre Sloan-El 6-2 185 PS#181	
TE	Sam Scroggins 6-5 245 PS#73	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	Toledo	A					
Sep. 11	Illinois St	A					
Sep. 18	at Colorado St	G					
Sep. 25	Northwestern	A					
Oct. 2	Penn St	A					
Oct. 9	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 16	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 23	Illinois	A					
Oct. 30	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 6	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 13	Iowa	A					
Nov. 20							
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Golden Gophers are 4-11 ATS the last 15 vs Ohio St.
Minnesota is 8-2 ATS since 1998 as an away favorite.
The Gophers are 4-9 SU & 3-10 ATS the last 13 Homecoming games.

Minnesota is 12-5 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1998.
In their 2 recent meetings ('01 & '02) Rockets have run all over the Gophers w/596 yds (6.7).

They last played in 1999 as Minnesota won 55-7 in a non-lined game.
Minny is 10-0 their last 10 non-lined games winning by an avg of 29 ppg.

Minnesota is 15-10 ATS on grass the last 7 years.
Under HC Mason, UM is 20-15 ATS away (5-2 ATS in non-conf AG's).

The Gophers are 2-4 SU & ATS in their last 6 Big 10 openers.
Minnesota is 7-13 ATS since 1999 when hosting Big 10 opponents.

This will be Minnesota's 4th HG in 5 weeks (0-4 ATS in that situation).
UM is 3-7 ATS S/'96 in their 2nd straight Big 10 game at the Metrodome.

Since '91 UM is 0-11 SU & 3-8 ATS losing those 11 by an avg score of 41-14.
Minnesota is 2-11 SU & 3-10 ATS as an away dog since 2000.

UM is 1-12 SU & 4-9 ATS in their 2nd straight away game since 1992.
Minnesota has outrushed Michigan St 860-339 the last 3 games.

The favorite is 5-2 ATS the last 7 meetings since 1995.
Minnesota is 3-7 ATS S/'93 in their 1st HG after 2 straight Big 10 AG's.

The favorite is 6-3 ATS the last 9 meetings since 1991.
UM has been outrushed in Bloomington their L/3 visits by an avg of 231-170 (5.0-3.5) ypg.

Gophers are 5-12 ATS prior to their yearly battle for Floyd w/the Hawkeyes.
Gophers are 2-14 SU & 4-12 ATS in November away games since 1995.

Minnesota is 3-1 SU, but 1-3 ATS the last 4 home finales.
Gophers are 3-8 SU & 1-10 ATS in this battle for the "Floyd of Rosedale".

GLEN MASON (Career 103-104-1)
8th Year at Minnesota

Mason's records AT MINNESOTA

44-40	Straight Up	15-11	Home Favorite
42-35	Vs The Spread	7-9	Home Underdog
22-13	Off A SU Loss	8-3	Away Favorite
28-28	Vs Conference	12-12	Away Underdog
	14-7 Vs Non-Conference		

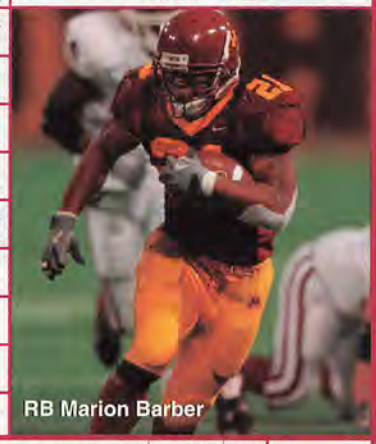
2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (13,19,1)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,148

BIG 10


RB Marion Barber

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	5-6	8-3	6-5	4-7	7-5	9-3	42-38
ATS	7-5	9-2	6-4	5-6	4-6	4-7	7-5	42-35
Home Fav	2-1	2-1	3-1	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-3	15-11
Home Dog	1-2	3-0	0-2	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	7-9
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	4-0	8-3
Away Dog	4-1	4-1	1-0	1-2	1-4	1-3	0-1	12-12
Favorite	2-2	2-1	5-2	3-4	1-0	3-2	7-3	23-14
Dog	5-3	7-1	1-2	2-2	3-6	1-5	0-2	19-21
Grass	3-1	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	15-10
Artificial	4-4	6-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	5-4	27-25
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	4-4	28-28
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	14-7
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	3-3	2-3	0-2	3-4	5-4	17-19
Off SU Loss	6-2	6-0	2-1	2-3	4-3	1-3	1-1	22-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marion Barber III	**207**	**1239**	**43**	**1196**	**17**	**5.8**
Laurence Maroney	**162**	**1139**	**18**	**1121**	**10**	**6.9**
Thomas Tapeh	119	576	6	570	11	4.8
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	88	447	77	370	4	4.2
Terry Jackson II	55	279	23	256	1	4.7
Jared Ellerson	**20**	**152**	**5**	**147**	**1**	**7.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Asad Abdul-Khaliq	250	158	63.2	2401	17	5
Benji Kamrath	34	16	47.1	250	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jared Ellerson	**44**	**909**	**20.7**	**5**	**96**
Aaron Hosack	51	814	16.0	8	80
Ben Utecht	18	289	16.1	2	45
Tony Patterson	21	257	12.2	1	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Rhys Lloyd	**40**	**1569**	**39.2**	**4**	**33.1**	**0**	**10**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Rhys Lloyd	**59-61**	**2-3**	**7-8**	**3-3**	**2-4**	**14-18**	**54**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eli Ward	96	0	0	5	3
Ben West	94	3	6	1	0
Terrance Campbell	**87**	**4**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Ukee Dozier	**72**	**0**	**4**	**8**	**0**
Kyle McKenzie	**61**	**0**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Justin Isom	57	0	0	7	4
Trumaine Banks	**56**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Justin Fraley	**45**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Anthony Montgomery	**34**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Darrell Reid	**34**	**5.5**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Mark Losli	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**0**
John Pawielski	**31**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Brian Smith	**28**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marion Barber III	**28**	**405**	**14.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Laurence Maroney	**16**	**413**	**25.8**	**1**
Marion Barber III	**8**	**172**	**21.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
86	Liberty	+5'	Tennessee	14-21	L
99	Sun	-3'	Oregon	20-24	L
00	MicronPC	-3'	NC State	30-38	L
02	Music City	+7'	Arkansas	29-14	W
03	Sun	-4'	Oregon	31-30	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	38.7	25	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	-1	2003	9	21.9	20	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5
7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6
5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9
11*	30.7	19	226	4.9	183	52.7	13.4	-2	1999	7	16.3	18	141	3.4	179	46.7	19.6
7	20.8	17	141	3.6	171	45.9	15.0	-1	1998	7	22.6	19	104	2.6	245	54.3	15.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tulsa	26	49-254	5.2	16-26	277	1	14	37-94	2.5	18-32	171	2	0
Troy St	26	55-292	5.3	11-18	176	0	15	40-125	3.1	10-31	64	4	0
at Ohio U	20	50-269	5.4	9-15	146	1	19	52-222	4.3	14-22	123	2	0
Louisiana-Lft	26	61-356	5.8	12-22	174	0	13	29-50	1.7	16-32	154	2	0
at Penn St	22	52-250	4.8	7-15	71	3	26	43-226	5.3	19-35	193	1	+2
at Northwestern	20	44-241	5.5	12-17	331	2	15	35-76	2.2	21-34	208	3	+2
Michigan	21	53-424	8.0	8-19	71	0	27	31-94	3.0	34-48	389	1	-1
Michigan St	29	39-148	3.8	27-40	377	4	23	31-161	5.2	30-46	252	2	-3
at Illinois	28	57-338	5.9	12-16	237	0	19	27-106	3.9	21-38	233	1	+1
Indiana	31	62-435	7.0	11-15	92	0	20	40-111	2.8	12-30	152	2	+1
Wisconsin	25	55-336	6.1	11-17	159	0	27	32-119	3.7	23-34	305	1	+1
at Iowa	29	51-175	3.4	28-46	388	4	15	31-134	4.3	17-28	210	1	-4
† Oregon	23	55-241	4.4	12-21	172	1	25	24-77	3.2	33-44	376	4	0
TOTALS	326	683-3759	5.5	176-287	2671	16	258	452-1595	3.5	268-454	2830	26	-1
AVERAGES	25.1	53-289	5.5	14-22	205	1.2	19.8	35-123	3.5	21-35	218	2.0	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-22	33-7	W
UL Monroe	-27	35-0	W
Illinois St	NL	55-7	–
at Northwestern	-6'	33-14	W
Wisconsin	+2'	17-20 OT	L
at Illinois	-1	37-7	W
Ohio St	-3'	17-20	L
Purdue	+3	28-33	L
at Penn St	+14	24-23	W
Indiana	-14	44-20	W
at Iowa	-20	25-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UL Monroe	-27	47-10	W
Ohio U	-20	17-23	L
at Baylor	-8	34-9	W
at Purdue	+13	24-38	L
Illinois	+1	44-10	W
Penn St	-7	25-16	W
at Ohio St	+13	29-17	W
at Indiana	-7	43-51	L
Northwestern	-5	35-41	L
at Wisconsin	+5	20-41	L
Iowa	-14	27-24	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+5	7-38	L
Louisiana-Lft	-24'	44-14	W
Purdue	+4	28-35 OT	L
at Illinois	+10	14-25	L
at Northwestern	+12'	17-23	W
Michigan St	+2'	28-19	W
Murray St	NL	66-10	–
Ohio St	+2	28-31	L
at Michigan	+15'	10-31	L
at Iowa	+12'	24-42	L
Wisconsin	+3	42-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Texas St	NL	42-0	–
at Louisiana-Lft	-13	35-11	W
Toledo	-7	31-21	W
Buffalo	-31	41-17	L
at Purdue	+3	15-28	L
Illinois	-3'	31-10	W
Northwestern	-16'	45-42	L
at Michigan St	+4'	28-7	W
at Ohio St	+13'	3-34	L
Michigan	+6'	24-41	L
Iowa	+11'	21-45	L
at Wisconsin	+7'	31-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-30'	49-10	W
Troy St	-24'	48-7	W
at Ohio U	-19'	42-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-35	48-14	L
at Penn St	-2	20-14	W
at Northwestern	-11'	42-17	W
Michigan	+2	35-38	L
Michigan St	-5'	38-44	L
at Illinois	-15'	36-10	W
Indiana	-28	55-7	W
Wisconsin	-8	37-34	L
at Iowa	+5'	22-40	L

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

QB Zack Mills

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Zack Mills looked like a rising star taking over the QB job as a rFr. The lefty threw for a PSU frosh record 1,669 (55.2%) with a 9-12 ratio while rushing for 344 yards starting four games including the final two. Mills got off to a great start in 2002 throwing for 1,566 yards (261 ypg) in the first 6 games before injury struck. Mills hurt his shoulder vs Wisconsin and was not the same in the second half of the year. In the final seven games Mills threw for just 121.5 ypg including the bowl where he hit just 8 of 24 for 67 yards and was pulled in the 3Q. Michael Robinson is faster (4.4 spd) and has a stronger arm than Mills. Robinson was used in the 'slash' role and had 5 TD's in the first three games of 2002 but then was not used as much down the stretch. He still was the team's second leading rusher with 263 net yards (5.3). In the bowl he relieved Mills and Paterno said the duo would battle for the QB job in the spring of 2003. The #3 QB the last two years has been Chris Ganter (6-1 194 Jr, PS#57) who has had 4 pass att and rushed for 109 yards. Last year Mills was plagued by drops by the receivers. He then sprained his MCL vs Minnesota and missed 3Q's of that game and the next two games. Robinson started the first two and the last three games of the season at TB. He filled in at QB for Mills with starts vs Wisconsin, Purdue and Iowa. Mills, who is already the school's leader in all-purpose yards (6,002), threw for 1,404 yards (54.2%) with a 6-5 ratio while Robinson threw for 892 (44.9%) with a 5-5 ratio. Robinson did have 510 gross yards rushing with most of it coming at TB. Mills had 226 gross rush yards. Mills again won the QB job this spring and it appears that Robinson may be moved to WR or DB. Ganter and Tom Lundquist (6-3 222 Jr, PS#156) also return. The QB play last year was clearly below expectations and I look for good sized improvement. Also it would not surprise me to see true frosh Anthony Morelli (PS#6) contending for playing time.

RUNNING BACKS - Paterno said at the end of 2001 his biggest regret was not giving the ball to Larry Johnson 20-25 times per game instead of relying on a TB by committee. Johnson rushed for 2,087 (7.7) when installed as the feature back in 2002. Last year he departed and much was expected from true frosh Austin Scott (PS#16) and Rodney Kinlaw (PS#41) who has 4.26 speed. Unfortunately Kinlaw tore his ACL while FB Paul Jefferson was ruled academically ineligible prior to the season. Another potential starter, Michael Gasparato (5-11 216 Sr) did not play due to a hamstring injury. QB Robinson started five games at TB and at midseason Scott struggled in pass protection and also suffered from mono. Over the last six games, Scott had just 21 carries but still ended up leading the team in rushing with 436 yards (4.4). Robinson was the #2 rusher. The Lions' run game struggled with just 33 yards vs Ohio St and failed to top 55 yards rushing as a team in 5 games. I list the 2 deep below and there is a lot of potential talent in the group. Not listed are FB Brian Gilmore (5-11 243 Jr), Gasparato (PS#36), FB Adam Senk (6-1 233 Jr) PS#202LB, JR Zwierzynski (6-2 239 So) who is PS#16 that moved from LB and true frosh Matt Hahn (PS#26). This year they have to replace FB Sean McHugh (12 sts, 441 tot yds, #7DC TEN) and FB Ricky Upton (2 sts, 124 tot yds). This unit has a lot more experience and talent than last year and I look for significant improvement.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes plagued this unit in both 2000 and 2001. In 2002 the group did a much better job and Bryant Johnson amassed 917 yards (19.1) and was the #1DC of ARZ. Last year almost everyone else returned but starting TE Casey Williams was injured in the 3rd game and missed the rest of the year. The unit was affected by drops once again. Tony Johnson, who led the team with 32 rec's (13.9) was one of the main culprits and vs Kent St the receivers dropped 6 passes. Johnson also missed 2 games after being arrested for a DUI. They even moved one of their top cover CB's, Maurice Humphrey, to WR in the fourth game. He had a major impact with 30 rec's (13.7) despite the limited time at WR. This year they must replace Johnson (8 sts), TE Mike Lukac (8 sts, 19 rec, 12.7), TE Casey Williams (3 sts, 4 rec), TE Matt Kranchick (2 sts, 22 rec, 15.3, #6DC PIT), WR Ernest Terrell (1 st, 5 rec, 11.2) and Humphrey. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are WR's Vic Surma (6-0 185 So), Dan Engel (6-0 174 rFr), Brendan Perretta (5-7 175 rFr), and TE Mike Pawlikowski (6-4 255 Sr). There are plenty of VHT's in this group and after last year's poor effort, it should be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Penn St's 2001 O-line paved the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks and PSU fans were not too high on the 2002 unit which had 4 starters returning. The unit struggled early but came on down the stretch with Larry Johnson's emergence and the Lions averaged a super 5.7 rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace four starters and one backup and EZ Smith (6 sts in 2002) was ruled ineligible while Scott Davis was lost for the season after 4 starts. The very inexperienced group only paved the way for 3.7 ypc but allowed a very respectable 19 sacks. This year they must replace C Dave Costlow (12 sts), RT Chris McKelvy (6 sts), RT Damone Jones (6 sts) and RG Nick Marmo (2 sts). This unit is loaded with VHT's and has much more experience.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2002 PSU D had an outstanding and large defensive front, but last year they lost three players who were 1st or 2nd Tm NFL DC's that averaged 300 lbs. Last year's replacements were much smaller with the starting front four averaging just 267 lbs per man. After allowing 3.1 ypc rushing with 35 sacks in 2002, the defense allowed 209 ypg rushing (4.3) while recording just 19 sacks. At one point due to injuries, they were forced to take the redshirt off true frosh John Shaw (PS#30) and he played in just 5 games (2 tkls). The only loss this year is DE Sam Ruhe (3 sts, 12 tkls) and John Bronson who moves over to TE. OLB Derek Wake saw time at DE in spring. At the time of this writing 2 projected starters (Rice and Chisley) and backup Johnson are suspended. Depending on their status this unit could return 6 players with starting experience.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" and just a few years ago, LaVar Arrington was the second overall pick in the NFL draft. Last year it looked like all 3 starters would return, but OLB Lamar Stewart sat out and was asked by Paterno not to return. True frosh Paul Posluszny took off his redshirt with 8 games to go and was very productive. He could be the next great PSU LB. This year they have to replace ILB Gino Capone (10 sts, #1 tkl'r), OLB Deryck Toles (12 sts, 75 tkls, 6 tfl) and ILB Andy Ryland (1 st, 25 tkls). Derek Wake was moved to DE in the spring making room for Tim Shaw while true frosh Dan Connor (PS#3) was in for the spring. This is a talented 3 deep that I list below albeit a less experienced unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - PSU has had three Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the past 7 years. They finished #49 in 2002 and had to replace two starters last year including a 2nd round DC but did have 7 players returning with starting experience. As expected, PSU climbed to #31 allowing 51.4% with a 14-10 ratio. This year they must replace their top CB, Rich Gardner (12 sts, 49 tkls, #3DC TEN) and HERO Yaacov Yisrael (12 sts, 93 tkls, 3 int, 2nd Tm B10). CB Alan Zemaitis led the Big 10 in pbu with 18 and six players return with starting experience. This group should come close to if not surpass 2003's pass D ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After a finish at #11 in my special teams rankings in 2001 they fell to #38 in 2002. They did have to replace their top KR, PR and P last year but had their K Robbie Gould (17 of 22 FG's with a long of 51 in '02) and super KO man David Kimball (TB's on about 80% of his KO's) back. It was expected that Penn St would drop some in the special teams rankings but not fall as far as #110 which is where they finished. The unit's PR coverage was poor and PR Lowrey had troubles with fumbles as he had two vs Kent St, one vs Wisconsin and one vs Mich St. The Wisky game showed how special teams hurt them as they fumbled a punt and a KO, missed two FG's and an xp, allowed a PR TD and a 55 yard KR in a 30-23 loss. Purdue's Chambers had 149 yards on PR's, a school record. Iowa blocked a punt for a TD. Against Mich St they had a 9 yard punt, a 7 yard partially blocked punt and a fumbled punt. They do lose their outstanding KO man but return their top PR and KR and hopefully will hold on to the ball better. Also P Jeremy Kapinos (PS#39) set a freshman record averaging 47.8 vs BC and does have a strong leg. Last year's unit was exceptionally poor and even Gould slipped to 9 of 16 with a long of 47 although 3 misses were from 50+. They even tried Kimball (#7DC IND) but he hit just 2 of 5 FG's with a long of 48. I can only see improvement in the PSU special teams this year.

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (342) and is currently #2 with 339 wins. He has two National Titles but 4 times has finished undefeated yet not won the National Title. He's won more bowl games than any other coach. For the last 34 years OC Fran Ganter served Paterno loyally but he's been moved to an administrative position. The new OC is Galen Hall who was the head coach at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 25th year, 4th as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno has had his 2nd, 3rd and 4th losing seasons of his tenure here in 2000, 2001 and 2003. This team was actually #2 in the country in 1999 but have gone 23-33 since that point. They appeared to turn it around after an 0-4 start in 2001, as they went 14-6 the next 2 years and could have easily won all 6 losses. Their 4 losses in 2002 came by a combined 20 points. In 2001 PSU was outgained by an average of 102 ypg in Big 10 play but in 2002 they outgained their league foes by 111 ypg despite a 4th place finish. PSU benefitted from +14 turnovers in 2002 then suffered massive graduation losses last year including four #1 and two #2 DC's, the most of any school in the NCAA. The 10 returning starters was the fewest in the Big 10. The Lions suffered their first Big 10 losing season since joining in 1993 and slumped to 3-9. They lost to Wisconsin mostly due to special teams and only lost to Ohio St by 1. They were also at the Minnesota 13, down by 6 but were stopped on 4th down late. Ten of their last 15 losses have been by 8 points or less. Despite their poor record, PSU was only outscored by 1.9 ppg. A big plus in 2004 is that they get to avoid Michigan in league play. The Big 10 slate will not open up easy as they travel to Wisky and Minny and will likely be 0-2. They have a shot at winning 5 of their last 6 games and I'll call for Paterno to turn this season around and get the squad back to a winning season and a bowl game. PSU is my 5th most improved team in the country (see pages 20-22).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ZACK MILLS SR. 6-3 214 **PS#15**. 13 sts in '02, **HM Big 10**, 2417 yds (57%), 17-10 ratio. 5490 career pass yds, 912 rush. **Michael Robinson** (6-2 225 Jr) 1011 pass, 801 rush 2Y.

RB AUSTIN SCOTT SO. 6-0 214 **PS#16**. 4 sts as true, #1 w/436 (4.4). Tony Hunt (6-2 218 So) PS#80WR. 110 yds as true. Rodney Kinlaw (5-9 193 rFr) PS#41.

FB Paul Jefferson Sr. 6-1 259 PS#112. 4 sts in '02, 128 tot yds, 218 plays, RS LY. Chris Wilson (6-2 249 So) PS#47. Patrick Hall (6-2 257 So) PS#116QB, 3 tkls, moves from DE.

WR Terrance Phillips Jr. 5-11 187 **PS#23**. 8 rec (17.0 LY). Josh Hannum (6-0 178 So) **PS#26**, 1 start. Ian Firestone (6-0 185 So) **PS#34**, N Car trans. Terrell Golden (6-3 209 rFr) PS#51.

WR GERALD SMITH SR. 5-11 181 **PS#13**. 2 sts, 11 rec in '02. 6 sts LY, 15 rec (13.2). Ryan Scott (6-2 192 Sr) PS#97. Kinta Palmer (6-4 184 Jr) 2 starts, 7 rec last year.

TE Issac Smolko Jr. 6-5 257 **PS#15**. 23 plays as rFr. 1 st LY, 1 rec. John Bronson (6-3 264 Sr) PS#56. 15 sts, 69 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl L2Y. Moved from DL. Kevin Darling (6-3 228 So).

C EZ Smith Jr. 6-1 276 **PS#13OL**. 6 sts at G in '02, 440 plays. Acad Ineligible LY. Lance Antolick (6-3 274 Jr). 2nd string C LY. Chadd Albright (6-3 317 rFr) PS#259.

RG TYLER REED JR. 6-4 303 **PS#10**. 4 games in '02. Last 10 starts in '03. 425 bench. Robert Price (6-0 305 So) PS#74DL. Steve Roach (6-2 311 So) PS#143. OL/DL.

LG CHARLES RUSH JR. 6-2 298 **PS#4DL**. 7 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. Last 8 sts in '03 at LG. **Scott Davis** (6-3 288 Sr) **PS#29DL**. 4 sts LY then inj. Rich Ohrnberger (6-3 275 Fr) PS#82.

RT Andrew Richardson Jr. 6-5 294 PS#11TE. 2nd string LY. **Mark Farris** (6-6 284 So) **PS#9**. 2nd string LY. Greg Harrison is **PS#18** in for spg. Lee Lispi (6-5 284 rFr) PS#108.

LT LEVI BROWN SO. 6-5 311 **PS#47DL**. 12 sts as rFr. NFL potential. John Wilson (6-6 319 Jr) **PS#28**. Chris Auletta (6-4 298 rFr). **Joel Holler** (6-5 328 rFr) **PS#11**.

K ROBBIE GOULD SR. 6-1 179 PS#73. 6 of 10 with long of 46 as true. 17 of 22, long of 51 in '02. 9 of 16 LY, long of 47. 3 missed from 50+. Nate Weltman (6-0 201 rFr) PS#43.

DE MATTHEW RICE JR. 6-4 262 **PS#34**. 8 sts, 32 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Ed Johnson (6-2 296 So) PS#154LB, 3 sts, 26 tkls 3 tfl LY. James Shaw (6-4 265 So) 45 tkls at Rice last year. Elig 2005.

NT TAMBA HALI JR. 6-3 273 **PS#13**. 10 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 53 tkls, 6 tfl. Scott Paxson (6-5 275 Jr) PS#58. 1 sts, 13 tkls, 3 tfl. Elijah Robinson (6-2 290 Fr) PS#82 LY.

DT JAY ALFORD SO. 6-3 279 **PS#42**. 8 starts, 25 tkls, 3 tfl. John Shaw (6-4 278 So) **PS#30**. 2 tkls last year as true. **AQ Shipley** is **PS#18**. 4.9 40 in HS.

DE LAVON CHISLEY JR. 6-5 265 PS#79WR. +40 lbs in '02, 12 tkls. 9 sts LY, 41 tkls, 4 sks, 5 pbu. 89" wingspan. Amani Purcell (6-3 260 rFr). Josh Gaines (6-3 255 Fr) PS#83.

OLB Paul Posluszny So. 6-2 228 **PS#32**. 1 st as true, 36 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 pbu. Took off RS L/8. Tyrell Sales is **PS#17**. Jimi Mitchell (6-2 214 Sr) 36 games, 25 tkls in 3 years.

ILB Dan Connor Fr. 6-3 218 **PS#3**. In for spring. BranDon Snow (6-1 238 So) **PS#11RB** FB last year 4.4 40. Dontey Brown is **PS#21**. John Brown (6-1 199 rFr).

OLB DEREK WAKE SR. 6-3 241 **PS#17**. 11 starts in '02, 51 tkls, 9.5 tfl. 10 sts last year, 71 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. Tim Shaw (6-1 230 So) PS#60RB. Pat Bedics (6-0 230 rFr) PS#533.

CB ALAN ZEMAITIS JR. 6-2 194 PS#72. 4.3 spd. 1 st, 12 tkls in '02. 11 sts, **#1 Big 10, 18 pbu**, 71 tkls, 4 tfl. Spencer Ridenhour is **PS#16**. Donnie Johnson (6-0 209 So) PS#45DB.

CB Anwar Phillips Jr. 6-1 185 1 sts, 2 int, 3 pbu in '02. 2 sts LY, 13 tkls, 4 pbu. Gio Vendemia (6-0 187 Jr) 4.34 spd, 7 tkls. WR in spg. Jonathan Jackson (6-1 180 Fr) PS#88.

SS Calvin Lowry Jr. 6-0 195 **PS#28**. 2 sts in '02, 14 tkls, 1 int. 1 st in '03, 20 tkls. **Jim Kanuch** (6-1 200 So) **PS#12**, 3 tkls. Paul Cronin (6-2 212 Jr) 1 st, 16 tkls, 5 tfl in 2002.

FS CHRIS HARRELL SR. 6-2 201 PS#69WR. 11 sts in' 02, 85 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int. 7 sts LY, 49 tkls, 1 tfl. **Andrew Guman** (6-3 211 Sr) 26 tkls in '01 & '02. 5 sts LY, 47 tkls, 2 pbu.

P JEREMY KAPINOS SO. 6-1 229 PS#39. Solid debut as rFr with 41.9 avg but net of 33.3 (poor coverage). Brandon Ream (6-2 206 So) PS#399WR.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Dan Connor 6-3 218 PS#3
QB	Anthony Morelli 6-4 208 PS#6
DL	AQ (Allen)Shipley 6-2 280 PS#18
OL	Tyrell Sales 6-4 235 PS#17
OL	Greg Harrison 6-5 288 PS#18
DB	Spencer Ridenhour 6-0 212 PS#16
LB	Dontey Brown 6-3 250 PS#21
RB	Matt Hahn 6-1 210 PS#26
OL	Wyatt Bowman 6-6 314 PS#44
OL	Trent Varva 6-3 320 PS#50
OL	Gerald Cadogan 6-6 310 PS#51
RB	Dan Lawlor 6-3 235 PS#45
TE	Mike Lucian 6-3 250 PS#11
DB	Tony Davis 6-0 180 PS#56
DL	Josh Gaines 6-3 255 PS#83
WR	Mark Rubin 6-4 210 PS#67
OL	Richard Ohrnberger 6-3 275 PS#82
OL	Austin Hinton 6-5 285 PS#92
QB	Daryll Clark 6-3 190 PS#63
QB	Paul Cianciolo 6-5 220 PS#67
TE	Jed Hill 6-4 245 PS#31
QB	Jordan Lyons 6-5 220 PS#109
DB	Kevin Suhey 6-2 195 PS#168
QB	Adam Dimichele 6-1 175 PS#172
DL	Elijah Robinson 6-2 290 PS#411

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21-17 Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

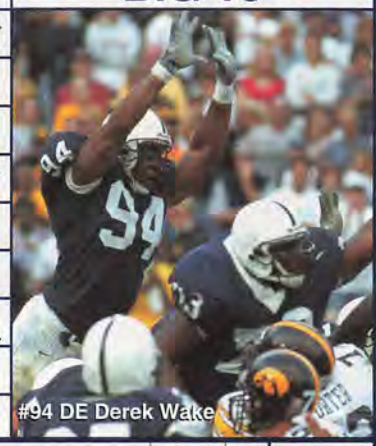
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (14,17,2)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,629

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Akron	G						Penn St is 6-4 ATS the last 10 Homecoming games. Nittany Lions are 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6 vs Michigan. Penn St is 1-6 ATS after scoring 48 pts or more since 1998.
Sep. 11	at Boston College	A						Penn St is 0-3 ATS vs MAC opp w/their last ATS MAC win vs Akron in '99. PSU is 5-10 ATS their last 15 season openers.
Sep. 18	UCF	G						Including '99 Alamo Bowl, PSU is 7-3 ATS the last 5 years on artificial turf. Nittany Lions are 16-4 SU & ATS the last 20 road openers.
Sep. 25	at Wisconsin	A						Penn St is 2-5 SU & ATS since 1990 vs teams from the state of Florida. PSU is 4-2 SU, but 2-4 ATS the last 6 yrs in game before Big 10 play.
Oct. 2	at Minnesota	A						Penn St is 2-9 ATS in their 1st conference game of the season since 1993. PSU is 2-5 ATS vs Wisconsin since joining the Big 10.
Oct. 9	Purdue	G						Nittany Lions are 4-3 SU, but 1-6 ATS vs Minnesota losing the L/3 SU & ATS. Penn St is 3-6 ATS the last 9 games inside a dome.
Oct. 16								PSU is 4-1 SU & ATS the last 5 vs Purdue, but lost last year 28-14 (+12). Penn St is 1-8 ATS the last 9 before a bye.
Oct. 23	Iowa	G						Penn St is 8-5 ATS the last 13 the week after a bye. Nittany Lions are 1-5 SU & ATS since 1996 vs the Hawkeyes.
Oct. 30	at Ohio St	G						PSU is 0-5 SU & ATS when visiting OSU being outscored on avg 30-7 S/'93. The home team is 6-0 ATS since 1998.
Nov. 6	Northwestern	G						Nittany Lions are 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Northwestern since 1996. The home team is 6-1 ATS since 1995.
Nov. 13	at Indiana	A						Penn St is 9-0 SU & 6-3 ATS (6-1 ATS L/7) vs Indiana. These teams have averaged 64 ppg all-time (1st meeting in 1993).
Nov. 20	Michigan St	G						The home team is 9-2 ATS since these two began play in Big 10. Penn St hasn't lost SU to Michigan St at Beaver Stadium S/'65 (4-1 ATS).
Nov. 27								


#94 DE Derek Wake

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	9-3	5-7	5-6	9-3	3-9	48-33
ATS	5-6	5-6	6-6	5-7	7-4	8-4	3-9	39-42
Home Fav	2-4	5-1	3-4	3-2	2-1	4-3	1-3	20-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	4-4
Away Fav	3-2	0-3	3-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-1	8-10
Away Dog	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-3	4-0	2-1	1-3	7-10
Favorite	5-6	5-4	6-5	4-4	2-2	5-3	1-4	28-28
Dog	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	5-2	3-1	2-5	11-14
Grass	3-5	5-3	5-5	4-5	5-4	7-4	2-9	31-35
Artificial	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	8-7
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	2-6	26-30
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-2	3-1	1-3	13-12
Off SU Win	4-5	2-5	5-4	1-3	4-1	6-2	0-3	22-23
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-1	0-2	4-3	3-2	2-1	3-5	15-14

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Austin Scott	100	465	29	436	5	4.4
Mike Robinson	107	510	114	396	3	3.7
Sean McHugh	54	258	2	256	3	4.7
Zack Mills	63	226	102	124	1	2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zack Mills	251	136	54.2	1404	6	5
Mike Robinson	138	62	44.9	892	5	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tony Johnson	32	445	13.9	4	56
Maurice Humphrey	30	410	13.7	1	41
Matt Kranchick	22	337	15.3	1	73
Mike Lukac	19	242	12.7	0	57
Gerald Smith	15	198	13.2	1	33
Sean McHugh	27	185	6.9	1	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Kapinos	68	2850	41.9	8	33.3	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robbie Gould	22-24	1-1	6-6	2-6	0-3	9-16	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gino Capone	100	0	2	2	0
Yaacov Yisrael	93	0	4	4	3
Deryck Toles	75	3	3	2	1
Alan Zemaitis	71	0	1	18	4
Derek Wake	71	4	4	0	0
Tamba Hali	53	1	5	1	0
Rich Gardner	49	0	2	6	1
Chris Harrell	49	0	1	0	0
Andrew Guman	47	0	0	2	0
Lavon Chisley	41	4	3	5	0
Paul Posluszny	36	0	3	1	1
Matthew Rice	32	1	1	0	0
John Bronson	28	2	3	0	0
Ed Johnson	26	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Calvin Lowry	26	240	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Calvin Lowry	16	300	18.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Fiesta	+1	Texas	38-15	W
97	Citrus	+13'	Florida	6-21	L
98	Outback	-7	Kentucky	26-14	W
99	Alamo	-7	Texas A&M	24-0	W
02	Capital One	-7	Auburn	9-13	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	19.4	18	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	-6	2003	5	21.3	20	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9
8*	32.1	19	186	4.5	225	56.6	12.8	+2	1999	9	19.5	17	114	2.9	198	51.3	17.3
6	26.4	18	192	4.5	171	50.5	13.7	+3	1998	5	15.3	17	98	2.7	209	53.2	20.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Temple	16	41-231	5.6	6-19	79	1	21	40-162	4.1	17-37	195	3	-1
Boston Coll	18	38-133	3.5	19-39	185	2	17	46-238	5.2	10-22	145	1	-2
at Nebraska	13	21-44	2.1	16-33	159	0	23	72-337	4.7	4-6	60	0	0
Kent St	26	51-282	5.5	12-31	128	0	11	41-79	1.9	9-23	105	3	-2
Minnesota	26	43-226	5.3	19-35	193	1	22	52-250	4.8	7-15	71	3	-2
Wisconsin	21	28-45	1.6	22-44	379	2	22	51-234	4.6	9-26	140	2	-2
at Purdue	13	27-106	3.9	10-32	98	3	19	51-219	4.3	17-28	131	0	-2
at Iowa	9	28-38	1.4	14-27	138	3	20	51-212	4.2	13-26	174	1	+2
Ohio St	18	27-33	1.2	27-42	253	1	17	39-153	3.9	17-29	148	2	0
at Northwestern	19	31-93	3.0	23-38	241	2	23	51-253	5.0	13-21	188	0	+2
Indiana	21	31-178	5.7	14-23	260	0	25	61-253	4.1	15-28	126	4	+2
at Michigan St	13	31-55	1.8	16-33	183	4	21	30-119	4.0	29-50	357	0	-1
TOTALS	213	397-1464	3.7	198-396	2296	19	241	585-2509	4.3	160-311	1840	19	-6
AVERAGES	17.8	33-122	3.7	17-33	191	1.6	20.1	49-209	4.3	13-26	153	1.6	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-4'	41-7	W
Akron	-45'	70-24	W
Pittsburgh	-34	20-17	L
at Miami, Fl	-2	27-23	W
Indiana	-27	45-24	L
at Iowa	-28	31-7	L
Ohio St	-11	23-10	W
at Purdue	-4	31-25	W
at Illinois	-16	27-7	W
Minnesota	-14	23-24	L
Michigan	-6	27-31	L
at Michigan St	+2	28-35	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	-2	5-29	L
Toledo	-18	6-24	L
LA Tech	-15	67-7	W
at Pittsburgh	-5'	0-12	L
at Ohio St	+12	6-45	L
Purdue	+13	22-20	W
at Minnesota	+7	16-25	L
Illinois	-2'	39-25	W
at Indiana	-1'	27-24	W
Iowa	-17	23-26 OT	L
at Michigan	+15'	11-33	L
Michigan St	-1	42-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl	+13'	7-33	L
Wisconsin	-1'	6-18	L
at Iowa	+9'	18-24	W
Michigan	+11	0-20	L
at Northwestern	+10	38-35	W
Ohio St	+6'	29-27	W
S Mississippi	-1'	38-20	W
at Illinois	+9	28-33	W
Indiana	-2'	28-14	W
at Michigan St	+2'	42-37	W
at Virginia	-5'	14-20	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-13'	27-24	L
Nebraska	+5	40-7	W
LA Tech	-13'	49-17	W
Iowa	-8	35-42 OT	L
at Wisconsin	+2'	34-31	W
at Michigan	+4'	24-27 OT	W
Northwestern	-25'	49-0	W
at Ohio St	+4'	7-13	L
Illinois	-15'	18-7	L
Virginia	-16	35-14	W
at Indiana	-24	58-25	W
Michigan St	-21	61-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-25	23-10	L
Boston Coll	-9	14-27	L
at Nebraska	+10	10-18	W
Kent St	-24'	32-10	L
Minnesota	+2	14-20	L
Wisconsin	+1'	23-30	L
at Purdue	+12	14-28	L
at Iowa	+10'	14-26	L
Ohio St	+7	20-21	W
at Northwestern	-5'	7-17	L
Indiana	-18'	52-7	W
at Michigan St	+5'	10-41	L

IOWA HAWKEYES

LB Chad Greenway

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Brad Banks simply led the NCAA and set a school record in pass efficiency with a super 26-5 ratio while also rushing for 519 yards, the most by a Hawks QB since 1976, while leading the team to the Orange Bowl. Nathan Chandler (6-7 250) is a prototypical dropback QB who threw for 2,455 yards (65%) with a 26-8 ratio while rushing for 400 net yards at JC in 2001. He threw for 161 yards in 2002 as Banks' backup. He battled Jason Manson (PS#50), who is a Banks-type QB for the starting job in the spring. Chandler won the job and fared better than expected throwing for 2,040 yards (53.7%) with an 18-10 ratio while rushing for 348. The backup last season was not Manson but Drew Tate (PS#18) a true frosh who played in six games and threw for 55 yards while rushing for 46. Tate set Texas HS passing records throwing for 12,180 yards and 113 TD's and reminds many of Drew Brees. He is the frontrunner for the QB spot battling Manson, Cy Phillips (6-6 227 So, PS#64) and Eric McCollom (6-0 190 rFr, PS#80). For the first time in 5 years Iowa will not begin the year with a senior starting QB, and should Tate win the job, it would be the third different type of starting QB in 3 years. This group is less experienced but could match 2003's production.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Hawkeyes had to replace Ladell Betts who became the first Hawkeye to lead the team in rushing for four straight years, including back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons. Fred Russell (PS#47) became just the 10th Iowa back to top 1,000 yards in a season rushing for 1,264 yards (5.7). He is a powerful back with 4.28 speed. Last year he rushed for 1,355 yards (4.8) and opted to turn pro. Jermelle Lewis (PS#15) had some fumble and academic problems early in his career but rushed for 709 yards (5.8) in 2002. Last year he missed the first six games, recovering from a torn ACL and had just 241 yards (5.2). Albert Young (PS#14) broke a fibula in August and redshirted. This year they must replace Russell as well as FB Edgar Cervantes (12 sts, 263 ttl yds). I list the FB candidates below and the TB job has 3 VHT's contending. Beside Lewis and Young, they have Marques Simmons (5-8 206 Jr) who was PS#29 and had 56 yards at Nebraska in 2002 and possibly AJ Johnson (PS#34) who had 63 yards rushing as a true but is currently at FB. Also Marcus Schnoor (6-1 205 Jr) had 163 yards (5.6). This has the makings of a very talented RB corps, even with the loss of a star like Russell.

RECEIVERS - Iowa had to replace two starters last year including TE Dallas Clark who was the #1DC of IND. They returned their leading receiver in Maurice Brown but he suffered through an injury plagued year. After snagging 48 rec's with a super 20.1 ypc in 2002, Brown had just 33 (15.4) last year in 8 starts. Unheralded Ramon Ochoa opted to forego foot surgery and played in pain all season. Despite having five career receptions coming in, he led the team with 34 (14.0) in 2003. Both Brown and Ochoa depart as does TE Erik Jensen (11 sts, 16 rec, #7DC STL). Ed Hinkel missed 3 games due to injury and was only able to start six and saw his receptions drop from 22 in 2002 to 10 (10.8) last year. I list the 2 deep below and they do have some talented players in the mix. Not listed below are TE Ryan Majerus (6-3 228 So, PS#109) and WR's Scott Chandler (6-7 231 So), Clinton Soloman (6-4 190 So, 14 rec in '02) and this year's true frosh, some of whom could contribute immediately. Overall the unit is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach for six years in the NFL which means this position is one of his top priorities. He dealt with an inexperienced OL in his first few years but in 2002 developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA and the unit paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. Last year four starters departed including 3 NFL DC's (two 2nd rounders) and a 2nd Tm Big 10 player plus their top reserve and another backup. They did have one star returning in Outland Trophy Winner LT Robert Gallery but as you would expect, the inexperienced line only paved the way for 4.2 ypc while allowing 24 sacks. This year the unit suffers the massive loss of Gallery (1st Tm AA, #1DC OAK, 4 yr st'r) as well as RT Sam Aiello (11 sts), C Eric Rothwell (12 sts) and LG Kory Borchers (13 games). They also will be without C Brian Ferentz (6 sts in '03) who suffered an ACL injury which led to a staph infection in spring and he is listed as doubtful for the fall. This group actually has more experience returning than 2003 and Ferentz should mold a fine unit but I'll call them down a notch with the loss of an outstanding LT like Gallery.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Hawkeyes had to replace DE Aaron Kampman who simply led the Big 10 in sacks and had just one starter returning up front but it was dominating DT Colin Cole. Iowa's defense was again very impressive despite the losses allowing just 2.6 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks. Last year they were a veteran unit once again but had to replace Cole and a backup. They did lose starting DT Jonathan Babineaux after 7 games to an injury but the defense allowed just 2.5 ypc while recording 34 sacks. This year the losses are heavier in DT Jared Clauss (11 sts, 35 tkl, 2 sks, #7DC TEN), DE Howard Hodges (13 sts, 53 tkl, 11 sks, 2nd Tm B10) and backups DT Jory Helms (3 tkls), DT Matt Neubauer (3 sts, 25 tkl, 3 sks) and DT Eric Zilisch (1 tkl). Matt Roth was 1st Tm Big 10 and the star of the line and overall 4 players are back with starting experience. This will once again be a formidable Hawkeye DL.

LINEBACKERS - Iowa had to replace a 1st Tm Big 10 LB last year as well as two backups and starting MLB Kevin Worthy lost his spot so basically they had one starter returning. MLB Abdul Hodge (PS#51) and WLB Chad Greenway (PS#48QB) were a formidable duo combining for 273 tackles and 20 tfl, both earning Big 10 honors and both return. They must replace OLB Grant Steen (11 sts, 58 tkls, 3 tfl) as well as Worthy (1 st, 21 tkls, 3 tfl) and Jermire Roberts (14 tkls). I list a talented 3 deep below including some HT rFr that should have an impact including this year's top signee, Kyle Williams (PS#5). This looks like one of the best LB corps in the Big 10.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Iowa was #21 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters including a 2nd Tm Big 10 FS. They did return Bob Sanders who was the star of the unit. During the season they faced 8 of the top 42 QB's that were on the preseason Davey O'Brien list and despite the tough schedule, allowed just 55.6% with a super 11-13 ratio and finished #22 in my pass D rankings. The unit even snagged 4 int's against Ben Roethlisberger. Sanders was injured and the hard hitting SS with 4.38 speed missed 5 starts. This year the only losses are Sanders (8 sts, 72 tkls, #2DC IND) and FS Chris Smith (5 sts, 14 tkls). The unit adds a VHT JUCO in CB Walner Belleus. There are no VHT's among the starters but it is a very productive group and more experienced than last year's version. The Hawkeyes could fly near the top of the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Iowa has had outstanding special teams play the last two years finishing #2 in 2002 including FG kickers and #2 again last season. A key to Iowa's special teams has been K Nate Kaeding who hit 21 of 24 FG's with a long of 55 in 2002 and an even stronger 20 of 21 with a long of 55 last year and he won the Lou Groza Award. He was a #3DC of SD and will be extremely tough to replace. Also gone this year is outstanding returnman Ramon Ochoa who averaged 12.4 on PR's and 22.0 on KR's. In 2001 P David Bradley was actually last in the Big 10 in average but has improved steadily and last season averaged 40.8 with a super net of 37.4. In the last 3 years the team has blocked 9 punts including 5 last season. Bradley returns and they do have a VHT to take over for Kaeding in Kyle Schlicher (PS#7). I would expect Iowa to find capable returnmen replacements and still rank highly but clearly it will be tough to match the last two last years' outstanding numbers.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz enters his sixth year and simply guided the team to its first Big 10 Title since 1990 and the most wins in school history in 2002. He had 4 wins in his first two years but now the team has to back-to-back Top 10 finishes. NFL scouts have a great deal of respect for the coaching staff here calling it one of the Top 10 in the country. The OC is Ken O'Keefe who enters his 6th year in that position. He was the head coach at Fordham in 1998 and at Allegheny from 1990-'97. DC Norm Parker enters his sixth year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. DL coach Ron Aiken was named the 2002 AFCA Div I Asst Coach of the Year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Iowa finished in the Top 10 for the second straight year for the first time since the '50's. Kirk Ferentz is doing a great job here but got off to a slow start. He was just 2-18 in his first 20 games at the helm but won two of their last 3 games in 2000 to go an outstanding 30-11 after the rough start. Iowa's 21 wins the last 2 years are a school record. In 2001 the team was a consensus 10th place pick in the Big 10 but I had them ranked 7th. They actually tied for 4th with a 4-4 in league play record and outgained Big 10 foes by 51.1 ypg, the third best in the league. In 2002 they had a dream season going undefeated vs the league and tying for first in the Big 10 and getting to the Orange Bowl. Their final ranking of #8 was the highest they had finished in a season since 1960. That Iowa team caught some good fortune as they were outFD'd by a 102-66 margin in their first 4 Big 10 games but came away with victories in each. Last year they had to replace their star QB Brad Banks and had untested Nathan Chandler at the helm but still put up 28.7 ppg. The Hawkeyes did slip to 5-3 in Big 10 play and the record could easily have been worse. In their final two games they were outFD'd 46-26 and trailed Wisconsin 21-7 when backup Badgers QB Schabert threw 3 int's filling in for an injured Jim Sorgi. Despite their 5-3 record the Hawks were outgained by 2.3 ypg in league play. They managed their first January win since 1959 when they upset Florida in the Outback Bowl in an impressive performance. This year they have just 9 starters back including 2 on offense, the fewest in the Big 10. The biggest loss on offense is LT Robert Gallery because I feel they could be in better shape at the QB spot and have talented RB's to replace Fred Russell. Keep in mind, last year's O-line had just one starter back although the team did go from averaging 424 ypg to 334 ypg. The defense will be solid once again as it is becoming a Ferentz tradition. Last year they had my #10 defense in the country and this year come in #8. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings call for Iowa to go 7-1 in Big 10 play but most of the other five call for a middle of the road finish. Unfortunately, Iowa misses both Northwestern and Indiana in Big 10 play so they arguably have the toughest schedule in the league. The Hawks should have no trouble getting back to their 4th consecutive bowl and with their outstanding D, will be a contender in the Big 10 despite the paucity of returning start-

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Drew Tate So. 6-0 185 **PS#18**. 12,180 yds in HS, TX records. 6 games as true, 55 yds pass, 46 rush. Jason Manson (6-1 195 So) PS#50. Eric McCollom (6-0 190 rFr) PS#80.

RB Jermelle Lewis Sr. 5-11 216 **PS#15**. 1 st, 709 yds (5.8) in '02. ACL, 241 yds (5.2) LY. 600 squat. Albert Young (5-10 207 rFr) **PS#14**. Marques Simmons (5-8 206 Jr) PS#29. **Nebraska.**

FB AJ Johnson So. 6-0 234 **PS#34**. 63 yards at TB as true. Tom Busch (5-11 231 rFr) PS#46LB. Aaron Mickens (5-10 232 Sr) 4.6 spd. Kevin Sherlock (5-11 240 Jr).

WR Ed Hinkel Jr. 6-1 188 PS#62. **13 sts** in '02, 22 rec (9.9), 6 sts LY (inj) 10 rec (10.8). James Townsend (6-1 183 So) PS#43. fastest WR. Matt Melloy (6-3 211 Jr) 10 rec.

WR Calvin Davis So. 6-2 199 PS#70. 4 sts, 11 games as rFr, 23 rec (14.3). Warren Holloway (5-10 188 Sr) PS#100. 3 rec. Herb Grigsby (6-0 170 rFr) PS#119.4.4 spd.

TE Champ Davis So. 6-2 237 PS#79WR. 1 st at FB as true, 3 rec. Mike Follett (6-5 257 Jr) PS#66QB, 2 sts, 3 rec. Tony Jackson (6-3 265 Sr) 1 st, 7 rec in 2 years.

C Ben Cronin Jr. 6-5 288 **PS#52**. 2nd string LY, 7 games. Mike Elgin (6-4 267 So) PS#224LB. 6 games LY. **Brian Ferentz** (6-2 282 Jr) PS#129. **6 sts LY**. Inj & ?.

RG Chris Felder So. 6-7 303 **PS#15**. 2nd string RT as Fr in 3 games. David Walker (6-2 303 Jr) PS#83DL. Auburn transfer. 3 sts at LG in '03, injured in the spring in '04.

LG MIKE JONES SO. 6-5 304 **PS#2**. Last 7 starts at LG as **true**. Blake Larsen (6-7 311 Jr) **PS#3**. 4.9 speed. 5 games in 2 years. Seth Olsen is **PS#47**.

RT PETER McMAHON SR. 6-7 333 Lettered in '01 & '02 as backup. 13 sts LY (11 at RG). NFL prospect. Ben Gates (6-6 261 Jr) PS#31TE. Clint Huntrods (6-6 268 rFr) PS#135.

LT Lee Gray Jr. 6-6 315 PS#69TE. 1 tkl, 1 tfl in '02. 2nd string LT in '03, 4 games. CJ Barkema (6-8 295 Jr) PS#74WR. 11 games at TE in 2002. 4 games at OT LY.

K Kyle Schlicher So. 5-9 184 **PS#7K**. 11 of 15 FG's, long of 56. 56 of 76 KO's into the EZ in high school. 3 of 3 xp's here last year as Nate Kaeding's backup.

DE MATT ROTH SR. 6-4 270 PS#25. 1 st, 10 sks in '02. **1st Tm Big 10**, 13 sts LY, 51 tkls, **12 sks**, 4 tfl. Bryan Mattison (6-3 242 rFr) PS#109. Ted Bentler is PS#50.

DT JONATHAN BABINEAUX SR. 6-2 287 3 sts at FB as true. 12 sts in '02, 53 tkls, 7 sks. First 7 sts LY until broken leg, 23 tkls, 5 tfl. George Eshareturi (6-3 305 rFr) PS#154.

DT Tyler Luebke Sr. 6-1 278 JUCO. 5 games in '02. 2 sts LY, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. **Richard Kittrell** (6-5 302 So) **PS#32** LY, PQ. Alex Wilcox (6-2 280 rFr) PS#171.

DE Derreck Robinson Sr. 6-5 287 PS#69. 10 tkls in '01 & '02. 3 sts at DT LY, 20 tkls, 6 tfl. Kenny Iwebema (6-4 242 rFr). Lucas Cox (6-4 240 Fr) PS#90TE. Grant McCracken (6-3 215 Fr) PS#84.

OLB George Lewis Sr. 6-2 237 PS#214. 45 tkls, 37 games, 4 years. **Edmond Miles** (6-1 222 So) PS#60. 15 tkls LY. Mike Klinkenborg (6-2 230 rFr) **PS#44**.

MLB ABDUL HODGE JR. 6-2 232 PS#51. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm Big 10**, 141 tkls, 9 tfl. 4.5 spd, 400 bench. **Kyle Williams** is **PS#5**. Mitch King is PS#56

WLB CHAD GREENWAY JR. 6-4 239 PS#48QB. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm Big 10**, 132 tkls, 11 tfl, 6 pbu. Mike Humpal (6-2 227 rFr) PS#149. Rory Steinbach (6-1 214 So) PS#236.

CB JOVON JOHNSON JR. 5-9 177 2 sts as true, 31 tkls, 4 int. 13 sts LY, 6 int, 13 pbu, 41 tkls. **Walner Belleus** (5-10 180 Jr) **PS#49JC**, in for spring. Richie Williams (5-10 177 So).

CB ANTWAN ALLEN JR. 5-10 180 PS#121. 13 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. 13 sts LY, 61 tkls, 1 int, 10 pbu. Chigozie Ejiasi (6-0 199 Sr) 41 tkls, 3 yrs. Adolphus Shelton (5-10 188 Jr).

SS Marcus Paschal So. 6-0 205 PS#215QB. 13 tkls, 2 pbu as rFr. Miguel Merrick (6-0 197 So) PS#115. 28 tkls as rFr. Chris Brevi (6-2 212 rFr) PS#232. Adam Shada is PS#144

FS SEAN CONSIDINE SR. 6-0 206 43 tkls in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY, 64 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Jonathan Zanders (6-2 190 rFr) PS#100, Harold Dalton is PS#73. Bradley Fletcher is PS#89.

P DAVID BRADLEY SR. 6-2 204 41 punts in '01, 36.7 avg, net of 32.6, 53 punts in '02, 39.5 avg net of 37.0. 79 punts LY, 40.8 avg, **net 37.4!** John Gallery (6-2 238 Jr) 2 punts LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Kyle Williams 6-2 220 PS#5
OL	Seth Olsen 6-5 305 PS#47
OL	Nyere Aumaitre 6-5 300 PS#49
DL	Ted Bentler 6-4 245 PS#50
LB	Anton Narinsky 6-4 220 PS#54
LB	Mitch King 6-3 230 PS#56
LB	Matt Kroul 6-3 240PS#64
CB	Walner Belleus 5-10 180 PS#49JC
DB	Harold Dalton 6-1 185 PS#73
RB	Shonn Greene 5-11 190 PS#75
LB	Grant McCracken 6-3 215 PS#84
WR	Andy Brodell 6-3 185 PS#79
RB	Bradley Fletcher 6-2 185 PS#89
TE	Michael Sabers 6-5 230 PS#29
DB	Damian Sims 5-9 185 PS#114
DB	Adam Shada 6-1 180 PS#144
DB	Charles Godfrey 6-1 200 PS#151
TE	Lucas Cox 6-4 240 PS#90
TE	Brandon Myers 6-4 220 PS#107
OL	Rashad Dunn 6-3 270 PS#595

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Kent St	G						Hawkeyes are 13-0 ATS as a double digit favorite under HC Ferentz. Iowa is 13-4 ATS their last 17 games off a SU loss. UI is 21-6-1 ATS the last 7 years as a home favorite.
Sep. 11	Iowa St	G						The Hawkeyes are 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs the MAC since 1998. Under HC Ferentz UI is 19-3 SU & 18-3-1 ATS the L/22 gms at home (86%).
Sep. 18	at Arizona St	G						The fav is 8-3 ATS in the series the L/11 gms winning team has covered 11 times. The visitor is 13-4 ATS the last 17 meetings.
Sep. 25	at Michigan	A						Including bowls UI is 3-7 SU & 2-8 ATS the L/10 meetings w/Pac 10 tms S/'89. Iowa is 3-6 ATS in the first game of a 2+ road trip.
Oct. 2	Michigan St (HC)	G						The Hawkeyes are 5-2 ATS on artificial turf the last 4 years. Iowa is 3-7 SU, but a solid 8-2 ATS since 1977 in the "Big House".
Oct. 9								UI is 9-4 SU, but 3-10 ATS since 1991 in Homecoming games. Iowa is 5-3 ATS since 1994 before a bye week (3-0 ATS L/3).
Oct. 16	Ohio St	G						Iowa is 1-6 ATS their last 7 games after a bye. The Hawkeyes have been outscored 26-13 all-time vs Ohio St.
Oct. 23	at Penn St	G						Iowa has outrushed Penn St by an average of 175-42 ypg the last 3. The Hawkeyes are 5-1 ATS vs the Nittany Lions since 1996.
Oct. 30	at Illinois	A						Illinois' QB Beutjer left Iowa after an altercation with a teammate. Iowa is 8-2 ATS in their 2nd straight Big 10 away game since 1989.
Nov. 6	Purdue	G						The favorite is 11-5 ATS the last 16 in this series. The home team is 7-3 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Nov. 13	at Minnesota	A						Hawkeyes are 8-3 SU & 10-1 ATS vs Minnesota the L/11 series meetings. The last 3 meetings have averaged 65 ppg & 868 offensive ypg.
Nov. 20	Wisconsin	G						The Hawkeyes are 11-1 ATS the last 12 home finales. Iowa is 9-2-1 SU & 8-4 ATS when hosting Wisconsin since 1978.
Nov. 27								

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 44-50)
6th Year at Iowa

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

32-29	Straight Up	16-4	Home Favorite
36-21-1	Vs The Spread	6-5-1	Home Underdog
16-9	Off A SU Loss	4-4	Away Favorite
25-14-1	Vs Conference	10-8	Away Underdog
	11-7 Vs Non-Conference		

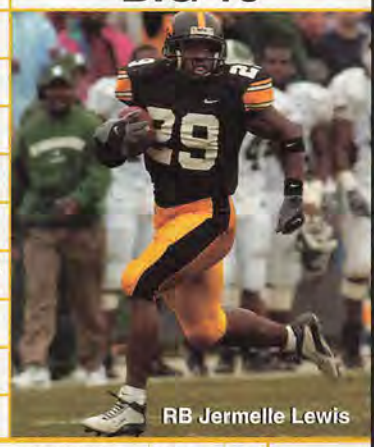
2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 2
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (19,18,2)
Lost: 24 (11,12,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 65,798

BIG 10


RB Jermelle Lewis

STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,397)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	1-10	3-9	6-5	11-1	9-3	40-40
ATS	6-3-1	3-8	4-7	8-4	6-4-1	9-3	9-3	45-32-2
Home Fav	4-0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-1	5-2	6-0	21-6-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-2	2-3	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	1-0	7-7-1
Away Fav	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	6-6
Away Dog	1-1	0-4	1-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	11-13
Favorite	5-2-1	2-2	1-0	0-1	5-3	7-3	7-1	27-12-1
Dog	1-1	1-6	3-7	8-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-2	18-20-1
Grass	6-2-1	2-7	4-5	6-3	5-3-1	8-3	8-3	39-26-2
Artificial	0-1	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	6-6
vs Conf	4-3-1	2-6	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	5-3	31-23-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	4-0	14-9
Off SU Win	3-2-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	2-3-1	7-3	5-3	20-15-2
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-6	4-5	5-3	3-1	1-0	3-0	20-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Fred Russell	282	1470	115	1355	7	4.8
Jermelle Lewis	**46**	**264**	**23**	**241**	**1**	**5.2**
Marcus Schnoor	**29**	**177**	**14**	**163**	**2**	**5.6**
Nathan Chandler	89	348	210	138	6	1.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nathan Chandler	307	165	53.7	2040	18	10
Drew Tate	**11**	**6**	**54.5**	**55**	**1**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Maurice Brown	33	507	15.4	4	44
Ramon Ochoa	34	477	14.0	6	51
Calvin Davis	**23**	**330**	**14.3**	**1**	**46**
Erik Jensen	16	182	11.4	1	24
Matt Melloy	**10**	**155**	**15.5**	**2**	**37**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Bradley	**79**	**3223**	**40.8**	**15**	**37.4**	**0**	**19**
John Gallery	**2**	**92**	**46.0**	**0**	**26.0**	**0**	**0**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Kaeding	40-41	9-9	7-8	2-2	2-2	20-21	55

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Abdul Hodge	**141**	**2**	**7**	**3**	**0**
Chad Greenway	**132**	**2**	**9**	**6**	**0**
Bob Sanders	72	1	5	5	1
Sean Considine	**64**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**3**
Antwan Allen	**61**	**0**	**1**	**10**	**1**
Grant Steen	58	0	3	4	1
Howard Hodges	53	11	2	0	0
Matt Roth	**51**	**12**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Jovon Johnson	**41**	**0**	**2**	**13**	**6**
Jared Clauss	35	2	1	3	0
Tyler Luebke	**33**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Miguel Merrick	**28**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
George Lewis	**28**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ramon Ochoa	40	495	12.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ramon Ochoa	18	396	22.0	0
Fred Russell	6	158	26.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Alamo	-3'	Texas Tech	27-0	W
97	Sun	-6'	Arizona St	7-17	L
01	Alamo	+1	Texas Tech	19-16	W
02	Orange	+4'	USC	17-38	L
03	Outback	+3'	Florida	37-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	28.7	17	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	+4	2003	7	16.2	17	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0
6*	14.7	16	94	3.0	207	53.7	20.4	-5	1999	4	31.5	23	245	5.0	218	56.4	14.7
4	15.6	16	81	2.2	186	50.5	17.1	-1	1998	6	26.1	19	187	4.4	212	53.4	15.3

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami, Oh	17	40-232	5.8	12-19	129	1	22	29-54	1.9	27-42	250	4	+3
Buffalo	28	45-292	6.5	12-19	150	0	19	56-227	4.1	7-19	58	1	+3
at Iowa St	10	37-171	4.6	7-14	72	0	22	40-71	1.8	26-45	319	3	+1
Arizona St	19	45-153	3.4	15-23	154	4	12	21-24	1.1	25-44	160	2	-1
at Michigan St	14	39-107	2.7	11-23	158	5	17	32-45	1.4	28-44	218	4	-4
Michigan	14	37-100	2.7	17-34	195	3	18	33-74	2.2	26-49	389	3	0
at Ohio St	15	40-66	1.7	14-27	153	3	11	42-56	1.3	11-22	129	4	-2
Penn St	20	51-212	4.2	13-26	174	1	9	28-38	1.4	14-27	138	3	-2
Illinois	24	50-244	4.9	16-25	261	0	12	26-59	2.3	16-32	206	2	+1
at Purdue	16	36-98	2.7	16-29	203	2	16	44-154	3.5	13-20	167	0	-1
Minnesota	15	31-134	4.3	17-28	210	1	29	51-175	3.4	28-46	388	4	+4
at Wisconsin	9	34-201	5.9	8-27	66	2	17	50-171	3.4	14-31	194	1	+1
† Florida	22	49-238	4.9	13-26	170	2	16	28-57	2.0	22-41	268	3	+1
TOTALS	223	534-2248	4.2	171-320	2095	24	220	480-1205	2.5	257-462	2884	34	+4
AVERAGES	17.2	41-173	4.2	13-25	161	1.8	16.9	37-93	2.5	20-36	222	2.6	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nebraska	+27	7-42	L
at Iowa St	+4	10-17	L
N Illinois	-14'	24-0	W
at Michigan St	+21'	3-49	L
Penn St	+28	7-31	W
at Northwestern	+4'	21-23	W
Indiana	+2'	31-38	L
at Ohio St	+22'	11-41	L
Illinois	+6'	24-40	L
at Wisconsin	+31'	3-41	L
Minnesota	+20	21-25	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Kansas St	+29	7-27	W
W Michigan	-7'	21-27	L
Iowa St	+3	14-24	L
at Nebraska	+41'	13-42	W
at Indiana	+14	33-45	W
Michigan St	+9	21-16	W
at Illinois	+12'	0-31	L
Ohio St	+19	10-38	L
Wisconsin	+16	7-13	W
at Penn St	+17	26-23 OT	W
Northwestern	+12	27-17	W
at Minnesota	+14	24-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-27	51-0	W
Miami, Oh	-15	44-19	W
Penn St	-9'	24-18	L
at Purdue	+3'	14-23	L
at Michigan St	+5	28-31	W
Indiana	-9'	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-32	T
at Wisconsin	-1'	28-34	L
at Northwestern	-1	59-16	W
Minnesota	-12'	42-24	W
at Iowa St	-4	14-17	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-19	57-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-5'	29-24	L
Iowa St	-3'	31-36	L
Utah St	-22	48-7	W
at Penn St	+8	42-35 OT	W
Purdue	-9	31-28	L
Michigan St	-5	44-16	W
at Indiana	-13	24-8	W
at Michigan	+3'	34-9	W
Wisconsin	-9'	20-3	W
Northwestern	-29'	62-10	W
at Minnesota	-11'	45-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-10	21-3	W
Buffalo	-35'	56-7	W
at Iowa St	-4	40-21	W
Arizona St	-7'	21-2	W
at Michigan St	-7	10-20	L
Michigan	+3	30-27	W
at Ohio St	+3'	10-19	L
Penn St	-10'	26-14	W
Illinois	-26	41-10	W
at Purdue	+3	14-27	L
Minnesota	-5'	40-22	W
at Wisconsin	+3	27-21	W

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Brees finished his career in 2000 as the Big 10's career leader in pass attempts, completions, yards, TD's, total offense and had 939 yards rushing, the best ever for an NCAA QB with over 10,000 yards passing. Kyle Orton (PS#11) took over for starting QB Brandon Hance in 2001 starting the last three games as a true frosh. Hance transferred to USC and Orton bulked up in 2002 but suffered a concussion and split time with true frosh Brandon Kirsch (PS#27) who took off his redshirt. Kirsch, who has a 95 mph fastball in baseball, is more mobile while Orton has the stronger arm. Orton threw for 2,257 yards (60.6%) with a 13-9 ratio while Kirsch threw for 1,067 (59%) with an 8-5 ratio. Both QB's returned last year and Tiller was able to redshirt Kirsch who played in just two games before suffering a rotator cuff injury. Kyle Smith (PS#117) was moved to safety but became the backup QB for the bowl game and was briefly forced into action (1 att) after Orton dislocated his thumb in the 2Q. Orton at one point had a streak of 171 passes without an interception and against Wisconsin not only hit his first 15 passes but was 38 of 55 for 411 yards. On the season he threw for 2,885 yards (60.6%) with a 15-7 ratio and showed improved mobility with 489 rush yards. Kirsch was mostly a short-yardage option QB in his 2 games last year and both are back. Added to the mix are Scott Carroll (6-5 190 rFr, PS#76) and Jason Renn (6-0 228 rFr, PS#174). Orton will likely lead the Big 10 in passing yards giving him a shot at breaking all of Brees' records this year and looks like a potential 1st round DC in 2005.

QB Kyle Orton

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Joey Harris became the first Boiler 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 with 1,115 yards (4.5). Unfortunately he was declared academically ineligible over the summer last year which was a huge and unexpected loss. Brandon Jones (PS#36) had 668 yards (5.3) in 2002 and was the leading returning rusher. Jones, however, suffered a shoulder injury in August and was not 100% rushing for just 286 (3.7) last year. Jerome Brooks (5-11 179 So, PS#51) ran for 349 yards (4.4) and was the leading rusher early but suffered an injury vs PSU and had zero attempts the next two games. Jerod Void (PS#107DB) filled the void by rushing for 952 yards (4.1) while getting the bulk of the carries down the stretch. All three TB's return this year and added to the mix are this year's true frosh. When the team uses a FB they use LB's Jon Goldsberry (6-3 241 Sr, PS#94RB, 1 st) and George Hall (6-2 246 So, PS#86LB, 1 st). This unit has a lot more experience in 2004 and should remain healthier.

RECEIVERS - The Boilermakers had a very experienced receiving corps last year but unfortunately their top WR, John Standeford was bothered by quad, knee and toe injuries all year and never really was 100%. After averaging 17.4 ypc on 75 rec in 2002 with 13 TD's, he averaged just 14.9 ypc with 4 TD's, but had 77 rec in 2003. He did finish his career as the Big 10's all-time leading receiver. Anthony Chambers (4 sts, 25 rec, 8.9) and Jamal Wilson (1 rec) also depart along with Al Royal (moves to LB) and Coyla Dailey (moves to CB). On about 75-80% of the plays, Orton would hone in on either Standeford or Taylor Stubblefield (PS#51). Stubblefield is a small receiver and while listed at 6-1 is actually closer to 5-11. He led the team with 86 rec but only averaged 9.7 ypc. He is likely to break Standeford's records. They add in two JUCO's and a VHT frosh this year and I look for much bigger things out of Ray Williams and Kyle Ingraham. Ingraham is 6-9 with solid speed and started 2 games as a true frosh. Tiller felt he was underused. Williams is the fastest receiver on the team yet is 6-2 192 and is an NFL prospect that suffered from a shoulder injury at midseason. Kevin Noel (PS#25) missed last year with an injury just when he looked to be on the verge of a breakout season. There are two HT TE at the top of the chart. Not listed below are TE Nick Raben (6-3 245 So) and WR's Jake Standeford (6-2 205 rFr, PS#270), Jamison Evans (6-3 217 Jr, PS#53), Sean Bird (6-2 190 rFr, PS#316) and this year's true frosh. Even with the loss of two of their top three receivers, I like the overall talent of this group and look for increased production in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Joe Tiller's first four years the O-line allowed an average of just 16 sacks per season and part of those super sack numbers could be attributed to Drew Brees' quick release. In 2001 an inexperienced group allowed 42 sacks and paved the way for just 2.7 ypc rushing. An improved OL in 2002 paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and two backups and basically played 7 linemen all season. Purdue averaged just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. This year they must replace C Nick Hardwick (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10, #3DC of SD) and RT Kelly Butler (13 sts, 2 yr st'r, #6DC of DET). Even with the losses, I look for improved numbers in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Purdue allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks in 2002. Last year they only had to replace one DT who had 5 starts so 7 of the top 8 returned and they added in VHT true frosh, Ray Edwards (PS#19). As expected, the unit was one of the best in the Big 10 and the defense allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing while recording 41 sacks. This year they must replace DE Shaun Phillips (1st Tm Big 10, 58 tkls, 14.5 sks, #4DC SD) who leaves as Purdue's career sack leader, DT Craig Terrill (13 sts, PS#39, 2nd Tm Big 10, 8.5 sks, #6DC SEA), DE Kevin Nesfield (13 sts, 24 tkls, 3 sks) and DE Vedran Dzolovic (9 tkls, 4 tfl). In the 3 deep I list below, three projected starters are VHT's and they add in another one this year in DE/TE Ryan Baker (PS#17) as well as two JUCO's. I think the athletic talent this year is very close to last season's but the unit is a lot less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Joe Tiller thought the 2002 LB corps was the best in the Big 10 and they headed a solid defense. Last year they only had to replace one starter from the group and once again had an outstanding unit which helped them to finish #13 in my total D rankings. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are SLB Gilbert Gardner (13 sts, 73 tkls, 10.5 tfl, 2nd Tm B10, #3DC IND), MLB Niko Koutouvides (13 sts, 1st Tm B10, 101 tkls, #4DC SEA) and WLB Landon Johnson (13 sts, 102 tkls, #3DC of CIN). All 3 backups do return and while none of the starters lost were VHT's they were all experienced NFL DC's. This unit will clearly take a step backwards in terms of performance in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Boilermakers finished #18 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and only had to replace one starter last year. They not only had the solid CB combination of Jacques Reeves and Antwaun Rogers (size and speed) but also outstanding FS Stuart Schweigert. Surprisingly Purdue dropped a little in the pass D rankings down to #23 allowing just 52.9% with a 12-14 ratio. This year they must replace Reeves (12 sts, 64 tkls, 9 pbu, #7DC DAL), Schweigert (12 sts, 88 tkls, 8.5 tfl, 1st Tm B10, #3DC OAK), SS Deaunte Ferrell (1 st, 13 tkls, 2 tfl) and CB Eric Smith (2 tkls). I think Rogers should be one of the top CB's in the Big 10 this year and Bernard Pollard (VHT) is solid at SS. This unit is a little less experienced than 2003 and with the loss of two outstanding starters may drop a notch or two in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The special teams were a disaster in 2002 with a #106 ranking including kicker. That quite simply cost Purdue games against Wake Forest, Iowa and Michigan as they missed 9 FG's and had trouble on the coverage units. DT Coach Mark Hagen took over as the primary coordinator last year although each of the assistants helped out on particular units. The main difference in the two seasons was the fact that Purdue went from one of the poorer kicking units in the country to one of the best as Butler transfer Ben Jones hit 25 of 30 FG's with a long of 50 with one of his five misses being blocked and another coming from 50+. He looks to be one of the premier kickers in the country this year as a junior. Including K's, Purdue moved up to #16 last season. This year they must replace P Brent Slaton who had a solid 36.4 net as well as top PR Anthony Chambers who averaged 10.0 and 10.6 the last two years. The top two KR's are back. I list the potential replacements at punter including VHT true frosh Dave Brytus. W Virginia transfer Casey Welsh (5-9 163 So) backs up Jones at kicker. Look for Purdue to finish in the Top 25 in the rankings once again.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his 8th year here and has guided the team to 7 straight bowls. OC Jim Chaney is also in his 8th year here as is DC Brock Spack. The new DB coach is Lou Anarumo who was the DB coach at Marshall the last 2 years. Tiller also has 2nd year WR Coach Bob DeBesse who was the head coach at Texas St from '97-'02 and the OC at Minnesota from '92-'96.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue has been to seven straight bowl games, the longest streak in school history. In 2002 they were a much better team than their final 7-6 record indicated as they actually finished #1 in the Big 10 in both total offense and total defense and their six losses came by a combined 26 points. Four of the six teams that beat them ended the regular season in the Top 10. They outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg, by far the best mark in the conference but were just 4-4 partly due to a -10 in turnovers for the season. Last year the schedule was tough as they had to take on their three main contenders in the Big 10 all on the road. The season got started on a shocking note when they allowed a 4th and long TD pass late vs Bowling Green and lost but the next week they beat a non ranked conf foe on the road for the first time since 1995 when they upended #20 Wake Forest. Notre Dame did have a 346-223 yard edge but the Boilers prevailed. They did have two OT losses on the year, both to Top 10 teams (Ohio St and Georgia). This time the Boilermakers were fortunate as they were +12 in turnovers and finished 9-4 on the season and could easily have finished higher (#19 in the AP poll). This year they will probably have the most potent offense in the Big 10 led by Orton and will easily have their best offensive production in at least 4 seasons. The defense is my concern. Last year's D proved to be special allowing just 17.4 ppg, the best in the Tiller tenure. This year only 3 starters return on that side of the ball including just one in the defensive front 7. With the offense putting more points on the board, the defense will be on the field longer so you can expect a significant slide in the numbers. It's too bad last year's team did not have this year's schedule as they host Ohio St and Michigan but may be a couple of notches below those two powers this season and could have prevailed at home last year. Tiller will get the Boilers to their 8th straight bowl game but will need the defense to mature quicker than expected to take advantage of Ohio St, Michigan and Wisconsin in W Lafayette.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KYLE ORTON SR. 6-4 220 **PS#11.** 3 sts as true. 9 sts in '02, 13 sts LY. Career of 6247 pass (58%) 32-23 ratio. Brandon Kirsch (6-3 203 So) PS#27. 4 sts as true, 1067 pass, 468 rush.

RB JEROD VOID JR. 6-2 212 PS#107DB. 11 sts LY. 952 (4.1) LY. Brandon Jones (5-11 226 Jr) **PS#36.** 1 st, 954 (4.7) 2 yrs. Jerome Brooks (5-11 179 So) PS#51.

WR Kyle Ingraham So. 6-9 224 PS#84. **6'9"!** 2 sts as true, 13 rec (10.8). **Bruce Gordon is PS#36JC.** In for spg. Brian Hare PS#97JC. Jake Cunningham (5-11 187 rFr) PS#72.

WR TAYLOR STUBBLEFIELD SR. 6-1 172 PS#51. 7 sts, 73 rec (12.5) in '01. 77 rec (10.2) in '02. **2nd Tm B10**, 86 rec (9.7) LY. Andre Chattams (6-0 200 So) PS#74. Bryon Williams (6-3 189 rFr) PS#82.

WR RAY WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 192 PS#111. 7 sts as true. 13 sts LY, 15 rec (13.6). NFL prospect (not 100% LY). **Kevin Noel** (6-3 202 Jr) **PS#25. Dorien Bryant** (5-10 175 Fr) **PS#11.**

TE CHARLES DAVIS JR. 6-6 263 PS#22. 10 sts as rFr, 12 rec (8.5). 8 sts LY, 6 rec (6.0). **Garret Bushong** (6-5 255 So) **PS#10** 6 rec as true. Jeff Bennett (6-4 252 Jr) 6 sts.

C Robbie Powell rFr. 6-5 277 PS#399OL. Fork Union. Heir apparent at C. Only C listed on the spring roster this year. Feisty. **LS** Chris Mattson (6-0 192 rFr).

RG TYLER MOORE SR. 6-7 282 PS#350. 2nd string in '01. 7 games in '02. 13 sts at RG LY. Uche Nwaneri (6-3 310 So) PS#178DL. 2nd string LY. Willie Bach (6-2 260 Sr).

LG MATT TURNER JR. 6-3 288 PS#85DL. 6 sts at LG as rFr. 13 sts at LG in '03, 25 pancakes. **Nick Fincher** (6-4 279 rFr) **PS#77**. Danny May (6-2 325 Sr) 2nd string LY.

RT David Owen Sr. 6-6 294 PS#260DL. 10 games as rFr. 1 st in '02 (also #2TE), 11 gms. 2nd string LY. Brian Wang (6-7 291 Jr) PS#36TE. 2nd string LY but 0 letters.

LT MIKE OTTO SO. 6-5 309 PS#273. 13 sts at LT as rFr, HM Big 10, 22 pancakes. Prototypical guard. Ryan Noblet (6-6 291 rFr) PS#197. Zach Smith is PS#138.

K BEN JONES JR. 6-0 210 Hit 4 of 9 FG's, long 48 at Butler in '01. Super 25 of 30 FG's here LY, long 50, 9-9 from 40-49! Casey Welch (5-9 163 So) is W Virg trans.

DE Anthony Spencer So. 6-3 262 **PS#44DL.** 6 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. **Ryan Baker is PS#17DL.** Nick Cavallo (6-3 254 So) PS#60TE. Adam Huebner (6-3 239 So) Ind St transfer.

DT Brandon Villarreal Jr. 6-2 289 PS#72LB. 33 tkls, 4.5 tfl in '02. 24 tkls, 5 tfl LY. Jamaal Jones (6-4 286 Fr) PS#356 LY. Dontrey Flemings (6-2 297 Jr) 8 tkls LY. Trans to JC, ? for fall.

DT BRENT GROVER JR. 6-4 287 **PS#10LB.** 9 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 13 sts in '03, 32 tkls, 3.5 sks. Dan McGowen (6-0 280 So) PS#334LB. Josh O'Brien (6-4 237 rFr) PS#86TE.

DE Ray Edwards So. 6-6 260 **PS#19LB.** 10 tkls, 2.5 sks as true. **Jeremy Coley is PS#52JC.** Rob Ninkovich is PS#138JC. Eugene Bright (6-4 237 rFr) PS#176.

SLB Jon Goldsberry Sr. 6-3 241 PS#94RB. 25 tkls in 13 games as true in '02. 1 st at FB LY, 7 tkls, 14 yds. Bobby Iwuchukwu (6-2 236 Jr) PS#162, 4.49 spd. 18 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 years.

MLB George Hall So. 6-2 246 PS#86LB. 1 st at FB as rFr, 13 tkls, 2 tfl. Josh Ferguson (6-3 237 rFr) PS#184, 17 years old. Luis Vasquez is PS#98.

WLB Stanford Keglar rFr. 6-2 229 PS#115LB. Drew Rucks (6-2 217 So) PS#160WR. 1 start, 8 rec (9.1) as true. RS LY. Al Royal (6-0 232 So) moved from WR in spg.

CB Brian Hickman Jr. 6-0 178 PS#430. 4.4 spd. 13 games, 2Y, 2 tkl. Sean Petty (5-11 180 Jr) PS#377, 1 st, 9 tkls, 2 pbu, 2Y. Lance Melvin is PS#115. Desmond Tardy is PS#92.

CB ANTWAUN ROGERS SR. 6-2 172 **PS#31. 4.39 spd.** 12 sts, 3 int, 5 pbu in '01. 13 sts, 59 tkls, 13 pbu in '02. 13 sts, HM Big 10, 61 tkls, 8 pbu LY. Brandon Golder (5-9 183 rFr).

SS BERNARD POLLARD SO. 6-2 219 **PS#57.** 12 sts as **true.** 66 tkls, 4 tfl. Brian Mattaway (5-8 202 So) 10 tkls. John Lampert (6-3 205 So) PS#168. Grant Walker (6-2 189 rFr) PS#145QB.

FS Kyle Smith Jr. 6-4 217 PS#117QB. 1 st in '03, 11 tkls. Paul Long (6-2 185 rFr) PS#220. Rafael Price (6-1 188 rFr) PS#73WR. Mike Durett (6-0 204 rFr).

P Dave Brytus Fr. 6-4 235 PS#3K. 45.0 avg as So in HS. 8 of 12 FG's LY, long of 53. 20 TB's on 29 KO's. Aaron Levin (5-11 206 Sr) PS#49. Handled KO's in 2002.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Ryan Baker 6-6 225 PS#17
QB	Curtis Painter 6-4 200 PS#29
WR	Fabian Martin 5-11 185 PS#52
RB	Anthony Heygood 6-2 210 PS#57
WR	Bruce Gordon 5-11 195 PS#36JC
DL	Jeremy Coley 6-5 250 PS#52JC
PK	Dave Brytus 6-4 235 PS#3
QB	David Ramirez 6-2 190 PS#56
OL	Jordan Grimes 6-4 295 PS#89
OL	Sean Sester 6-8 275 PS#91
DB	Zach Logan 6-1 175 PS#90
DB	Desmond Tardy 6-1 180 PS#92
LB	Luis Vasquez 6-3 230 PS#98
WR	Brian Hare 6-3 200 PS#97JC
RB	Jimmy Ladd 6-2 218 PS#111
DB	Lance Melvin 5-9 190 PS#115
OL	Zach Smith 6-4 280 PS#138
DB	Christian Graham 6-2 192 PS#121

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	Syracuse (Sun)	G					Purdue is 24-11-2 ATS as a home favorite under HC Joe Tiller. PU is 5-23-1 ATS since 1994 when they score 20 pts or less. Purdue is 13-6-1 ATS since 1990 as a Big 10 away favorite.
Sep. 11	Ball St	G					Purdue is 4-8 ATS vs non-Big 10 opponents the last 12 lined games. The Boilermakers are 9-5 ATS the last 13 September home games.
Sep. 18							Purdue is 21-3 SU & 11-8 ATS vs current MAC teams since 1976. Boilermakers are 4-10 ATS prior to a bye week.
Sep. 25	at Illinois	A					Boilermakers are 4-7 ATS on artificial turf since 1999. Purdue is 8-14-2 ATS in Big 10 road games the last 6 years.
Oct. 2	at Notre Dame	G					The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 in this series. The Boilermakers are 1-7 ATS the last 8 in their 2nd straight away game.
Oct. 9	at Penn St	G					PU is 2-6-1 SU all-time vs Penn St, 1st meeting in 1951 (1-4 SU & ATS L/5). Purdue hasn't played 3 straight away games since 1972.
Oct. 16	Wisconsin (HC)	G					PU has covered 9 straight & are 20-6-2 ATS in Big 10 HG's under HC Tiller. Purdue is 8-1 SU & 7-1-1 ATS the last 9 Homecoming games.
Oct. 23	Michigan	G					Could apply: Boilermakers are 12-7-1 ATS since 1982 as home dogs. Purdue is just 2-12 SU, but 8-6 ATS vs Michigan S/'86 (1-4 ATS L/5).
Oct. 30	at Northwestern	G					The favorite is 6-2-1 ATS the last 9 meetings. Purdue is 15-4 SU & 13-5-1 ATS vs Northwestern since 1983.
Nov. 6	at Iowa	G					The Boilermakers are 4-2 SU, but 0-5-1 ATS in road finales since 1998. Purdue is 3-6 SU & 1-8 ATS the last 9 in their 2nd straight Big 10 AG.
Nov. 13	Ohio St	G					The Boilermakers are 4-12-2 ATS the game before Indiana since 1986. Purdue is 1-9 SU & 2-7-1 ATS the last 10 vs Ohio State.
Nov. 20	Indiana	G					Purdue is 6-10-1 ATS in home finales. The home team is 6-0 ATS in this series since 1998.
Nov. 27							As a sophomore, PU QB Orton passed for 283 yds vs IU (8th best ever in this series).

JOE TILLER (Career 94-62-1)
8th Year at Purdue

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

55-32	Straight Up	24-11-2	Home Favorite
42-33-4	Vs The Spread	4-2	Home Underdog
14-10-3	Off A SU Loss	11-9-1	Away Favorite
31-21-4	Vs Conference	3-11-1	Away Underdog
	11-12 Vs Non-Conference		

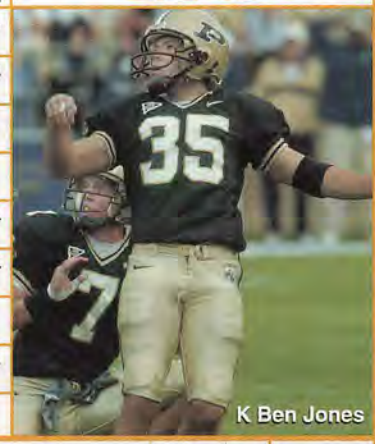
2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (15,15,2)
Lost: 22 (7,13,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,597

BIG 10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STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	8-4	7-4	8-3	6-5	6-6	9-3	52-28
ATS	6-4-1	7-5	5-6	6-5	4-6-1	6-4-1	8-3-1	42-33-4
Home Fav	2-1-1	5-1	2-2	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	6-1	24-11-2
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	4-2
Away Fav	3-1	1-1	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	1-1	11-9-1
Away Dog	0-1	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	3-11-1
Favorite	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	6-5	4-3-1	3-3-1	7-2	35-20-3
Dog	1-2	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-3	3-1	1-1-1	7-13-1
Grass	3-3-1	7-3	4-6	5-4	3-5-1	6-3-1	7-1-1	35-25-4
Artificial	3-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	7-8
vs Conf	5-2-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	5-2-1	31-21-4
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-3	3-1	11-12
Off SU Win	4-3	5-2	2-4	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1-1	26-19-1
Off SU Loss	2-0-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2-1	3-2-1	2-1	14-10-3

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerod Void	235	976	24	952	13	4.1
Jerome Brooks	79	365	16	349	2	4.4
Brandon Jones	77	299	13	286	3	3.7
Kyle Orton	112	489	252	237	3	2.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Orton	414	251	60.6	2885	15	7
Brandon Kirsch	4	3	75.0	27	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
John Standeford	77	1150	14.9	4	81
Taylor Stubblefield	86	835	9.7	3	43
Anthony Chambers	25	222	8.9	2	45
Ray Williams	15	204	13.6	3	36
Kyle Ingraham	13	140	10.8	2	22
Brandon Jones	12	140	11.7	1	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brent Slaton	78	3303	42.3	8	36.4	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Jones	36-37	10-12	5-7	9-9	1-2	25-30	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Landon Johnson	102	1.5	4	2	2
Niko Koutouvides	101	0	6	4	2
Stuart Schweigert	88	2.5	6	4	4
Gilbert Gardner	73	1.5	9	4	2
Bernard Pollard	66	0	4	1	0
Jacques Reeves	64	1	0	9	2
Antwaun Rogers	61	0	1	8	1
Shaun Phillips	58	14.5	9	5	1
Craig Terrill	38	8.5	7	1	0
Brent Grover	32	3.5	2	0	0
Brandon Villarreal	24	1	4	0	0
Kevin Nesfield	24	3	6	1	0
Bobby Iwuchukwu	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Anthony Chambers	47	499	10.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerome Brooks	32	701	21.9	0
Jerod Void	5	118	23.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Outback	-5'	Georgia (OT)	25-28	L
00	Rose	-1'	Washington	24-34	L
01	Sun	+6'	Washington St	27-33	W
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24	W
03	Capital One	+3'	Georgia (OT)	27-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.8	20	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	+12	2003	9	17.4	16	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197	61.0	15.6
8*	32.0	25	130	4.1	332	60.2	14.4	+1	1999	4	25.4	19	139	3.6	227	55.8	14.4
4	34.2	24	116	3.8	324	63.5	12.9	+5	1998	8	21.2	19	145	3.5	194	52.9	16.0

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Bowling Green	18	28-95	3.4	26-42	255	0	22	41-50	1.2	22-40	357	2	0
at Wake Forest	19	37-116	3.1	26-36	227	1	15	34-56	1.6	18-30	188	1	0
Arizona	28	52-292	5.6	19-31	288	0	12	31-66	2.1	13-31	108	3	+2
Notre Dame	13	41-96	2.3	12-24	127	5	18	25-49	2.0	29-62	297	1	+4
Illinois	29	67-324	4.8	13-20	209	1	11	17-38	2.2	17-28	153	2	+1
Penn St	19	51-219	4.3	17-28	131	0	13	27-106	3.9	10-32	98	3	+2
at Wisconsin	27	38-66	1.7	38-55	411	7	12	34-97	2.9	11-18	196	7	+3
at Michigan	13	29-58	2.0	18-37	184	7	19	38-105	2.8	18-33	240	5	-2
Northwestern	23	48-178	3.7	14-24	212	2	20	51-161	3.2	14-24	165	4	+4
Iowa	16	44-154	3.5	13-20	167	0	16	36-98	2.7	16-29	203	2	+1
at Ohio St	24	36-106	2.9	27-47	249	2	15	39-125	3.2	15-30	226	5	-2
at Indiana	20	52-173	3.3	11-20	222	3	16	47-196	4.2	12-26	115	3	-2
† Georgia	15	29-59	2.0	20-35	230	5	23	47-113	2.4	27-37	327	3	+1
TOTALS	264	552-1936	3.5	254-419	2912	33	212	467-1260	2.7	222-420	2673	41	+12
AVERAGES	20.3	42-149	3.5	20-32	224	2.5	16.3	36-97	2.7	17-32	206	3.2	0.9

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCF	-17	47-13	W
Notre Dame	-4	28-23	W
C Michigan	-37'	58-16	W
Northwestern	-28	31-23	L
at Michigan	+6	12-38	L
at Ohio St	+2'	22-25	L
Michigan St	+2'	52-28	W
Penn St	+4	25-31	L
at Minnesota	-3	33-28	W
Wisconsin	-1	21-28	L
at Indiana	-13	30-24	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-38	48-0	W
Kent St	-43	45-10	L
at Notre Dame	-6	21-23	L
Minnesota	-13	38-24	W
at Penn St	-13	20-22	L
Michigan	-2	32-31	L
at Northwestern	-3'	41-28	W
at Wisconsin	-5'	30-24 OT	W
Ohio St	-1'	31-27	W
at Michigan St	-8	10-30	L
Indiana	-16'	41-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-8	19-14	L
Akron	-18	33-14	W
at Minnesota	-4	35-28 OT	W
Iowa	-3'	23-14	W
at Michigan	+11	10-24	L
Northwestern	-5	32-27	T
Illinois	-2	13-38	L
at Ohio St	+6	9-35	L
Michigan St	-3	24-14	W
at Indiana	+2'	7-13	L
Notre Dame	-2'	18-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	51-10	–
at Notre Dame	+5'	17-24	L
W Michigan	-17	28-24	L
Wake Forest	-9'	21-24	L
Minnesota	-3	28-15	W
at Iowa	+9	28-31	W
at Illinois	-3'	31-38 OT	L
Michigan	+3'	21-23	W
at Northwestern	-13'	42-13	W
Ohio St	+5'	6-10	W
at Michigan St	-3	45-42	T
Indiana	-22	34-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-11	26-27	L
at Wake Forest	+.5	16-10	W
Arizona	-27'	59-7	W
Notre Dame	-10'	23-10	W
Illinois	-14	43-10	W
Penn St	-12	28-14	W
at Wisconsin	-2	26-23	W
at Michigan	+4'	3-31	L
Northwestern	-18	34-14	W
Iowa	-3	27-14	W
at Ohio St	+3	13-16 OT	T
at Indiana	-24'	24-16	L

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Smoker (PS#3) had six starts as a true frosh in 2000 and eleven starts in 2001 when he was #1 in the Big 10 in pass efficiency. After five games in 2002 he was benched despite leading the conference with 12 TD passes and then was suspended and the Spartans struggled in the second half of the season without him. Smoker was a question mark all of the spring and summer of 2003 before being allowed to rejoin the team in mid-August. He immediately claimed the starter's job and had another solid season throwing for 3,395 yards (61.9%) with a 21-14 ratio while rushing for 98 yards. When Smoker was injured vs LA Tech, Damon Dowdell (PS#72) took over. Dowdell had 6 starts in 2001 and 2002 combining to throw for 1,459 yards with a 12-6 ratio while rushing for 167 yards. In 2001 vs Minnesota, on a key play, he could have run for a FD but threw incomplete which was the game's big turning point. He did the same thing vs LT allowing the Bulldogs to come back and grab the win. Dowdell did not see action after that. Drew Stanton (PS#16) played in 13 games, mostly on special teams (upman on punts) and attempted just 3 passes with 52 yards rushing while recording 13 tackles. He suffered a knee injury in the bowl and missed spring but should be able to return for the fall. Coaches like their own recruits and Smith brought in Stephen Reaves (PS#110, son of former NFL QB John Reaves) and was very impressed with his work on the scout team. Also in this year is true frosh Brian Hoyer (PS#23). Smoker (#6DC STL) leaves with the most career wins (21) of any MSU QB topping Steve Juday (1963-'65, 18) and is also the career leader in passing yards, total offense, TD passes, completions and attempts. This unit is a lot less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 David Richard led the team in rushing with 654 yards which was the lowest team leading total since 1986. Jaren Hayes (PS#30) had 113 yards in the season finale vs Penn St and was the team's top returning rusher last year. Hayes rushed for 609 yards (4.2) with most of it coming early as he suffered turf toe and knee injuries and in the final four games had just 23 yards. He did set a school record for rec's by a RB (48). Much was expected of Tyrell Dortch (PS#4) who was coming off of leg surgery but he was far from 100% and rushed for just 279 yards (4.3). He moved to BAN this year and Hayes moved to CB. They moved DB DeAndra Cobb (PS#115JC) to RB in late Sept and he rushed for 172 yards (4.5) including 88 vs Wisconsin. Jason Teague (5-9 191 Jr) had 244 yards (5.2). All of the RB's are back and Hayes and Dortch could return to this position in the fall. They add in 21 year old redshirt frosh Sylvester "Bobo" Brown who originally signed with Mississippi in 2001 and spent two years at Milford Academy along with Kris Bush (5-11 200 rFr, PS#197LB) as well as this year's frosh signees. I look for improved rushing numbers.

RB DeAndra Cobb

RECEIVERS - Last season the Spartans had to replace Charles Rogers who was the second overall pick in the NFL draft as well as their #2 all-time receiver. Star TE Eric Knott was injured in the opener and was not 100% the rest of the year. Keep in mind the TE is a key component in Smith's offense and twice in his tenure at Louisville he had a player lead all NCAA TE's in rec's. A lot of talk in the preseason was about how Matt Trannon who is 6-6 yet has 4.5 speed was Rogers' heir apparent. Trannon, who had a year away from football, did not live up to the hype with 28 rec (9.2) and should have a bigger impact this year. He played on the basketball team. Agim Shabaj (PS#33) had 19 rec in the first three games before injuring his shoulder but still led the team with 57 rec (12.1). Kyle Brown (PS#6) had a knee injury in HS and finally regained all of his speed (fastest WR on team) and had 29 rec (16.6). Aaron Alexander (PS#20QB) moved over from QB in the spring of 2003 and had 44 rec (11.9). The great news for this unit is that basically everyone is back with the only loss being WR Ziehl Kavanaght. Not listed in the 2 deep below are TE's Matt Walters (6-2 241 Sr, PS#171JC), Ryan Woods (6-4 251 Jr, 1 st, 8 rec in '02), WR Irving Campbell (5-11 180 rFr), Jamar Jones (6-3 208 rFr, PS#278) and preferred walk-on Jeremy Orr who was PS#125 and is a member of the track team (4.3 spd). Also not listed are this year's very talented true frosh which includes no less than 4 VHT's and 2 near-VHT's. There is plenty of NFL caliber talent in the Spartan receiving corps and this has the makings of one of the best units in the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Spartans O-line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had 7 of their top 10 OL's returning including 3 starters but the blockers had to learn a brand-new offensive system. The unit struggled for most of the season and they averaged just 97 ypg and 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. This year they lose 3 starters, RG Paul Harker (13 sts, HM Big 10), LG Joe Tate (13 sts, 2nd Tm B10) and RT Steve Stewart (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm Big 10) as well as 2nd string LG Joe Brooks. They do have a lot of talent below and keep an eye on RT Mike Gyetvai who does not have a high PS# but was one of the top players coming out of Canada last year. Despite being less experienced, this group should come close to matching 2003's production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans defense had a miserable year in 2002 allowing 4.7 ypc rushing and recording just 17 sacks. Last year almost everyone returned but starting DT Brandon McKinney missed the year with injury. The improved DL was a big part of the Spartans' overall defensive improvement as the team allowed 3.2 ypc rushing and recorded 45 sacks. This year the losses are much heavier with DE Greg Taplin (12 sts, 46 tkls, 10 sks, 2nd Tm B10), DT Matthias Askew (11 sts, 69 tkls, 6 sks, #4DC CIN), DT Kyle Rasmussen (7 sts, 22 tkls), DT Greg Yeaster (6 sts, 16 tkl, 2 tfl) and DE Luc Mullinder (5 tkl) all departing. Four players return with starting experience and they add a couple of JUCO's in the fall. Last year's unit performed beyond my expectations and this group definitely has potential but the defensive front is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - The Spartans had all 3 starters returning last season and basically four LB's played. This year they must replace WLB Mike Labinjo (13 sts, 94 tkls, 12 tfl), BAN Monquiz Wedlow (4 sts, 27 tkls, 3 tfl) as well as BAN Robert Flagg (9 tkls, 1 sk). Two starters return to the unit and they move in Tyrell Dortch at BAN from RB who is another year removed from his severe leg injury. Even though the unit is less experienced than last year, it could be just as solid.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans finished a surprising #48 in my pass D rankings in 2002 despite their 4-8 record. Last year they had to replace 3 of their top 4 CB's as well as a starting SS. The inexperienced CB's were toasted often as the team allowed 255 ypg passing and dropped to #69 in my pass D rankings as they yielded 54.2% with a 27-15 ratio. The only losses from last year are FS Derron Ware (1 st, 28 tkl), FS Jeremiah McLaurin (8 tkl) and CB Carlos Alexander (4 tkl). Not only do all 4 starters return but SS Eric Smith is back after missing the end of 2003 due to injury which allowed VHT Greg Cooper (PS#11) to earn 4 starts. Last year's leading rusher Jaren Hayes solidified one CB spot in the spring according to Smith. They also add in a VHT in Michael Bell (PS#30WR). I look for significant improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Smith always has exceptional special teams units playing many starters and allotting a lot of practice time for them. His Louisville team had a #16 finish in my rankings in 2001 and moved up to #8 in 2002 as they blocked 9 punts that year. Smith inherited a unit that finished just #99 but he had an immediate impact. Dave Rayner had a lot of TB's and the team allowed just 16.3 per KR. Jason Daily was the starting punter in 2002 and averaged 40.4 but tore ligaments in his ankle in August and rFr Brandon Fields (PS#37) took over. While Fields had the benefit of Rayner doing the pooch punting (14 punts, 40.4) which helps a P's average, his 46.4 avg was part of the team's 40.7 net. Rayner hit 12 FG's in a row which was one away from the school record before he missed a 57 yarder. His 22 FG's on the season tied a school record, both owned by Paul Edinger (1998). DeAndra "Turbo" Cobb had three KR TD's averaging an amazing 27.2. Smith noted last year that the team would take time to develop the punt block team as they had just one last season. This year basically everyone is back with the only loss being PR Ziehl Kavanaght (7.9) and they will contend for the #1 special teams ranking.

COACHES - Head Coach John L Smith was hired here just prior to Louisville's 2002 bowl and that really affected UL's bowl performance. Smith is in his 16th year and has a 118-65 record and has led his teams to 7 straight bowl games. Smith was given a contract that pays him $1.26 million (more than Coach Carr of Michigan) when he signed it. His OC is Dave Baldwin who was the OC at Baylor in 2002, Cincinnati in 2001 and San Jose St's head coach from 1997-2000. DC Chris Smeland followed Smith from L'ville and is now in his second year at that position.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I said that Smith was stepping into a great situation as he inherited 6 starters on offense and 8 on defense with just 17 lettermen lost from the most underachieving team in the NCAA in 2002. I mentioned that teams tend to buy into a new coach's program quicker when they have solid early season success and that the Spartans would be favored early on and would have a chance at opening 5-1. The Spartans did suffer a tough loss early when they led Louisiana Tech 19-7 but allowed 2 TD's in the last 1:09 including a last play TD. They still managed to open 7-1 and for the first time since 1968 MSU entered the Michigan game with a better record than UM. I had called for a 2H stumble in Big 10 play, much like Minnesota did the previous year and that is precisely what happened. They did take advantage of a letdown Minny team in their 44-38 win as the Gophers were coming off a tough National TV loss but then lost to Michigan, Ohio St and Wisconsin in back-to-back-to-back weeks and were 5-3 in league play. Interestingly, the Spartans were outgained by 14.1 ypg in Big 10 play but still managed a winning record thanks to being +11 in turnovers on the season. This year they once again have a veteran cast back with 7 starters on offense and 7 on defense. They must break in a new QB and have some question marks on the O-line and at RB. They may find it difficult to top last year's 27.9 ppg without an inexperienced QB. The defense played more to its talent level last season allowing 10.7 ppg less than 2002's underachieving team. There are two keys to the Spartans' season this year. The first is the performance of their new starting QB and the second is how the Spartans fare in crucial home games vs contending Big 10 rivals Minnesota, Ohio St and Wisconsin. Smith still should get his team to his 8th straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Drew Stanton So. 6-3 223 **PS#16**. 39 yds pass, 52 rush, 13 tkls LY but ACL inj in bowl. **Stephen Reaves** (6-1 200 rFr) PS#110. **Damon Dowdell** (6-1 220 Sr) 6 sts, 3Y.

RB DeANDRA COBB SR. 5-10 191 PS#115JC. L/3 sts LY, 172 rush (4.5), 28 KR (27.2). Jehuu Caulcrick (6-0 250 rFr) PS#55. Jason Teague (5-9 191 Jr) PS#331. 244 yds (5.2) LY.

WR KYLE BROWN JR. 6-1 200 **PS#6**. 7 sts in '03, 29 rec (16.6). Terry Love (5-11 169 rFr) PS#45. **Kenny Jackson** (6-2 197 Jr) is **PS#87JUCO**. Here in fall.

WR AARON ALEXANDER JR. 6-5 196 **PS#20QB**. 9 sts in '03, 44 rec (11.9). **Matt Trannon** (6-6 228 So) **PS#16TE**. 6 starts, 28 rec (9.2). Also on the basketball team.

WR AGIM SHABAJ JR. 5-10 187 **PS#33**. 6 rec as true. 12 sts in '03, #1 w/57 rec (12.1), sprinter on track tm. Jerramy Scott (5-10 183 So) PS#71. 2 starts, 19 rec (11.2) LY.

TE ERIC KNOTT SR. 6-3 254 **PS#1**. 9 sts in '02, 35 rec (10.0). 8 sts LY (inj) 31 rec (9.9). Jason Randall (6-5 260 Sr) PS#46. 11 sts in '02, 20 rec. 4 sts LY, 21 rec (10.4).

C CHRIS MORRIS JR. 6-4 293 **PS#85**. 2nd string in '01 & '02. 13 sts in '03 at C. John Masters (6-4 270 rFr) PS#212. **LS** Brian Bury (6-0 238 So). Gets ball to P in .1 sec.

RG William Whitticker Sr. 6-5 319 **PS#67**. 11 sts as rFr, 359 minutes. First 8 sts in '02, 281 minutes. 2nd string LY. Gordon Niebylski (6-3 310 Jr) **PS#92**. 2nd string 2Y, 1 start.

LG Kyle Cook So. 6-3 296 **PS#53OL**. 2nd string OL as rFr. 450 bench. Luis Fonseca is PS#209OL. In for spring. Gary Elmore (6-1 265 So). Travel squad LY.

RT Sean Poole Sr. 6-7 294 **PS#26**. 4 games in '01. 7 games in '02. 2 sts at LT in '03. **Mike Gyetvai** (6-7 312 rFr) 1 of top Canadian OL's in HS. Jesse Miller is PS#157.

LT STEFON WHEELER JR. 6-5 329 2nd string in '01 but RS. 3 sts at LT in '02. 10 sts at LT LY. Pete Clifford (6-7 310 rFr) PS#406. Missed spg '04 (inj). Roland Martin is **PS#2.**

K DAVE RAYNER SR. 6-2 207 PS#27. 10 of 16 FG's in '02, long of 53. Super 22 of 29 FG LY, long of 52, 4 of 8 from 50+! 38 of 74 TB's. John Goss is PS#171JC. 5-6 FG's LY.

DE Clifton Ryan So. 6-2 289 **PS#33LB**. 2 sts, 16 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Michael Bazemore (6-3 260 Jr) **PS#37DL**. 13 tkls, 2 tfl, 2Y. Maurice Smith-Davis (6-1 245 rFr).

DT Kevin Vickerson Sr. 6-4 283 **PS#40**. 2 sts, 13 tkls in '01. 6 starts in '02, 42 tkls, 6 tfl. 18 tkls, 6 tfl LY. **Domata Peko** is **PS#10JC**. Tom Kaczmarek (6-5 278 Fr). In for spring.

DT Brandon McKinney Jr. 6-3 330 **PS#46**. 4 sts in '02, 26 tkls, 3 tfl. Med RS in '03. Daniel Zynn (6-2 303 So) PS#112DL in '02. At JUCO LY. Joe Toth (6-2 279 rFr) PS#386OL.

DE CLIFFORD DUKES SR. 6-3 257 PS#138LB. 14 sts in '01 & '02, 80 tkls, 6 sks. 13 sts LY, 57 tkls, 7 sks, **2nd Tm B10**. Daryl Melvin (6-5 258 Jr) PS#146JC LY. Steve Kielp (6-6 235 So) PS#68DB.

WLB SETH MITCHELL JR. 6-2 248 **PS#21**. 5 sts in '02, 29 tkls. 9 sts in '03, 103 tkls. 7 tfl. Kaleb Thornhill (6-1 236 rFr) PS#171. Hugh D'Imperio is PS#36.

MLB RONALD STANLEY SR. 6-0 232 PS#65. 11 sts as **true**, 43 tkls. 11 sts in '02, 99 tkls, 9 tfl. 12 sts LY, 101 tkls, 6 tfl. David Herron Jr (6-1 250 So) PS#175RB. 8 tkls in '03.

BAN Tyrell Dortch Sr. 5-10 206 **PS#4RB**. 57 yards rush, 2 starts at CB in '01, Inj L/2Y. Griff Howard (6-1 179 rFr) PS#182QB. Sir Darean Adams is PS#60QB.

CB RODERICK MAPLES SR. 5-10 189 PS#67. 30 tkls in '01 & '02. 13 starts last year, 70 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu. **Michael Bell** (5-11 179 Fr) **PS#30WR**. In for spring. Kiel Beltinck (5-9 200 So).

CB JAREN HAYES JR. 5-9 183 **PS#30RB. 7 sts at RB** LY, #1 w/609 rush (4.2), 48 rec (8.6). **Darren Barnett** (6-0 186 Jr) **12 sts** LY, 42 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu. Ashton Watson (5-11 179 Jr) PS#61.

SS ERIC SMITH JR. 6-1 193 5 sts in '02. 9 sts LY (inj), 69 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu, 5 tfl, 4.45 speed. Heart & soul of the defense. Anthony Belasco (5-10 198 So) 2 tkls last year.

FS JASON HARMON SR. 5-11 199 PS#171. 8 sts in '02, 64 tkls, 3 int. 13 sts LY, 108 tkls. 3 int, 10 pbu, HM Big 10. **Greg Cooper** (5-11 185 So) **PS#11**. 4 sts, 34 tkls, 1 int as **true.**

P BRANDON FIELDS SO. 6-6 233 PS#37. **1st Tm Big 10**, 62 punts in '03, #2 in NCAA, 46.4 avg, team net 40.7. Rayner did **pooch** 14 (40.4). John Goss 44.2 avg at JC last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Roland Martin	6-5 326 PS#2
WR	Miles Williams	6-1 199 PS#22
WR	Carl Grimes	5-9 185 PS#25
QB	Brian Hoyer	6-2 189 PS#23
WR	Michael Bell	5-11 179 PS#30
DL	Domata Peko	6-2 273 PS#10JC
TE	Kellen Freeman-Davis	6-6 229 PS#6
LB	Dwayne Holmes	6-0 244 PS#33
LB	Hugh D'Imperio	6-4 229 PS#36
LB	Eric Andino	6-4 212 PS#39
WR	Richard Abney	5-11 187 PS#39
WR	Deon Curry	6-1 191 PS#45
RB	Leon Pennington	6-0 224 PS#58
DB	Eric Hines	5-9 182 PS#74
TE	Craig McGovern	6-3 231 PS#26
QB	Sir Darean Adams	6-0 209 PS#60
DB	Brian Brighton	5-10 183 PS#89
DB	Kenny Jackson	6-2 197 PS#87JC
RB	Tony Howard	5-10 193 PS#108
TE	Dan McGarry	6-6 236 PS#32
DL	Nick Smith	6-6 273 PS#139
OL	Jesse Miller	6-6 288 PS#157
DT	Daniel Zynn	6-2 303 PS#144JC
DL	Justin Kershaw	6-4 232 PS#158
PK	John Goss	6-3 217 PS#171JC
DB	Ron Stoops	6-3 195 PS#159

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Smith's records AT MICHIGAN ST

8-5	Straight Up	2-3	Home Favorite
6-6	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
2-2	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Underdog
		1-3	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,20,2)
Lost: 21 (8,12,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 72,830

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#21

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								MSU is 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 as a home dog. Michigan St is 3-6 ATS the last 9 Homecoming games. Spartans are 2-8 ATS the last 4 years as a double digit home favorite.
Sep. 4	at Rutgers	A						Michigan St is 3-8 ATS as a road favorite the last 11 games. MSU is 27-9-5 SU & 3-5 ATS vs current Big East members.
Sep. 11	C Michigan	G						The Spartans are 4-12 ATS the last 3 years as a home favorite. MSU is 3-2 SU, but just 1-4 ATS vs CMU (20+ HF every time).
Sep. 18	Notre Dame	G						The SU winner has covered 10 of the last 11 games in this series. MSU is 6-1 SU & ATS their last 7 vs the Irish.
Sep. 25	at Indiana	A						The Spartans are 3-6 ATS the last 9 as a Big 10 away favorite. MSU used to play their HG's on art turf until the start of the 2002 season.
Oct. 2	at Iowa	G						The dog is 13-3 ATS in the last 16 series meetings. Michigan St is 7-3 ATS in their 2nd straight away game since 1992.
Oct. 9	Illinois	G						Spartans are 3-6-1 ATS the L/10 Big 10 HG's, but 3-1 under HC Smith. MSU is 2-5 ATS the last 7 Big 10 home openers.
Oct. 16	Minnesota (HC)	G						MSU defeated UM 17 straight times ('77-'97), but LY MSU's win was 1st S/'97 vs UM. Michigan St is 8-4 SU & 7-4-1 ATS since 1994 prior to a bye week.
Oct. 23								
Oct. 30	at Michigan	A						MSU is 4-8 SU & 3-9 ATS since 1994 after a bye week. The SU winner has covered 10 out of the last 11 in this series.
Nov. 6	Ohio St	G						MSU has avoided letdown w/a 12-6 ATS mark after Michigan since 1986. Michigan St is 16-5-1 ATS the last 22 November home games.
Nov. 13	Wisconsin	G						MSU is an outstanding 10-3 SU & 12-0-1 ATS in their home finales S/'91. Spartans are 3-6 SU & ATS the last 9 vs the Badgers
Nov. 20	at Penn St	G						Michigan St is 3-7 ATS their last 10 November road games. MSU hasn't won in Happy Valley S/'65 (1-4 ATS since in Beaver Stadium).
Nov. 27								
Dec 4	at Hawaii	A						MSU is 1-5 SU & ATS since 1978 when traveling out west & beyond. Michigan St is just 3-11 ATS in their final road games since 1990.

DE Clifford Dukes

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (72,027)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-6	9-2	5-6	6-5	4-8	8-4	45-35
ATS	5-5-1	6-6	8-3	6-5	5-6	2-9-1	6-6	38-40-2
Home Fav	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	1-4	1-5	2-3	16-17
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	1-1	7-5-1
Away Fav	1-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-8
Away Dog	1-0-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	11-10-1
Favorite	3-3	3-3	6-2	3-3	1-5	1-5	3-3	20-24
Dog	2-2-1	3-3	2-1	3-2	4-1	1-4-1	3-3	18-16-2
Grass	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-9-1	4-5	14-22-2
Artificial	4-4	5-4	6-2	4-2	3-5	0-0	2-1	24-18
vs Conf	2-5-1	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	5-3	25-29-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-3	13-11
Off SU Win	4-2	2-4	7-1	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	4-3	22-18-1
Off SU Loss	0-3-1	4-1	1-1	3-2	2-3	1-6	2-2	13-18-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jaren Hayes	145	659	50	609	5	4.2
Tyrell Dortch	65	306	27	279	3	4.3
Jason Teague	47	261	17	244	3	5.2
DeAndra Cobb	38	192	20	172	0	4.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jeff Smoker	488	302	61.9	3395	21	14
Damon Dowdell	12	7	58.3	54	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Agim Shabaj	57	692	12.1	5	73	
Aaron Alexander	44	522	11.9	3	53	
Kyle Brown	29	481	16.6	3	80	
Jaren Hayes	48	414	8.6	3	51	
Eric Knott	31	306	9.9	2	28	
Matt Trannon	28	259	9.2	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brandon Fields	62	2878	46.4	3	40.7	0	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dave Rayner	39-40	4-4	8-10	6-7	4-8	22-29	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Harmon	108	1	4	10	3
Seth Mitchell	103	2	5	2	0
Ronald Stanley	101	1	5	4	0
Mike Labinjo	94	5	7	5	3
Roderick Maples	70	1	4	9	2
Eric Smith	69	3	2	9	2
Matthias Askew	69	6	5	3	0
Clifford Dukes	57	7	0	3	0
Greg Taplin	46	10	4	6	1
Darren Barnett	42	0	0	11	2
Greg Cooper	34	0	0	4	1
Derron Ware	28	1	0	0	0
Monquiz Wedlow	27	2	1	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ziehl Kavanaght	26	206	7.9	0	
Agim Shabaj	12	38	3.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
DeAndra Cobb	28	763	27.2	3	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38	L
97	Aloha	+5	Washington	23-51	L
99	Citrus	+2'	Florida	37-34	W
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St	44-35	W
03	Alamo	+3	Nebraska	3-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MICHIGAN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.9	19	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	+11	2003	8	22.5	21	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0	164	51.6	15.0
9*	31.5	19	147	3.8	222	55.6	11.7	-3	1999	8	20.4	17	76	2.3	229	52.6	14.9
4	28.0	20	129	3.2	246	54.1	13.4	+3	1998	8	24.5	19	172	4.2	192	48.8	14.8

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
W Michigan	18	30 - 97	3.2	21 - 34	324	2		17	24 - 6	0.3	30 - 50	333	5	0
Rutgers	25	40 - 134	3.4	21 - 34	351	3		12	36 - (-2)	-0.1	14 - 31	266	4	-1
Louisiana Tech	17	42 - 169	4.0	19 - 30	192	2		23	19 - 61	3.2	35 - 63	436	3	+5
at Notre Dame	15	39 - 181	4.6	13 - 27	119	0		20	37 - 100	2.7	17 - 42	202	4	0
Iowa	17	32 - 45	1.4	28 - 44	218	4		14	39 - 107	2.7	11 - 23	158	5	+4
Indiana	30	27 - 104	3.9	33 - 41	382	3		19	45 - 117	2.6	14 - 31	168	6	+1
at Illinois	23	29 - 102	3.5	23 - 31	317	3		23	43 - 158	3.7	26 - 39	213	2	+3
at Minnesota	23	31 - 161	5.2	30 - 46	252	2		29	39 - 148	3.8	27 - 40	377	4	+3
Michigan	13	16 - 36	2.3	21 - 41	254	1		29	55 - 216	3.9	17 - 31	223	1	+1
at Ohio St	20	17 - 5	0.3	36 - 56	373	2		23	49 - 182	3.7	12 - 24	213	3	-1
at Wisconsin	18	34 - 95	2.8	17 - 33	215	5		25	39 - 245	6.3	17 - 26	385	2	-2
Penn St	21	30 - 119	4.0	29 - 50	357	0		13	31 - 55	1.8	16 - 33	183	4	+1
† Nebraska	13	23 - 18	0.8	21 - 39	156	5		20	54 - 229	4.2	8 - 17	160	2	-3
TOTALS	253	390 - 1266	3.2	312 - 506	3510	32		267	510 - 1622	3.2	244 - 450	3317	45	+11
AVERAGES	19.5	30 - 97	3.2	24 - 39	270	2.5		20.5	39 - 125	3.2	19 - 35	255	3.5	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	-10	27-20	L
E Michigan	-32	51-7	W
at Notre Dame	+6'	23-13	W
at Illinois	-7	27-10	W
Iowa	-21'	49-3	W
Michigan	+2'	34-31	W
at Purdue	-2'	28-52	L
at Wisconsin	+2	10-40	L
Ohio St	-5'	23-7	W
at Northwestern	-19	34-0	W
Penn St	-2	35-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-8	34-24	W
at Missouri	-9'	13-10	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-21	W
Northwestern	-11'	17-37	L
at Iowa	-9	16-21	L
Wisconsin	+3	10-17	L
at Michigan	+16'	0-14	W
Illinois	-2'	14-10	W
at Ohio St	+14'	13-27	W
Purdue	+8	30-10	W
at Penn St	+1	23-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-27	35-21	L
at Notre Dame	+9	17-10	W
at Northwestern	+7'	26-27	W
Iowa	-5	31-28	L
at Minnesota	-2'	19-28	L
at Wisconsin	+4	42-28	W
Michigan	+6	26-24	W
Indiana	-7	28-37	L
at Purdue	+3	14-24	L
Penn St	-2'	37-42	L
Missouri	-7'	55-7	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-37	56-7	W
Rice	-30	27-10	L
California	-13'	22-46	L
Notre Dame	-2'	17-21	L
Northwestern	-24'	39-24	L
at Iowa	+5	16-44	L
Minnesota	-4'	7-28	L
Wisconsin	+4	24-42	L
at Michigan	+14'	3-49	L
at Indiana	+1'	56-21	W
Purdue	+3	42-45	T
at Penn St	+21	7-61	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-13'	26-21	L
Rutgers	-19	44-28	L
Louisiana Tech	-11'	19-20	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	22-16	W
Iowa	+7	20-10	W
Indiana	-16	31-3	W
at Illinois	-3'	49-14	W
at Minnesota	+5'	44-38	W
Michigan	+3'	20-27	L
at Ohio St	+6'	23-33	L
at Wisconsin	+1'	21-56	L
Penn St	-5'	41-10	W

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Cats had to replace Zak Kustok who was brilliant at running their spread offense and completed 57.2% in 2001 with a 20-10 ratio. Early in the season true frosh Alexander Webb (PS#91) appeared to be close to taking the starting job but suffered a lacerated liver and redshirted. Brett Basanez (PS#24) ended up taking the job and leading all frosh in the NCAA with 2,204 yards (58.5%) with a 7-7 ratio. He did break a fibula and missed two games so Derell Jenkins (PS#33) was forced to burn his redshirt vs Indiana for just one series. The other QB that year, Tony Stauss opted to transfer prior to 2003. Basanez got off to a good start last year but against Air Force imploded in the 4Q hitting just 1 of his final 15 passes with 3 interceptions in the last 5:49 which cost them the game. Webb, the better runner with 4.5 speed, was brought in at times to run the QB draw but like Kustok has a below average arm. Basanez also had 3 fumbles vs Purdue but remained the starting QB the rest of the year despite his struggles. In the final two games against Illinois and the bowl he threw for just 24 and 58 yards. For the season he threw for 1,916 yards (53.6%) with a poor 4-12 ratio while rushing for 480 gross yards. Webb threw for 205 (48.5%) with a 0-1 ratio while rushing for 40. Webb transferred out of the program this spring. Added to the mix are Chris Malleo (6-3 215 rFr, PS#148) and true frosh CJ Bacher (PS#35) who has a big arm and is very athletic. This unit can only improve upon last year's poor numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Jason Wright rushed for 1,234 yards (5.6) in his first year as a starter in 2002. Noah Herron (PS#72) had 365 yards (5.5) as they replaced the school's all-time leading rusher Damien Anderson. Last year both returned and Wright opened with 196 yards vs Kansas on 41 attempts. He did suffer a hamstring injury vs Miami, Oh rushing for just 20 yards. He then injured his back and ankle vs Wisconsin and would have just 83 yards on 22 attempts over the next 3 games. Terrell Jordan (PS#240) led the team in rushing vs Purdue with 87 yards but Herron (230 lbs) blasted his way for 180 yards vs Penn St. Wright finished off his career on a great note with 251 yards and 4 TD's vs Illinois and then set Motor City Bowl records with 336 all-purpose yards including 237 rushing. He departs after 1,388 yards (5.2) with 20 TD's. Herron and Jordan are both back. Walk-on Nathan Shanks (5-11 220 rFr, PS#349) was the #3 TB in spring and they also signed 3 true frosh (see Newcomers). When the team uses a FB they have Erryn Cobb (6-1 245 So, PS#152DL). Naturally with the loss of a two-time 1,000 yard rusher, this unit is a little weaker.

RECEIVERS - The Cats had to replace their leading WR last year but did have back their #2, #3 and #4 receivers. TE Ray Bogenrief got in just six starts and had 9 rec's. He now departs as do starting WR's Kunle Patrick (13 sts, #1 w/32 rec) and Roger Jordan (10 sts, #2 w/31 rec). Jordan was leading the team in receptions with 30 when he was injured and missed two games. They also lost WR Ashton Aikens to an ACL injury after he had 18 rec's in the first six games. He's back this year as well as their #3 receiver, Mark Philmore (23 rec, 9.9, 2 sts). Against Purdue last year the top three WR's were all out with injuries which explains the team's conservative offense down the stretch. This season's group is still less experienced than it was heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NU's O-line paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including their top two OL's. Then in August the team was hit hard by injuries and had very little practice time together. Surprisingly NU averaged 4.7 ypc rushing and the OL allowed just 23 sacks. The great news this year is that basically everyone is back and I list an outstanding 2 deep below which includes four VHT starters and C Trevor Rees who started the last nine as a true frosh. The only losses are RG Bill Newton (4 sts) and backup Donnie Baskin. This unit averages 312 lbs across the front and is the Big 10's best O-line and I rate them #7 overall.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Northwestern had a deadly combination on the D-line as they were small, young and inexperienced. During the year they were overwhelmed at times and allowed 314 ypg rushing and 5.4 ypc while the defense recorded an amazingly low 6 sacks on the year. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for four starts and 76 tackles. One returning starter, David Thompson (PS#111), lost his spot to the much bigger Barry Cofield (6-4 305 Jr). As you would expect, NU had a much improved rush D allowing just 164 ypg and 4.1 ypc, their lowest totals in five years. The once small, inexperienced group now boasts five players who have been full-time starters at one point in their career. All four returning starters are HT's or VHT's and the unit now averages a hefty 295 lbs per man. In a quick span of two years this group has gone from an obvious weakness to a strength.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats LB's were very inexperienced in 2002, especially when star LB Pat Durr went down to injury in game one. As I chronicled in the DL writeup, the D had horrible numbers vs the rush. Last year seven players with starting experience returned and the unit showed solid improvement. This year they must replace MLB Pat Durr (13 sts, 138 tkls, 4 sks) and OLB Doug Szymul who led the team in tackles in 2002 with 106 but had just 16 last year. Braden Jones (39 tkls, 2 sts) was dismissed but Adam Kadela (PS#81) and Demetrius Eaton (PS#150RB) are very solid replacements. Tim McGarigle led the team in tackles and John Pickens moves back to the middle. Even with the loss of an outstanding player like Durr, this unit should at least be equal to 2003's standards.

OT Zach Strief

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats had an experienced secondary in 2002 but still finished #115 in my pass D rankings, partially due to the porous front 7. Last year they lost two starters to graduation and then Herschel Henderson was injured and missed the year. Also returning starting FS Jarvis Adams lost his job but his replacement Louis Ayeni was injured and missed the final 9 games. Converted RB Jeff Backes took over one CB spot and was picked on most of the year and the unit was rather inexperienced. This year the only losses are FS Torri Stuckey (12 sts, 82 tkls, 3 sks), Adams (11 tkls) and Ayeni (3 sts, 22 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and they not only have five players back who started four or more games last year, but they also get Henderson back. The Cats were #79 in my pass D rankings allowing 61.1% but with a respectable 15-15 ratio and should continue to climb in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cats finished #90 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and last year Walker talked about the outstanding speed the team had and how it would benefit the unit. The Cats struggled in the FG department missing their first two and then passing up some attempts. They didn't have a successful FG in the first four games. Slade Larscheid hit just 2 of 6 with a long of 39 and missed numerous games with a hip injury. Punter Brian Huffman (PS#8) hit 5 of 7 FG's with a long of 38. Joel Howells (6-4 225 So) missed not only a 25 yard FG attempt but an xp as well vs Wisconsin. Huffman did improve his net punting from 32.7 to 34.3 and should have his best season as a senior. Mark Philmore averaged 22.0 on four PR's and will probably be used more there replacing Kunle Patrick (6.0). The top KR, Derell Jenkins, averaged just 17.8 and those numbers should improve. The best thing the special teams did on the year was execute two successful fake FG's which were keys to victories over Wisconsin and Penn St. Overall the Cats finished just #92 in the special teams rankings and can only get better with everyone back.

COACHES - 2000's Big 10 Coach of the Year Randy Walker is back for his sixth year as the head man. Despite their 6-6 regular season record he got the team back to the post season for the second time in his tenure last year. At Miami (OH) he was 59-35-5 as the head coach. His OC is Mike Dunbar who enters his 3rd year at that spot here and was a head coach at both N Iowa and C Washington. DC Greg Colby is also in his third year in that role and was the DC at Kent St from 1998 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last nine years Northwestern has three Big 10 titles, the same as Ohio St and just one less than Michigan. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected NU last in the league and I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they were an amazing 8-3 during the regular season. In 2001 the media overreacted picking them first in the conference. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them a 9th place league finish a year after they had benefitted from +13 in turnovers. The 2001 version was hit hard by injuries and dropped to 4-7. They only had 9 starters back in 2002 and went just 3-9 but their 9 losses were to teams with a combined record of 76-39 (66.1%). Last year they had 15 starters back including 8 on defense. NU once again made my list of most improved teams in the country and once again went from a losing season to a bowl game. The defense showed the most improvement as after allowing 41.1 ppg on D in 2002 they yielded just 25.1 last year. The Cats suffered a very tough early season loss to Air Force where they led big but had 3 int's in the last 5:49 which shook Brett Basanez's confidence. They won in OT vs Indiana which turned out to be the key game of the season and then beat a Wisconsin team that was without their QB. They got to a bowl for just the fifth time in school history but could not earn their first bowl win since 1948, even though they led Bowling Green 17-7. The Cats have 17 starters back this year and the 11 lettermen lost are the second fewest in the league. Disconcerting is the fact that despite a 4-4 Big 10 record in 2003 they were outgained by 75.7 ypg in league play. Last year's team may have overachieved, but this year's team is very strong along both the offensive and defensive lines, an area that may not be flashy like the skill positions but one which determines many ball games. The non-conf schedule is not easy (TCU, Arizona St, Kansas and Hawaii) but provided QB Basanez regains his confidence, this is a stronger team than last year's bowl squad.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRETT BASANEZ JR. 6-2 210 **PS#24.** 2204 pass (58.5%) 7-7 ratio as rFr. 13 sts, 1916 yds (53.6%) 4-12 ratio, 480 rush LY. Chris Malleo (6-3 215 rFr) PS#148.

RB Noah Herron Sr. 5-11 230 PS#72. 5 sts, 365 (5.5) in '02. 8 sts LY, 739 (6.2), 19 rec. Terrell Jordan (5-10 200 Jr) 253 (5.5) LY. Joseph Ferguson (6-1 195 So) PS#59QB.

WR MARK PHILMORE JR. 5-10 185 1 st as true, 31 rec (7.9). 2 sts LY, 23 rec (9.9) miss 4 w/inj. Shaun Herbert (6-1 205 So) PS#115, 3 sts, 10 rec (10.5). Eric Batis (6-1 200 Sr).

WR Brandon Horn Jr. 6-1 220 PS#84. 6 rec as true. 3 sts, 10 rec, **super 28.5 ypc!** 62 yds rush. Sam Cheatham (5-10 185 rFr) PS#47. 4.45 spd. Kim Thompson (6-4 190 rFr).

WR ASHTON AIKENS SR. 6-2 200 **PS#52RB.** 3 sts, 8 rec in '02. 6 starts & 18 rec (8.0) til ACL in '03. TJ Jones (6-2 180 rFr) Jonathan Fields (5-8 175 Jr) 4.2 speed.

TE Taylor Jones Jr. 6-3 260 PS#144. Frayne Abernathy (6-3 235 rFr) PS#357DL. Sean Mansfield (6-3 240 Jr) PS#127. Ben Rinker (6-4 240 Fr) is PS#101.

C TREVOR REES SO. 6-2 280 PS#157. Started L/9 games as true, Off Newc of Yr. Jim Devine (6-2 290 So) PS#110DL. Vince Clarke (6-5 305 Jr) 2nd string last year.

RG MATT ULRICH SR. 6-2 310 **PS#66.** 9 games as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03 (4 @C, 9 @RG), fastest OL. Joe Tripodi (6-3 300 So) PS#104. **LS** Chris Horton (6-2 250 Jr).

LG IKE NDUKWE SR. 6-4 320 **PS#76.** 2nd string in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY. Greg Lutzen (6-4 290 Jr) PS#134. 21 tkls at DE in '02. 2nd string LY. Fred McConnell (6-3 285 rFr) PS#117.

RT ZACH STRIEF JR. 6-7 335 **PS#99.** 2nd string as rFr but started L/3. 13 sts LY, **HM Big 10.** Rick McDole (6-6 325 So) **PS#94** 2nd string LY. Ben Peterson (6-7 300 rFr).

LT TRAI ESSEX SR. 6-4 315 **PS#2TE.** 3 rec @TE as true. 12 sts @LT in '02. 13 sts LY. Joe Wohlscheid (6-7 310 Jr) PS#50TE. 5 sts, 3 rec (11.0). Austin Matthews (6-5 285 rFr) PS#181.

K SLADE LARSCHEID SO. 6-1 205 2 of 6 FG's, L/39 as rFr (inj'd L/6). Brian Huffman did KO's & 5 of 7 FG's, L/38 LY. Joel Howells (6-4 225 So) 0-1 FG's LY 40 TB in HS.

DE LOREN HOWARD JR. 6-4 280 **PS#33.** 12 sts as true, 81 tkls, 13 tfl. 13 sts LY, 68 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl, 15 qbh. **HM B10.** Warren Anderson (6-3 255 rFr) PS#129. Mark Koehn (6-3 245 rFr) PS#147.

DT LUIS CASTILLO SR. 6-3 305 PS#69. 8 sts in '02, 84 tkls, 12 sts LY, 70 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl. **Ryan Keenan** (6-4 280 So) PS#113, 1 st, 26 tkls as rFr. Ron Bardwell (6-3 295 So) PS#378.

DT COLBY CLARK SR. 6-2 290 PS#88. 11 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 10 tfl. 12 sts in '02, 81 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, 55 tkls, 4 tfl. Trevor Schultz (6-2 285 So) PS#228OL, 12 tkls as true. David Ngene (6-3 260 rFr) PS#151OL.

DE BARRY COFIELD JR. 6-4 305 PS#88, 36 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 46 tkls, 2 tfl, 6 qbh. **David Thompson** (6-3 265 Jr) PS#111, 12 sts as rFr. 73 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 1 st, 26 tkls LY.

OLB TIM McGARIGLE JR. 6-1 230 PS#204. 5 sts as true, 98 tkls, 1 tfl. 11 sts LY, #1 w/140 tkls, 6 tfl, **HM B10.** Kyle Wagner (6-2 230 rFr) PS#175. Campbell Black (6-3 220 So) PS#229.

MLB JOHN PICKENS SR. 6-2 240 **PS#44.** 22 tkls as true. 8 sts in 02, 101 tkls. 13 sts LY, 106 tkls, 6 tfl, 9 qbh. Eric VanderHorst (6-2 240 Jr) 3 sts in '02, 36 tkls. LY 8 gms, 5 tkls.

OLB Adam Kadela So. 6-2 240 PS#81, 5 tkls as true. Nick Roach (6-2 230 So) PS#116WR, 19 tkls as true. Demetrius Eaton (6-2 235 So) PS#150RB. FB on goal line.

CB Marquice Cole Jr. 5-9 185 Speed. 3 tkls in '02, 4 sts LY, 21 tkls, 2 pbu. Deante Battle (5-10 180 rFr) PS#98. Sundi Brewer-Griffin (6-0 190 Jr) PS#90RB. Andre Butler is PS#196.

CB JEFF BACKES JR. 5-9 190 **PS#35.** 3 sts at RB in '02, 750 all-purp yds. **4.37 spd.** 13 sts at CB LY, 49 tkls, 5 pbu. Ryan Black (5-10 175 rFr) PS#298WR. Cory Dious (5-9 165 So) 1 tkl.

SS DOMINIQUE PRICE SR. 6-0 215 4 sts as true, 45 tkls, 2 int. 6 sts in '02, 68 tkls. 6 sts LY, 75 tkls, 2 int, 4 tfl. **Herschel Henderson** (6-3 195 Jr) **9 sts in '02,** 48 tkls. Inj LY.

FS MARVIN WARD SR. 5-11 205 7 sts as rFr, 55 tkls, 10 pbu. 3 sts, 49 tkls in '01. 9 sts LY, 84 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu. **Bryan Heinz** (6-1 205 So) 6 sts, 62 tkls, **5 int,** 3 pbu. Frederic Tarver (6-2 205 Jr) PS#194.

P BRIAN HUFFMAN SR. 6-1 225 **PS#8.** KO's in 6 games as true. RS in '01. 66 punts in '02, 41.5 avg, 32.7 net. 72 punts LY, 39.9 avg, 34.3 net. Ryan Pederson (6-3 215 Jr).

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19-20-1	Vs Conference	11-9-1	Away Underdog
	10-7 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

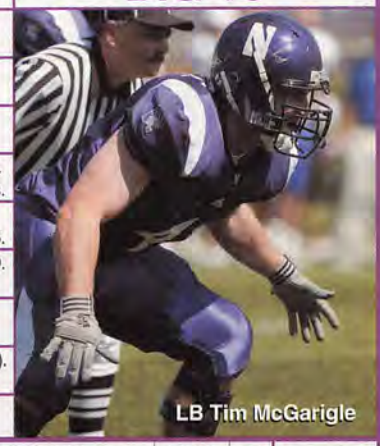
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (16,19,3)
Lost: 11 (6,5,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,771

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#7

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
									Northwestern is 19-11 ATS as a home dog since 1995. The Wildcats are 14-8-1 ATS on the road the last 4 years. Northwestern is 10-4-1 ATS the last 15 games as a 24+ pt dog.
Sep. 2	at TCU (Thur)	G							The Wildcats are 14-5 ATS the last 19 non-conference road games. TCU is 1 of 8 bowl teams NU will face TY (5 of those are on the road).
Sep. 11	Arizona St	G							Including bowls NU is 2-7-1 ATS vs current Pac 10 members. NU is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Arizona St being outscored 91-17, last game '78.
Sep. 18	Kansas	G							Northwestern is 20-9 SU (all-time) & 3-1 ATS S/'85 vs current B12 opp. Wildcats are 11-3 SU & ATS in the game before Big 10 play since 1990.
Sep. 25	at Minnesota	A							Northwestern is 21-7 ATS on artificial turf (8-0 ATS the last 4 years). The visitor has covered 9 in a row since 1993.
Oct. 2	Ohio St	G							NU is 0-27 SU since 1972, but have covered 4 of the last 6 vs Ohio St. Northwestern is 16-8 ATS as a conference home dog since 1995.
Oct. 9	Indiana	G							The home team is 5-2 ATS since 1995. Northwestern is 6-3 ATS since 1992 before a bye.
Oct. 16									
Oct. 23	at Wisconsin	A							The Wildcats are 7-2 ATS the week after a bye since 1992. NU is 4-3 SU & 6-1 ATS the last 7 games vs Wisky.
Oct. 30	Purdue (HC)	G							Northwestern is 3-2 SU, but 1-4 ATS in Homecoming games since '99. The Wildcats are 1-7 SU (last win in '96) & 1-6-1 ATS vs the Boilermakers.
Nov. 6	at Penn St	G							Northwestern is 5-2-1 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ game roadtrip. NU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS being outscored by an avg 33-16 vs PSU S/'96.
Nov. 13	at Michigan	A							Wildcats are 5-31-2 SU In the "Big House" but have covered 6 of the L/9. NU is 0-6 SU & ATS the L6Y the game prior to instate rival Illinois.
Nov. 20	Illinois	G							The dog is 9-5 ATS the last 14 in this series. Northwestern is 4-7 ATS since 1993 in home finales.
Nov. 27	at Hawaii	A							The Wildcats traveled to Hawaii to finish the '98 season & won 47-21 (-16'). Northwestern is 8-2 ATS in season finales the last 10 years.


LB Tim McGarigle

STADIUM: RYAN FIELD (47,130)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	3-9	3-8	8-3	4-7	3-9	6-6	32-49
ATS	7-5	6-6	4-7	8-3	3-7-1	6-6	8-4	42-38-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	6-10
Home Dog	4-0	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	15-11
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	7-3
Away Dog	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	2-1	14-14-1
Favorite	2-3	2-2	0-1	4-1	2-5	0-1	3-0	13-13
Dog	5-2	4-4	4-6	4-2	1-2-1	6-5	5-4	29-25-1
Grass	6-5	4-4	4-6	5-3	2-7-1	5-6	5-4	31-35-1
Artificial	1-0	2-2	0-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	11-3
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	2-6	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	28-27-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-1	14-11
Off SU Win	1-3	0-2	3-0	4-3	1-3	2-1	3-2	14-14
Off SU Loss	5-2	5-4	1-6	3-0	1-4-1	4-4	4-2	23-22-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Wright	267	1457	69	1388	20	5.2
Noah Herron	119	759	20	739	5	6.2
Terrell Jordan	46	262	9	253	1	5.5
Brett Basanez	128	480	261	219	2	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Basanez	302	162	53.6	1916	4	12
Alexander Webb	33	16	48.5	205	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Roger Jordan	31	442	14.3	0	40
Brandon Horn	10	285	28.5	2	77
Kunle Patrick	32	274	8.6	0	28
Jason Wright	18	251	13.9	1	53
Mark Philmore	23	228	9.9	0	32
Noah Herron	19	228	12.0	1	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Huffman	72	2872	39.9	14	34.3	2	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Slade Larscheid	19-19	0-1	2-4	0-1	0-0	2-6	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim McGarigle	140	1	5	1	1
Pat Durr	138	4	1	2	1
John Pickens	106	0	6	1	0
Marvin Ward	84	0	0	7	4
Torri Stuckey	82	3	2	2	2
Dominique Price	75	0	4	2	2
Luis Castillo	70	2.5	4	2	0
Loren Howard	68	8	8	2	0
Bryan Heinz	62	0	1	3	5
Colby Clark	55	0	4	2	0
Jeff Backes	49	0	1	5	0
Barry Cofield	46	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kunle Patrick	25	150	6.0	0
Mark Philmore	4	88	22.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derell Jenkins	18	320	17.8	0
Jeff Backes	9	202	22.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Rose	NL	California	20-14	–
95	Rose	+3	USC	32-41	L
96	Citrus	+8'	Tennessee	28-48	L
00	Alamo	+14'	Nebraska	17-66	L
03	Motor City	+7	Bowling Green	24-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	20.2	19	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	-2	2003	8	25.1	21	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8
6	12.8	16	141	3.1	143	41.8	22.2	-6	1999	6	27.4	19	188	4.3	200	48.3	14.2
3	17.8	15	93	2.5	202	53.1	16.6	-3	1998	5	28.1	18	163	3.8	207	53.3	13.1

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Kansas	25	51-248	4.9	23-36	219	0		14	27-100	3.7	13-30	255	1	+4
Air Force	21	41-218	5.3	15-38	234	1		14	53-270	5.1	6-12	139	0	-2
Miami, Oh	17	27-41	1.5	22-44	273	3		25	38-147	3.9	29-41	368	0	-1
at Duke	19	45-286	6.4	15-23	177	2		18	32-90	2.8	20-39	208	6	+1
at Ohio St	11	40-121	3.0	10-25	64	3		16	35-125	3.6	19-32	186	0	0
Minnesota	15	35-76	2.2	21-34	208	3		20	44-241	5.5	12-17	331	2	-2
at Indiana	20	51-192	3.8	13-20	191	0		25	58-327	5.6	13-20	204	1	+2
Wisconsin	20	52-245	4.7	10-23	176	1		19	38-135	3.6	20-36	193	2	-1
at Purdue	20	51-161	3.2	14-24	165	4		23	48-178	3.7	14-24	212	2	-4
Penn St	23	51-253	5.0	13-21	188	0		19	31-93	3.0	23-38	241	2	-2
Michigan	12	33-117	3.5	12-23	144	1		26	48-217	4.5	22-31	288	0	-2
at Illinois	26	70-444	6.3	3-9	24	4		25	34-122	3.6	32-56	281	2	+4
† Bowling Green	16	46-357	7.8	7-15	58	1		30	37-88	2.4	38-51	386	2	+1
TOTALS	245	593-2759	4.7	178-335	2121	23		274	523-2133	4.1	261-427	3292	20	-2
AVERAGES	18.8	46-212	4.7	14-26	163	1.8		21.1	40-164	4.1	20-33	253	1.5	-0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	+4	3-28	L
TCU	+8	17-7	W
at Duke	+8	15-12 OT	W
at Purdue	+28	23-31	W
Minnesota	+6'	14-33	L
at Indiana	+8	17-34	L
Iowa	-4'	23-21	L
Wisconsin	+23	19-35	W
at Michigan	+23	3-37	L
Michigan St	+19	0-34	L
at Illinois	+13'	7-29	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-8	35-17	W
Duke	-13'	38-5	W
at TCU	+11	14-41	L
at Wisconsin	+16'	47-44 2OT	W
at Michigan St	+11'	37-17	W
Indiana	-4	52-33	W
Purdue	+3'	28-41	L
at Minnesota	+5	41-35	W
Michigan	+7'	54-51	W
at Iowa	-12	17-27	L
Illinois	-7'	61-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	-3'	37-28	W
at Duke	-16	44-7	W
Michigan St	-7'	27-26	L
at Ohio St	+3	20-38	L
Minnesota	-12'	23-17	L
Penn St	-10	35-38	L
at Purdue	+5	27-32	T
at Indiana	-3	21-56	L
Iowa	+1	16-59	L
Bowling Green	-6	42-43	L
at Illinois	+18'	28-34	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	E	3-52	L
TCU	+6	24-48	L
Duke	-6	26-21	L
at Navy	+3	49-40	W
at Michigan St	+24'	24-39	W
Ohio St	+25	16-27	W
at Minnesota	+16'	42-45	W
at Penn St	+25'	0-49	L
Purdue	+13'	13-42	L
Indiana	+2'	41-37	W
at Iowa	+29'	10-62	L
Illinois	+14	24-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	-6	28-20	W
Air Force	+7'	21-22	W
Miami, Oh	+3	14-44	L
at Duke	+3	28-10	W
at Ohio St	+20'	0-20	W
Minnesota	+11'	17-42	L
at Indiana	-3'	37-31 OT	W
Wisconsin	+10	16-7	W
at Purdue	+18	14-34	L
Penn St	+5'	17-7	W
Michigan	+17'	10-41	L
at Illinois	-3'	37-20	W

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Jon Beutjer (PS#27) started 4 games for Iowa in 2000 throwing for 841 yards (61.6%) with a 6-3 ratio. He was my clear cut favorite to earn the starting job in 2002 after transferring. Turner instead chose to go back to alternating QB's which had been a problem in his first four seasons prior to settling on Kurt Kittner for their run to the Big 10 Title. Beutjer still led the Big 10 in passing despite starting just seven games as he threw for 2,511 yards (59%). Dustin Ward started the other games and threw for 877 yards (51.6%) with a 5-5 ratio. Last year Turner said that Beutjer was the definite starter and in seven starts he threw for 1,597 yards (63%) with a 10-9 ratio but unfortunately a back injury hampered him in his last few starts and then put him out for the season. Chris Pazan (PS#28) took over the starting duties and threw for 511 yards (59.8%) with a 2-2 ratio. Pazan, however, was pulled vs Minnesota after hitting just 4 of 6 for 12 yards. Ward threw for 221 yards in relief and started the final three games. Overall he threw for 648 yards (58.3%) with a 3-5 ratio although Pazan saw the bulk of the action vs Northwestern in the 2H throwing for 188 yards. Beutjer was granted a 6th year of eligibility and won the job with a productive and healthy spring. That leaves the backup spots to Pazan and Brad Bower (6-2 210 rFr, PS#30) of whom Turner has said the offense may be reworked to suit his mobility. Tim Brasic (6-2 185 So, PS#48) was the 2nd string QB last August but fell to #4 by season's end. As long as Beutjer is healthy, this unit looks to be in much better shape.

RUNNING BACKS - Turner likes to rely on two RB's but in 2002 VHT Antonio Harris (PS#19) rushed for 1,330 yards (4.8) as the team's feature back. Unfortunately Harris moved on and the leading returning rusher was FB Carey Davis who had 319 yards (5.4) in 2002. At TB, EB Halsey rushed for 139 yards in the opener and had every carry for the RB's vs UCLA when he rushed 24 times for 76 yards. Halsey was one of the NCAA's leaders in all-purpose yards when he went down to injury vs Mich and missed 3.5 games. He finished with 525 yards (3.8). In an August scrimmage, Marcus Mason (PS#58) rushed for over 100 yards but then was not cleared by the NCAA to play until the middle of Sept. Mason, who is Maryland's all-time leading HS rusher, got in one start and rushed for 214 yards (3.3). The major concern with him is that he is fumble-prone. Pierre Thomas (5-11 190 So, PS#32) took over the starting job when Halsey went down but then he was injured the next week and missed the rest of the year. Thomas had 233 yards (5.4). I list the FB's below including VHT Brock Bolen who was in for spring. This year the only losses are FB's Carey Davis (7 sts, 198 yards, 4.5, 39 rec), Brad Haywood (1 st, 28 yds) and TB Morris Virgil who moves to DB. This unit is more experienced than it was heading into last year.

RB E.B. Halsey

RECEIVERS - The Illini had an exceptional receiving corps in their Big 10 Title season which returned basically intact in 2002 but last year the top four receivers had to be replaced including a couple of DC's. They did return their starting TE Anthony McClellan but he lost his job to Melvin Bryant at the end of the year. I expected big things out of PS#3JC Kelvin Hayden, even naming him 4th team All-Big 10 in my preseason list despite the fact he was in his first year here. Hayden did not disappoint and in nine starts led the team with 52 rec (11.4) (miss 2 inj). This spring he was permanently moved to CB. True frosh Lonnie Hurst (PS#40) became the first true frosh position player under Turner to start the opener and in 9 starts had 27 rec (11.7) before being lost to injury vs Minnesota. The Illini played most of their last 3 without their top two WR's Ade Adeyemo (PS#33) had 3 starts and 16 rec (12.8) and Mark Kornfeld (PS#58QB) had 7 starts and 44 rec's (12.0). The good news is that the only losses from this unit are Eric McGoey (1 st, 15 rec, 15.3) and blocking TE Brett Boyter. This unit has a lot more experience and added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In OL Coach Harry Hiestand's first year (1997) he had only 7 scholarship athletes to work with. In 2002 he had 16 and the starters averaged 6-5 305 and the unit paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters (both NFL DC's) plus one backup. They did lose starting RG Bryan Koch to injury after 7 weeks and despite 3 returning starters, they only paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing but allowed just 21 sacks on 451 att's (4.7%). This year the only losses are OG Dave Hilderbrand (5 sts) and LT Sean Bubin (PS#39, 12 sts, 3 yr st'r, #5DC JAX) who was the team's Offensive MVP and did not allow a sack the last two years. Eight of the top 10 return and I expect Martin O'Donnell (PS#7) who was 2nd string as a true frosh but still redshirted to take over one of the starting spots. There could be some movement with Bucky Babcock possibly moving back to G where he was HM Big 10 in 2002. This has the makings of a top-notch OL and should continue to be strong pass blockers while improving the ypc rushing.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 26 sacks in 2002. Last year they only had to replace 3 players who combined for 12 starts and 53 tackles. However, Brian Schaefering who had 3 starts in 2002 was lost for the year with injury in August. They then lost starting DE Mike O'Brien in the first game after he recorded 9 tackles and 3 tfl. The Illini D struggled last season allowing 4.7 ypc while recording just 24 sacks. This year they must replace DE Derrick Strong (12 sts, 47 tkls, 4 sks) who was the team MVP, DT Charles Gilstrap (10 sts, 27 tkls, 2 sks) and DT Jeff Ruffin (6 sts, 22 tkls, 2 sks). They have two starters returning plus get O'Brien and Schaefering back and move in Chris Norwell from the O-line to help the run defense. As long as they do not suffer any major injuries, I think the Illini defensive front should be much stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Illinois was developing a reputation of "LB U" with two Butkus Award winners in 1994 and 1995. Last year they had to replace their Def POY but had 3 players with more than 7 starts returning. Only one ended up a starter (Matt Sinclair) who moved from OLB to MLB but I project him to move back outside this year. He lost 10 pounds last August due to a virus, never quite regaining his strength and had problems getting off blocks. Antonio Mason was solid as a first year starter and they are both back. The only losses are OLB Winston Taylor (12 sts, 108 tkl), OLB Ty Myers (5 sts, 37 tkl, 4 tfl) and WLB Joe Bevis (28 tkl). This is not an overwhelming unit but it should have increased production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing a surprisingly high #20 in my pass D rankings in 2001, the Illini dropped to #70 in 2002. Last season they had to replace both starting CB's including a 2nd round pick. They did lose four backups over the summer but still had four returning with starting experience. They continued to slide in the pass D rankings falling to #96 allowing 60.4% with a 15 TD's and just 2 int! They even took the redshirt off CB Alan Ball after four games to try to stop the bleeding. He ended up starting four games (missed 3 w/inj). This year they must replace CB Christian Morton (10 sts, 34 tkls, 10 pbu, #7DC NE), SS Marc Jackson (12 sts, 90 tkls, 5 tfl, PS#26) and SS Eric McGoey (1 st, 25 tkls, 3 tfl). Seven players return with starting experience and they add in last year's leading receiver Kelvin Hayden at CB and RB Morris Virgil at SS. Also moving over are RB James Cooper and WR Jamaal Clark moves back after a redshirt year on offense. Probably their best cover corner last year, Travis Williams, played at FS. I would expect the Illini to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Special teams has been a strength under Turner with their lowest finish being last year's #68. In 2002 they had their highest finish at #39 but they had to replace their K as well as Eugene Wilson who set a school record for PR yards and was named the teams Special Teams POY. The team has used two punters each of the last two seasons in Matt Minnes and Steve Weatherford. Last year Weatherford averaged 44.5 and Minnes (43.1 on 15 punts), both improvements over the 39.7 and 37.7 they averaged respectively in 2002. Both of them return. The top two KR's are back (EB Halsey 23.6, Marcus Mason 18.9). Halsey averaged 9.9 per PR with 1 TD. K John Gockman must be replaced but he hit just 14 of 22 FG's with a long of 48 although two misses were from 50+. With the top returnmen and punters all returning, I look for the Illini to move up in the special teams rankings.

COACHES - Ron Turner is now in his 8th year. He was the head man at San Jose St in 1992 and led the Spartans to a 7-4 record. He then moved on to be the OC of the Chicago Bears from 1993 to 1996. He went 0-11 and 3-8 in his first two seasons here but is 29-30 in the last five including 2001 when the team went 10-2 and were Big 10 champs. His teams have produced three of the top five offenses in terms of total yards in school history. They let go of DC Mike Cassity and promoted LB coach Mike Mallory to the top spot and brought in N Illinois DC Scott Shafer to coach the DB's this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Going into 2001 the Illini had not been above .500 in Big 10 play since 1994 but they earned their first outright Big 10 Title since 1983 with a 7-1 league mark. They finished the regular season ranked 7th in the country and defeated 3 ranked teams. That squad set the school record for most points in a season. Despite having 14 starters back in 2002, they weren't ranked in the preseason Top 25 polls. The offense was still solid averaging 446.3 ypg which was the tops in school history and for the second time ever they had a 1,000 yard rusher and receiver and led the Big 10 in passing offense. Unfortunately they finished just 4-4 in the Big 10 and suffered a shocking home loss to San Jose St which kept them from getting to a bowl game at 5-7. They lost to eventual National Champion Ohio St in OT, a game where they had a 21-16 FD edge. The 2002 defense was poor allowing 420 ypg, their worst mark since 1969. Surprisingly with 13 combined starters returning things got worse for the Illini last year. They suffered some misfortune early. Against Missouri they had a 23-12 FD edge and 411-223 yard edge but lost. Against UCLA they missed a 43 yard FG with :32 left and lost despite a 283-204 yard edge. They were deep in Cal territory but could not get one final play off from the 8 and lost by 7 and opened the year at just 1-3. With their confidence shot, they were destroyed in Big 10 play being outgained by an average of 161.3 ypg and outscored by 25.6 ppg, the worst marks in the league. They even let the Hoosiers snap an 11 game Big 10 losing steak by allowing a TD with :24 left. The Illini finished 0-8 in conf play for just the 3rd time in 60 years and had zero players on the 1st or 2nd Big 10 teams. Last year's squad was -18 in turnovers so they will clearly have a better record this year (see page 312). Last year's defense was even worse than 2002's allowing 426 ypg and 33.2 ppg. This year's D looks far from dominating with just six starters back and 11 lettermen lost but did import a number of offensive players. On offense, Jon Beutjer will have a solid senior year if healthy. The Illini should have better non-conf success and enter Big 10 play with more confidence but will need a magical season like 2001 just to flirt with a winning record.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JON BEUTJER SR. 6-5 211 PS#27. 4 sts at Iowa. 7 sts here in '02, 2511 yds (59%) 21-11 ratio. 7 sts LY, 1597 (63%) 10-9 ratio. Chris Pazan (6-2 210 So) **PS#28.** 2 sts LY.
RB EB HALSEY SO. 5-11 185 PS#38. 8 sts in '03 (inj) 525 yds (3.8), 37 rec (8.2). Pierre Thomas (5-11 190 So) PS#32. 233 yds (5.4). Marcus Mason 214 yds (3.3) LY.
FB Jason Davis Jr. 5-11 220 PS#376. 64 rush, 28 yds rec as true. 3 starts, 150 total yards LY. Brian Grzelakowski (5-11 210 rFr) PS#122. **Brock Bolen is PS#28.**
WR LONNIE HURST SO. 6-3 190 **PS#40.** 9 sts as true (inj) 27 rec (11.7). DeJuan Warren (6-3 195 rFr) PS#45QB. Kendrick Jones (6-1 180 Jr) PS#128. 2 rec's in 2 years.
WR ADE ADEYEMO SR. 6-0 195 **PS#33.** 3 sts, 16 rec (12.8). Mark Kornfeld (6-1 200 Sr) PS#58QB. 7 sts, 44 rec (12.0). Franklin Payne (6-0 185 So) PS#101. Impressive spg.
TE MELVIN BRYANT SO. 6-5 235 PS#22. Last 6 sts as rFr, 12 rec (9.5). Anthony McClellan (6-3 245 Sr) 10 sts, 11 rec in '02. 3 sts, 3 rec LY. Mike Trepina (6-3 240 So) PS#34.
C DUKE PRESTON SR. 6-5 305 PS#195. 2nd string in '01, 2 games. 12 sts in '02, Off MIP. 12 sts at C in 2003. Kyle Schnettgoecke (6-3 280 Jr) PS#126. 2nd string last year.
RG MATT MADDOX SO. 6-4 290 **PS#73.** 2nd string as true but RS. 12 sts at RG in '03. Jordan Kruger (6-4 285 Jr) 2nd string last year. Ben Amundsen (6-6 305 rFr) PS#154.
LG BRYAN KOCH SR. 6-3 285 PS#289. 2nd string in '02, 5 games. First 7 sts LY until neck inj. James Ryan (6-6 310 rFr) **PS#49.** Ryan McDonald (6-4 270 Fr) PS#149.
RT BUCKY BABCOCK SR. 6-4 305 PS#149. Wrestling champ in HS. 11 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02. HM Big 10 at **RG**. 12 sts at RT LY. Tony Sparkman (6-4 280 Fr) PS#145.
LT Martin O'Donnell rFr. 6-5 290 **PS#7OL.** 2nd string LY but RS. JJ Simmons (6-6 290 So) PS#291. Kevin Gage (6-6 285 rFr) **PS#69.** Jim LaBonte (6-7 300 rFr).
K Jason Reda Fr. 6-3 190 **PS#10.** 48 yd FG in HS, 65 yd FG in practice. Steve Weatherford 7 FG's of 40+ in HS. Justin Brantley (5-9 160 rFr). Dominic Shafer (5-10 180 So).

DE SCOTT MOSS JR. 6-3 260 PS#76LB. 10 sts LY, 34 tkls, 4 sks, 2 tfl. **Lee Robinson** (6-5 265 Sr) PS#86JUCO. 19 tkls, 2 tfl LY. James Stevenson (6-3 240 rFr) PS#78.
DT RYAN MATHA JR. 6-1 285 PS#258OL. 10 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 8 sts LY, 25 tkls, 1 sk. Adam Wilk (6-5 275 So) PS#222. Charles Myles (6-6 290 So) PS#167DL. No spg (inelig).
DT Chris Norwell rFr. 6-7 270 PS#162OL. Moved to DT in '04. Mike Maloney (6-3 280 Sr) PS#91DL. Brian Schaefering (6-5 280 Jr) PS#113DB, 3 sts, 34 tkls in '02. Med RS LY.
DE Mike O'Brien Sr. 6-6 225 **10 sts** in '01, 33 tkls, 5 sks, 9 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl. 1 st LY, 9 tkls, 3 tfl, inj & RS. Arthur Boyd (6-3 265 So) PS#227RB. 5 tkls LY
SLB MATT SINCLAIR SR. 6-3 240 PS#30DB. 8 sts. OLB in '02, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts @ MLB LY, HM B10, 129 tkls, 4 sks. Cyrus Garrett (6-3 230 So) **PS#41.** Scout Tm POY in '02. 3 tkls LY.
MLB Joe Mele rFr. 6-2 225 PS#161. Scout Tm Def & ST POY in '03. Mike Gawelek (6-2 230 Sr) PS#168. 25 tkls, 3Y. J Leman (6-3 220 rFr) PS#246. Sam Carson is **PS#23.**
WLB ANTONIO MASON JR. 6-0 245 PS#189. 17 tkls as rFr. 7 sts in '03, 90 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. Josh Tischer (6-1 215 Jr) PS#64. 14 tkls LY. Anthony Thornhill (6-1 215 rFr) PS#93.
CB Kelvin Hayden Sr. 6-0 198 **PS#3JC.** 9 sts at WR (inj) #1 w/52 rec LY. Sharriff Abdullah (5-8 180 So) 5 sts as rFr, 31 tkls, 2 pbu. **Taman Jordan** (5-11 195 Sr) **10 sts**, 39 tkls, 3Y.
CB ALAN BALL SO. 6-1 175 PS#153. 4 sts true (took off RS Wk 4) 44 tkls, 4 pbu. **Jamaal Clark** (6-2 195 Sr) **PS#23WR.** 15 tkls in '01 & '02. Med RS LY. James Cooper (5-11 200 Jr). Track.
SS Morris Virgil Sr. 5-10 195 PS#215RB. 216 rush yds (7.7) in '02. 1 st at RB LY, 127 tfl yds. Kevin Mitchell (6-0 190 rFr) PS#95. Brian Brosnan (6-1 205 Jr) 16 tkls in 2 yrs.
FS TRAVIS WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 185 PS#158. 6 sts in '02, 38 tkls, 1 int. 12 sts LY, 91 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Kyle Kleckner (6-0 195 Jr) PS#157WR. 18 tkls LY. Tyler Rouse (5-10 180 rFr).
P STEVE WEATHERFORD JR. 6-4 205 PS#36K. 23 punts in '02, 39.7 avg, 32.9 net. 46 punts in '03, 44.5 avg, 37.6 net. Matt Minnes (6-2 195 Sr) 15 punts LY, 43.1 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Sam Carson 6-1 225	PS#23
RB	Brock Bolen 6-1 230	PS#28
WR	Bryant Creamer 6-3 190	PS#51
DL	Xavier Fulton 6-5 270	PS#90
RB	Walter Mendenhall 6-0 200	PS#72
TE	J.R. Kraemer 6-5 220	PS#21
DL	Russ Weil 6-0 240	PS#111
LB	Remond Willis 6-1 220	PS#100
DL	Derek Walker 6-5 245	PS#140
OL	Tony Sparkman 6-4 280	PS#145
OL	Ryan McDonald 6-4 270	PS#149
DB	Justin Harrison 5-11 205	PS#135
PK	Jason Reda 6-3 190	PS#10
QB	Andre' Young 6-5 190	PS#123
DL	Jeff Sobol 6-4 250	PS#188
QB	Kisan Flakes 6-1 190	PS#126
OL	Dan Motuliak 6-4 270	PS#216
DB	Charles Bailey 6-1 195	PS#220
QB	Billy Garza 6-2 195	PS#166
WR	Jody Ellis 6-1 180	PS#301
WR	Alex Stroud 6-1 185	PS#304
DB	Anthony Brodnax 6-1 180	PS#482
DB	Jarvis Newson 6-0 185	PS#524
OL	Kyle Knezetic 6-1 195	PS#1060

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Turner's records AT ILLINOIS

32-49	Straight Up	8-9	Home Favorite
32-44-1	Vs The Spread	7-16	Home Underdog
13-28-1	Off A SU Loss	4-4	Away Favorite
22-33-1	Vs Conference	13-15-1	Away Underdog
	10-11 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,18,2)
Lost: 20 (6,11,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,961

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	Florida A&M	A					
Sep. 11	UCLA	A					
Sep. 18	W Michigan	A					
Sep. 25	Purdue	A					
Oct. 2	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 9	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 16	Michigan	A					
Oct. 23	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 30	Iowa (HC)	A					
Nov. 6	Indiana	A					
Nov. 13							
Nov. 20	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Illinois is 4-16 ATS as a home dog off a SU loss.
Fighting Illini are 3-15 SU & 5-13 ATS as a single digit dog.
UI had played Ohio St every year since 1914 but not last year or this year.

Illinois is 6-15 ATS their last 21 season openers.
Rattlers were to step up to IA ball this yr but decided to remain IAA for 2004.

Illinois is 2-8 SU & 1-9 ATS vs the Pac 10 at home since 1985.
The Illini are 5-2 ATS in this 2nd of 2+ game homestand.

Illinois is 4-0 SU but 1-3 ATS vs current MAC opponents.
May apply: Under Turner the Illini are 13-28-1 ATS after a SU loss.

UI is 0-10 SU & 2-7-1 ATS in their 1st Big 10 gm of the season.
The SU winner is 11-1-1 ATS the last 13 series games.

Illinois is 4-8 ATS vs the Badgers their last 12.
UI Is 5-11 ATS in Big 10 road games the last 4 years.

Illinois is 2-8 SU & ATS the last 10 meetings with the Spartans.
Spartans are the only team in the Big 10 that Turner has not beaten.

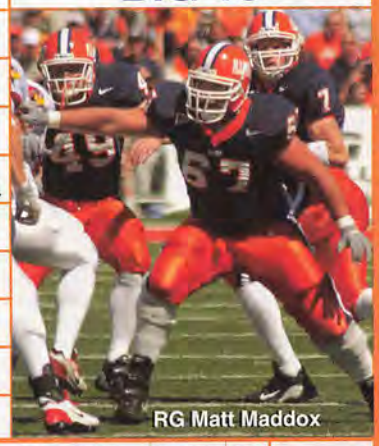
The visitor is 10-3 ATS since 1989 in this series.
Illinois is 6-2 ATS in their 1st HG after a 2+ game road trip since 1994.

Illinois is 1-5 ATS in their L/6 trips to the Metrodome since 1988.
Illinois is 3-7 ATS their last 10 vs the Golden Gophers.

Fighting Illini are 5-3-1 ATS the last 9 games with Iowa.
The last time the dog covered was in '95 in this series (0-5-1 ATS since then).

Illini are 12-6-2 ATS vs Hoosiers, but only 3-5 ATS since 1996.
Illinois is 4-8-1 ATS prior to a bye week.

Entering 2004 the Fighting Illini were 15-8-1 ATS on grass.
Visitor has covered 12 of 16 in this series.


RG Matt Maddox

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (70,904)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	3-8	7-4	5-6	10-1	5-7	1-11	31-48
ATS	2-8-1	4-6	7-4	4-7	7-4	7-5	1-10	32-44-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-3	3-3	2-1	0-1	8-9
Home Dog	1-5	1-3	1-3	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	7-16
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	4-4
Away Dog	1-3-1	3-2	3-1	0-3	2-1	3-1	1-4	13-15-1
Favorite	0-0	0-1	3-0	2-4	5-3	2-3	0-2	12-13
Dog	2-8-1	4-5	4-4	2-3	2-1	5-2	1-8	20-31-1
Grass	1-0-1	2-1	4-1	1-2	4-1	2-1	1-2	15-8-1
Artificial	1-8	2-5	3-3	3-5	3-3	5-4	0-8	17-36
vs Conf	2-5-1	3-5	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	0-8	22-33-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	10-11
Off SU Win	0-0	0-3	4-2	3-2	5-4	3-1	1-0	16-12
Off SU Loss	2-7-1	3-3	2-2	1-4	1-0	4-3	0-9	13-28-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
EB Halsey	140	537	12	525	2	3.8
Pierre Thomas	43	238	5	233	2	5.4
Marcus Mason	64	225	11	214	0	3.3
Carey Davis	44	203	5	198	0	4.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jon Beutjer	257	162	63.0	1597	10	9
Dustin Ward	108	63	58.3	648	3	5
Chris Pazan	82	49	59.8	511	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kelvin Hayden	52	592	11.4	3	72	
Mark Kornfeld	44	527	12.0	3	32	
Lonnie Hurst	27	315	11.7	1	30	
EB Halsey	37	303	8.2	4	29	
Carey Davis	39	236	6.1	1	24	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Steve Weatherford	46	2045	44.5	9	37.6	0	8
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
John Gockman	21-21	6-6	3-4	5-10	0-2	14-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Sinclair	129	4	0	2	0
Winston Taylor	108	3	2	2	0
Travis Williams	91	0	2	2	1
Marc Jackson	90	2	3	4	1
Antonio Mason	90	0	3	3	0
Derrick Strong	47	4	7	1	0
Alan Ball	44	0	0	4	0
Ty Myers	37	2	2	0	0
Scott Moss	34	4	2	0	0
Christian Morton	34	1	1	10	0
Sharriff Abdullah	31	0	1	2	0
Joe Bevis	28	0	0	0	0
Charles Gilstrap	27	2	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
EB Halsey	8	79	9.9	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
EB Halsey	16	378	23.6	0
Marcus Mason	11	208	18.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA	3-6	W
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27	L
94	Liberty	-7	E Carolina	30-0	W
99	MicronPC	+2'	Virginia	63-21	W
01	Sugar	+2	LSU	34-47	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	16.9	19	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	-18	2003	7	33.2	24	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9
6*	32.3	21	174	4.3	234	54.2	12.6	+13	1999	8	22.8	21	170	4.1	218	53.2	17.0
6*	13.5	15	142	3.8	146	46.5	21.3	-11	1998	8	29.6	21	154	3.7	217	55.7	12.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Missouri	23	34-127	3.7	31-45	284	2	12	41-121	3.0	12-18	102	2	-1
Illinois St	23	41-254	6.2	16-24	207	0	27	29-126	4.3	33-56	385	1	+1
at UCLA	16	26-67	2.6	26-42	216	1	12	35-110	3.1	11-31	94	5	-3
California	26	35-66	1.9	35-57	430	5	22	32-105	3.3	20-37	263	2	0
Wisconsin	20	21-64	3.0	23-41	207	1	26	63-307	4.9	7-13	131	2	-1
at Purdue	11	17-38	2.2	17-28	153	2	29	67-324	3.5	13-20	209	1	-1
Michigan St	23	43-158	3.7	26-39	213	2	23	29-102	3.5	23-32	317	3	-3
at Michigan	13	29-89	3.1	16-28	163	2	30	49-275	5.6	22-33	244	2	-2
Minnesota	19	27-106	3.9	21-38	233	1	28	57-338	5.9	12-15	237	0	-1
at Iowa	12	26-59	2.3	16-32	206	2	24	50-244	4.9	16-25	261	0	-1
at Indiana	19	42-178	4.2	15-21	163	1	24	51-195	3.8	17-24	161	2	-2
Northwestern	25	34-122	3.6	32-56	281	2	26	70-444	6.3	3-9	24	4	+4
TOTALS	230	375-1328	3.5	274-451	2756	21	283	573-2691	4.7	189-313	2428	24	-18
AVERAGES	19.2	31-111	3.5	23-38	230	1.8	23.6	48-224	4.7	16-26	202	2.0	-1.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-14'	41-3	W
San Diego St	+3'	38-10	W
at Louisville	+12	41-36	W
Michigan St	+7	10-27	L
at Indiana	+2	31-34 OT	L
Minnesota	+1	7-37	L
at Michigan	+24'	35-29	W
Penn St	+16	7-27	L
at Iowa	-6'	40-24	W
at Ohio St	+10'	46-20	W
Northwestern	-13'	29-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mid Tenn St	-33'	35-6	L
at San Diego St	-6'	49-13	W
California	-14	17-15	L
Michigan	+7	31-35	W
at Minnesota	-1	10-44	L
Iowa	-12'	31-0	W
at Penn St	+2'	25-39	L
at Michigan St	+2'	10-14	L
Indiana	-8	42-35	L
Ohio St	+7'	21-24	W
at Northwestern	+7'	23-61	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+2'	44-17	W
N Illinois	-20	17-12	L
Louisville	-3'	34-10	W
at Michigan	+6'	20-45	L
Minnesota	-10	25-14	W
at Indiana	-3'	35-14	W
Wisconsin	-5'	42-35	W
at Purdue	+2	38-13	W
Penn St	-9	33-28	L
at Ohio St	-1'	34-22	W
Northwestern	-18'	34-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	-7'	20-33	L
at S Mississippi	+6	20-23	W
Arkansas St	-31'	59-7	W
San Jose St	-23'	35-38	L
Michigan	+7'	28-45	L
at Minnesota	+3'	10-31	L
Purdue	+3'	38-31 OT	W
Indiana	-9	45-14	W
at Penn St	+15'	7-18	W
at Wisconsin	+6	37-20	W
Ohio St	+8'	16-23 OT	W
at Northwestern	-14	31-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	+3'	15-22	L
Illinois St	NL	49-22	–
at UCLA	+10	3-6	W
California	-3	24-31	L
Wisconsin	+2'	20-38	L
at Purdue	+14	10-43	L
Michigan St	+3'	14-49	L
at Michigan	+27'	14-56	L
Minnesota	+15'	10-36	L
at Iowa	+26	10-41	L
at Indiana	-1	14-17	L
Northwestern	+3'	20-37	L

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Hoosiers had to replace their outstanding QB Antwaan Randle-El who became the first ever QB to throw for 7,000 yards and rush for 3,500 in his career. Two QB's split the job in the first year of the West Coast offense and they set an Indiana school record for passing with 3,020 yards despite combining for 51% with an 18-21 ratio. Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) had an excellent year running the scout team as a transfer. In ten starts in two years at Notre Dame, he threw for 1,405 yards (52.9%) with a 12-7 ratio while rushing for 455 yards and led the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl as a true frosh. Last year he was one of just four QB's in the NCAA to have started a BCS bowl game in his career. LoVecchio had an uneven season throwing for 1,778 yards (53.3%) with a poor 3-9 ratio while rushing for 272 yards. He suffered a concussion against Ohio St and backup Graeme McFarland (6-1 200 So, PS#112) was notified Friday night prior to Minnesota that he would be the starter. He hit 12 of 30 for 152 yards and in the other eight games had just six passes. Blake Powers (6-4 220 rFr) was PS#103 and has the strongest arm of the trio. He threw for 258 yards and 3 TD's in the spring game and likely won the backup job with McFarland dealing with a kidney ailment. Jordy Bernhard (5-9 171 rFr) was PS#213. The big addition is true frosh Mike Vlahogeorge (PS#33) who was in for the spring. With everyone back, I look for significant improvement in the Hoosiers' QB play.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Brian Lewis (PS#58) was the feature back but injured his shoulder in the opener and lost his starting job to rFr Yamar Washington (PS#178). Washington became the first Indy frosh RB to have 100+ yards in two straight games since Alex Smith did it in 1994. He finished with 688 yards (4.0) and Lewis had 458 (4.4). Due to injuries they had to take the redshirt off of true frosh Chris Taylor who rushed for 229 yards (4.8) in the final six games. They looked to be in great shape last year with all three back but Washington was injured in May and lost for the season. Lewis would get in just six starts due to injuries and had 398 yards (4.4). Taylor was the team's 2nd leading rusher with 464 yards (4.0) and is a north/south runner with a 35" VL. BenJarvus Green-Ellis exploded onto the scene with 938 yards (4.2) including 42 attempts against Penn St which were the most ever by a Nittany Lions opponent breaking Tony Dorsett's record of 38. He even rushed for 155 yards against the tough Purdue defense which had allowed Michigan, Ohio St and Wisconsin to rush for just 109 ypg. While Lewis departs, the good news is that Green-Ellis, Washington and Taylor are all back as is Kenni Burns (5-11 192 rFr). Burns is PS#45 and might have played last year if not for a broken wrist. I list the FB's below. This is a very talented and deep group of RB's.

RECEIVERS - The Hoosiers had a very experienced receiving corps last year including Glenn Johnson and Courtney Roby who became the first duo to each top 50 rec's in a season for Indiana. Roby, who ran the anchor on the Indiana high school champion 4x100 relay team, ran a 4.02 pro agility (NFL avg 4.1) and led the team with 45 rec's (11.2). Johnson saw his numbers drop from 53 rec's and 837 yards to 36 and 436 in his ten 2003 starts and leaves as the #5 receiver in IU history. Fortunately he is the only departure and Indy has one of the most underrated TE's in college football in Aaron Halterman who snagged 23 rec's (10.0) and at 260 lbs is a solid blocker. This year they add in JUCO Tywan Freeney who runs the 100M in 10.63. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are WR's Rhett Kleinschmidt (6-2 195 Jr), Paul Haan (6-0 184 rFr), John Rabold (6-0 201 rFr) Patrick Thompson (PS#143DB, 5 rec) and TE Nick Sexton (6-5 240 rFr, PS#120WR) and this year's incoming frosh. Last year's numbers were down due to a conservative offense trying to take the pressure off of an extremely young defense and even though Johnson is gone, this unit will put up better stats.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Hoosiers averaged 5.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 9 sacks thanks to the mobility of Randle El. Switching styles in 2002 to the West Coast offense and going with less mobile QB's, the team averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 38 starts so basically there were just two starters returning. They then lost starting C Brandon Hatcher to injury in the 4th game and true frosh Chris Mangiero was forced to start the last eight. Hatcher returns with Mangiero likely being his backup. The O-line allowed 40 sacks but did improve the ypc to 3.4. This year everyone returns so the unit is older, stronger (avg 6-3 308), more experienced and should be much improved in 2004.

DL Jodie Clemons

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers had a very young and inexperienced DL in 2002 and allowed 5.4 ypc rushing and the defense had just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and the team improved to allow 4.5 although they again had just 15 sacks. This year everyone returns to the front wall with the exception of DT Courtney Young (19 tkls, 1 tfl) and DE Joel Stubblefield (5 tkls, 1 sk). Look for continued improvement from the Hoosiers defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hoosiers had to replace their #1 tackler, John Kerr, who opted to transfer to Ohio St plus two backups who combined for 3 starts and 44 tackles to graduation. The team also moved starting SLB Herana-Daze Jones to SS. JUCO transfer Josh Moore was leading the team in tackles after 7 starts when he was injured and he played in just 3 more games. The star of the group was MLB Kyle Killion who led the team with 97 tackles. Killion, Moore and Jake Powers (PS#132) who started as a true frosh form a solid front line. They also get some top-notch additions in JUCO Paul Szczesny who was in for the spring, Brian Faires (PS#19TE) and some true frosh signees (see Newcomers). This should be one of the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Indy finished #96 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and that may have been a little high as they only allowed 194 ypg due to the fact that teams were able to run at will on them. Last year they had to replace two starters to graduation but did move in starting LB Herana-Daze Jones to SS. That gain was offset by top cover CB Damien Jones being declared academically ineligible. On top of that, starting FS Will Lumpkin went down after two starts to a season ending injury. Jones remains a slight possibility to return. Indy dropped to #116 in my pass D ratings allowing 67.1% with a 24-9 ratio. This year they do lose FS Joe Gonzalez (9 sts, HM B10, 44 tkls) and CB Duane Stone (12 sts, 61 tkls, 6 pbu). Seven players return with starting experience and I list a solid 3 deep below. Not listed are SS Luke Stone (6-0 200 Sr, PS#343JC, 11 tkls), Ty Henderson (5-11 185 Jr, 5 tkls 2Y), Eric McClurg (5-11 205 So) who was a Ball St transfer, Jeremy Miles (5-10 198 So) and Mike Doyle (5-11 189 Jr). Despite the losses, I look for significant improvement in the Hoosier pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1997 DiNardo's LSU team finished #18 in my overall special teams rankings but the last two years here they've had a lack of scholarship players which usually hurts special teams play. In 2002 they finished just #89 and last year had to replace their punter and top KR. Kicker Bryan Robertson (PS#6) has a decent leg and hit a 50 yard FG in 2002 when he made 9 of 13 including 6 of 7 from 40+. Last year he struggled on the longer FG's hitting 12 of 18 (only 2-8 from 40+) including a 54 yard miss vs Northwestern on the last play of regulation which would have delivered the win. Robertson's season long was just 40 yards. Punter Tyson Beattie, who like the NFL's Darren Bennett played Australian Rules Football, had a decent first year of American football. He averaged 40.8 per boot and has solid potential. Troy Grosfield handled the KO's and the team allowed just 15.7 per KR and he had 13 TB's on 39 KO's. All of the top KR's are back although Lance Bennett (#4 in Big 10 with 22.5 ypr) suffered a knee injury in the spring and is questionable for the season. PR Glenn Johnson (8.0) must be replaced. With almost everyone back and much improved depth (team will near 85 scholarships) I look for the Hoosiers to solidly improve upon last year's #63 ranking.

COACHES - In Gerry DiNardo's first season the team began the year with 66 scholarships and finished with just 53 (38 on active roster). This year they are finally back to the 85 limit. None of Indiana's 18 HC's since 1890 have had a career winning record in the Big 10. DiNardo did a solid job in his first season guiding a team with a depleted roster to a 3-3 start but they did lose their last six games. Despite a 2-10 record last year, I think DiNardo is a solid HC and he had previously been the HC at LSU from 1995-1999 and Vanderbilt from 1991-1994. This year he has two new coordinators as both OC Al Borges and DC Tim Kish have moved on. OL coach Steve Addazio takes over the OC reins with DL coach Joe Cullen the new DC. Both have severed under DiNardo the past two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986 to 1993 under the tutelage of Coach Bill Mallory the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games but they have now had 9 straight losing seasons. In 2001 they actually outgained Big 10 foes by an average of 66.6 ypg, the second best mark in the league but finished 4-4 in Antwaan Randle El's final year. Gerry DiNardo took over a down trodden LSU team and in the first 3 years had them tied for 1st place in the SEC West twice with a 26-9-1 record. In his first year here he had a team with just 12 returning starters and suffered heavy attrition due to the coaching change. Thirty-two of his 44 players on the 2 deep in the season finale were frosh and soph and they were extremely low on scholarship players. Last year they had just 66 scholarship players in August and just 7 seniors. The Hoosiers played better than their 2-10 record last year as they only trailed Washington 17-13 in the 3Q, dominated Kentucky in the 1H but trailed and eventually lost, had a 17-16 FD edge in their loss to Michigan and lost to Northwestern in OT. They should be near the scholarship limit of 85 this year and the Hoosiers have 19 returning starters and just 10 lettermen lost, both the best in the league. Last year the Hoosiers were outgained by 130.9 ypg in league play and their average Big 10 score was a 35-13 point loss. They will be far more competitive this year but may still be a year away from contending for a bowl bid.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT LoVECCHIO SR. 6-3 216 **PS#13.** 10 sts at **Notre Dame.** 1405 yds (53%) 12-7 ratio. 11 sts here LY, 1778 yds (53%) 3-9 ratio, 272 rush. Mike Vlahogeorge is **PS#33.**
RB BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS SO. 5-11 220 PS#230. 3 sts as true, #1 w/938 yds (4.2), 15 rec (11.2). Yamar Washington (5-9 205 Jr) 688 yds (4.0), 8 sts in '02. 4.58 spd. ACL in '03.
FB JOHN PANNOZZO JR. 5-11 230 9 sts as true, 26 rec (9.9). 10 sts LY, 15 rec (7.8), 703 snaps. Alex Stscherban (5-11 233 So), 1 st, 128 snaps LY. Josiah Sears (6-0 244 rFr).
WR COURTNEY ROBY SR. 6-0 185 Fastest sprinter on Indy track team. 10 sts, 59 rec, (17.6) in '02. 11 sts LY, 45 rec (11.2). Travis Haney (6-4 215 Sr) 4 sts, 19 rec (17.8) 3Y.
WR Tywan Freeney Jr. 6-0 191 PS#221JC. 10.63 100m. Tyke Spencer (5-10 169 Jr) 7 rec (11.6) LY. Jahkeen Gilmore (6-0 215 Jr) PS#90. **4.36 spd.** DB last year.
TE AARON HALTERMAN SR. 6-5 260 PS#38. 12 sts in '02, 27 rec (10.8). 11 sts in '03, 23 rec (10.0). Chris Rudanovic (6-4 265 So) **PS#60DL.** 3 sts as true, 3 rec (13.3).
C BRANDON HATCHER JR. 6-2 302 PS#74LB. 24 snaps in '02. 4 sts in '03 until injury, 240 snaps, 571 squat. **Chris Mangiero** (6-1 290 So) PS#241. **8 sts**, 683 snaps as **true.**
RG CHRIS JAHNKE SR. 6-5 310 PS#117. 12 sts in '02 (10 at C), 887 snaps. 12 sts at G LY. Chris Voltattorni (6-2 295 Sr) PS#464JC. 194 snaps here LY. Jim Jadron is **PS#76.**
LG ADAM HINES JR. 6-2 304 PS#147. 10 sts, 560 snaps as true. 12 sts LY, 969 snaps. John Sandberg (6-2 290 rFr) PS#210. Paul Hearn (6-4 305 rFr) PS#114TE. Broken ankle LY.
RT JUSTIN FRYE SO. 6-5 300 PS#202DL. 12 sts at RT as rFr. 821 snaps. DeWayne Roland is PS#134. Brandon Joyce (6-4 294 rFr) PS#284. Jacob Wagner (6-7 325 Sr).
LT ISAAC SOWELLS JR. 6-3 325 12 games, 337 snaps as rFr. 12 sts LY, 967 snaps. 603 squat, NFL potential. Scott Anderson (6-6 306 So) 41 snaps. Troy Harker (6-6 290 rFr).
K Bryan Robertson Sr. 5-8 171 **PS#6.** 9 of 13 FG's in '02, L/50. 12 of 18 FG's LY, L/40, 3 misses from 50+. Troy Grosfield (5-11 190 So) PS#45. Adam Braucher (5-7 191 Sr).

DE VICTOR ADEYANJU JR. 6-4 270 10 sts as true, 33 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 676 snaps. 12 sts LY, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. **NFL potential.** Ben Ishola (6-3 255 So) 1 sk as true. Charles Emerson (6-5 260 rFr) PS#275.
DT RUSS RICHARDSON JR. 6-0 265 10 sts in '02, 21 tkls, 1.5 tfl. 17 tkls LY (inj). Martin Lapostolle (6-2 280 Sr) 2 sts in '02, 14 tkls. **12 sts** in '03, 5 tkls. Kenny Love is PS#113.
DT JODIE CLEMONS SR. 6-2 276 12 sts at DE in '02, 33 tkls. 5.5 tfl. 12 sts at NT LY, 33 tkls, 6 sks, 6 tfl, **HM B10.** Luis Hernandez (6-1 305 rFr) PS#200. Joe Kremer (6-2 290 rFr) PS#242.
DE KENNY KENDAL SO. 6-3 250 PS#145. 12 sts as rFr, 807 snaps, 30 tkls, 5 tfl. Eli Radke (6-2 260 Sr) PS#218. 3 tkls, 79 snaps on spec tms. Nick Luce (6-2 275 rFr).
WLB JAKE POWERS SO. 6-1 220 PS#132. 5 sts as **true**, 44 tkls, 2 tfl. Kevin Smith (6-2 238 Sr) PS#155. 12 sts, 2 yrs, 32 tkls, 672 plays. Mark Naaman (6-0 215 Jr) PS#158.
MLB KYLE KILLION JR. 6-0 230 4 sts as true, 28 tkls. 12 sts, 875 plays, 97 tkls, 7 tfl, 225 bench 17x's. Cleo Harbison (5-10 235 So) 18 tkls as true. Ty Altman (6-0 243 rFr) PS#146.
SLB JOSH MOORE SR. 5-11 225 15 sks at JC in '02. First 7 sts LY, #1 tkl'r when inj'd, 68 tkls, 5 tfl, 4.5 spd. **Paul Szczesny** PS#91JC in for spring. **Brian Faires** (6-3 244 rFr) **PS#19TE.**
CB Leonard Bryant Jr. 5-10 174 4.38 spd. 1 st, 26 tkls in '02. 6 sts LY, 27 tkls, 1 int. Courtney Clency (5-9 189 Jr) PS#132RB, 4.37 spd. 1 tkl LY after move. Chris Phillips (6-1 185 Fr) PS#132.
CB CEDRIC HENRY SO. 6-0 195 L/6 starts as true, 544 snaps 40 tackles, 2 int, 2 pbu. Aaron Mitchell (5-11 200 rFr) PS#272. Brandon Mosley (5-11 185 Fr) is PS#129.
SS HERANA-DAZE JONES SR. 5-11 205 PS#158RB. 5 sts in '01, 28 tkls. 9 sts at LB in '02, 108 tkls, 7.5 tfl. 11 sts @ SS LY. 96 tkls, **HM B10.** 921 snaps. Will Lumpkin (5-10 200 Jr) PS#93, 2 sts LY (ACL).
FS Will Meyers So. 5-11 200 PS#89. 4 sts as true, 83 tkls, 4 tfl. Buster Larkins (5-11 185 Jr) PS#147. 11 sts, 67 tkls, 2 years. Ryan Skelton (6-2 200 So) PS#200, 6 tkls as true.
P TYSON BEATTIE SO. 6-1 200 Australian rules football. 68 punts here as rFr, 40.8 average & net of 34.7, 15 inside the 20. Kyle Badgley (6-0 183 rFr) 42.6 average in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Mike Vlahogeorge	6-3 220 PS#33
OL	Jim Jadron	6-5 280 PS#76
DL	Kenny Love	6-3 275 PS#113
OL	Sean Edmundson	6-5 255 PS#127
LB	Paul Szczesny	6-0 240 PS#91JC
LB	Mike Marvis	6-2 230 PS#113
LB	Brian Tracz	6-2 234 PS#114
OL	DeWayne Roland	6-4 280 PS#134
OL	Chad Baldwin	6-6 265 PS#139
DB	Brandon Mosley	5-11 185 PS#129
DB	Chris Phillips	6-1 185 PS#132
LB	Ryan Marando	6-3 225 PS#137
WR	Issac Price	6-4 195 PS#129
OL	Matt Moses	6-3 280 PS#194
DB	Rayshun Calhoun	6-0 180 PS#169
WR	Tywan Freeney	6-0 191 PS#221JC
DB	Leslie Majors	5-10 160 PS#191
QB	Grant Gregory	6-2 200 PS#137
WR	James Bailey	6-4 185 PS#183
WR	James Hardy	6-6 185 PS#191
DB	Marcus Thigpen	5-10 180 PS#255
RB	Greg Weeks	6-1 215 PS#282
DL	Kyle Thomas	6-4 245 PS#537
OL	Greg Brown	6-3 290 PS#584

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DiNardo's records AT INDIANA

5-19	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
7-15	Vs The Spread	3-5	Home Underdog
6-10	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
5-11	Vs Conference	3-8	Away Underdog
		2-4	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (23,24,5)
Lost: 10 (3,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,983

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#18

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								IU is 9-20 ATS as a Big 10 home dog the last 29. Hoosiers are 2-13 SU & 3-12 ATS in November away games since 1995.
Sep. 4	C Michigan	A						Indiana is 12-6 ATS the last 18 lined season openers (0-4 ATS L/4). Since 1989 IU is 13-0 SU, but 6-5-1 ATS vs the MAC (4-1-1 ATS S/'96).
Sep. 11	at Oregon	A						Since '80 the Hoosiers are 0-3 SU & ATS vs the Pac 10 losing by an avg score of 29-7. Indiana is 8-18 ATS the last 26 away games (3-9 ATS under DiNardo).
Sep. 18	at Kentucky	G						The Hoosiers are 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS the last 9 vs Kentucky. Hoosiers are 9-21 ATS on grass the last 4 years.
Sep. 25	Michigan St	A						Indiana is 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS vs Michigan St since 1995. The visitor is 6-2 ATS the last 8.
Oct. 2	Michigan	A						Indiana is 2-15 ATS the last 17 in their 2nd straight home game. The visitor is 8-2 ATS the last 10.
Oct. 9	at Northwestern	G						The SU winner is an amazing 20-0 ATS the last 20. The favorite is 15-3 ATS the last 18.
Oct. 16								
Oct. 23	at Ohio St	G						IU is 0-4 SU being outscored 141-37, but have covered 3 of the L/4 visits in the Horseshoe. The visitor is 9-2-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Oct. 30	Minnesota (HC)	A						The home team is 8-2 ATS since 1990. The last time UM beat the Hoosiers SU in Bloomington was in 1985.
Nov. 6	at Illinois	A						Indiana is 0-9 SU & 2-5-2 ATS their last 9 visits to Champaign. Hoosiers haven't won SU at Illinois since 1979.
Nov. 13	Penn St	A						The Hoosiers are 0-7 SU & 1-6 ATS since 1995 vs Penn St. Indiana is 1-22 SU & 2-18-3 ATS in games before rival Purdue since '81.
Nov. 20	at Purdue	G						Indiana has lost 7 road finales in a row SU & ATS. The HT is 6-0 ATS the last 6 in the battle for the "Old Oaken Bucket"!
Nov. 27								

OL Chris Jahnke

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,180)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	4-7	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	23-56
ATS	5-6	7-4	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	33-44
Home Fav	2-1	2-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	10-9
Home Dog	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	8-13
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-4	2-3	2-3	1-5	13-20
Favorite	2-1	3-2	3-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	0-0	12-11
Dog	3-5	4-2	3-2	2-6	3-5	3-5	3-8	21-33
Grass	2-1	5-3	6-3	2-7	3-6	4-5	0-3	22-28
Artificial	3-5	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	3-5	11-16
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	2-6	3-5	24-32
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-3	9-12
Off SU Win	0-2	3-1	2-2	0-3	2-2	1-2	0-2	8-14
Off SU Loss	4-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-5	3-5	23-26

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	225	985	47	938	7	4.2
Chris Taylor	116	490	26	464	3	4.0
Brian Lewis	90	408	10	398	3	4.4
Matt LoVecchio	97	272	279	-7	2	-0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt LoVecchio	291	155	53.3	1778	3	9
Graeme McFarland	36	18	50.0	206	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Courtney Roby	45	504	11.2	0	55	
Glenn Johnson	36	436	12.1	2	39	
Aaron Halterman	23	230	10.0	0	27	
Travis Haney	8	176	22.0	0	44	
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	15	168	11.2	1	63	
John Pannozzo	15	117	7.8	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tyson Beattie	68	2773	40.8	6	34.7	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bryan Robertson	19-20	7-7	3-3	2-5	0-3	12-18	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle Killion	97	1	6	5	1
HD Jones	96	1	2	2	2
Will Meyers	83	2	2	1	0
Josh Moore	68	1	4	1	1
Duane Stone	61	0	0	6	1
Jake Powers	44	1	1	0	0
Joe Gonzalez	44	0	4	2	0
Cedric Henry	40	0	0	2	2
Jodie Clemons	33	6	6	1	0
Victor Adeyanju	31	1	4	1	0
Kenny Kendal	30	2	3	1	0
Leonard Bryant	27	0	1	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Glenn Johnson	17	136	8.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Lance Bennett	11	103	9.4	0	
Lance Bennett	18	405	22.5	0	
Courtney Roby	10	193	19.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee	22-27	W
88	Liberty	-3	S Carolina	34-10	W
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27	W
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0	W
93	Independence	+3	Virginia Tech	20-45	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	14.8	20	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	+3	2003	6	32.3	22	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7	11.8
9*	26.5	21	191	4.4	215	53.6	15.3	+1	1999	8	35.1	23	211	4.7	219	60.0	12.3
7*	21.7	19	196	4.3	169	47.0	16.3	+3	1998	6	27.7	21	154	3.9	243	63.3	14.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE					SKS	DEFENSE					SKS	
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
at UConn	14	42-110	2.6	13-29	211	5	27	38-200	5.3	26-42	307	2	-2
at Washington	15	40-85	2.1	16-30	199	2	24	52-195	3.8	19-27	295	0	+1
Indiana St	25	49-196	4.0	12-20	146	1	19	37-105	2.8	17-27	189	3	+2
Kentucky	20	46-183	4.0	17-33	266	5	15	41-167	4.1	12-21	187	1	0
at Michigan	17	44-102	2.3	16-33	107	3	16	36-168	4.7	16-26	170	1	+2
at Michigan St	19	45-117	2.6	14-31	168	6	30	27-104	3.9	33-41	382	3	-1
Northwestern	25	58-327	5.6	13-20	204	1	20	51-192	3.8	13-20	191	0	-2
Ohio St	13	32-(-12)	-0.4	17-26	143	6	26	39-216	5.5	25-33	387	1	+2
at Minnesota	20	40-111	2.8	12-30	152	2	31	62-435	7.0	11-15	92	0	-1
Illinois	24	51-195	3.8	17-24	161	2	19	42-178	4.2	15-21	163	1	+2
at Penn St	25	61-253	4.1	15-28	126	4	21	31-178	5.7	14-23	260	0	-2
Purdue	17	47-196	4.2	12-26	115	3	20	52-173	3.3	11-20	222	3	+2
TOTALS	234	555-1863	3.4	174-330	1998	40	268	508-2311	4.5	212-316	2845	15	+3
AVERAGES	19.5	46-155	3.4	15-28	167	3.3	22.3	42-193	4.5	18-26	237	1.3	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-24	21-9	L
N Carolina	-1'	30-42	L
Kentucky	-8	35-44	L
at Penn St	+27	24-45	W
Illinois	-2	34-31 OT	W
Northwestern	-8	34-17	W
at Wisconsin	+14'	0-59	L
at Iowa	-2	38-31	W
Michigan	+16'	31-34	W
at Minnesota	+14	20-44	L
Purdue	+13	24-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NC State	-7	38-41	L
at Kentucky	+4	34-41	L
Cincinnati	-5	42-6	W
Iowa	-14	45-33	L
at Northwestern	+4	33-52	L
at Michigan	+15'	0-58	L
Minnesota	+7	51-43	W
Penn St	+1'	24-27	L
at Illinois	+8	35-42	W
Wisconsin	+6'	22-43	L
at Purdue	+16'	13-41	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7	14-35	L
Utah	-3	26-28	L
Ohio St	+9'	14-27	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	63-32	W
Illinois	+3'	14-35	L
at Iowa	+9'	28-42	L
Northwestern	+3	56-21	W
at Michigan St	+7	37-28	W
at Penn St	+2'	14-28	L
Purdue	-2'	13-7	W
Kentucky	-6	26-15	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
William & Mary	NL	25-17	–
at Utah	+14	13-40	L
at Kentucky	+17'	17-27	W
C Michigan	-5'	39-29	W
at Ohio St	+29'	17-45	W
Wisconsin	+11	32-29	W
Iowa	+13	8-24	L
at Illinois	+9	14-45	L
at Northwestern	-2'	37-41	L
Michigan St	-1'	21-56	L
Penn St	+24	25-58	L
at Purdue	+22	10-34	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UConn	+6	10-34	L
at Washington	+24'	13-38	L
Indiana St	NL	33-3	–
Kentucky	+8'	17-34	L
at Michigan	+33'	17-31	W
at Michigan St	+16	3-31	L
Northwestern	+3'	31-37(OT)	L
Ohio St	+20'	6-35	L
at Minnesota	+28	7-55	L
Illinois	+1	17-14	W
at Penn St	+18'	7-52	L
Purdue	+24'	16-24	W

PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PAC 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Matt Leinart, USC	Andrew Walter, Arizona St	Aaron Rodgers, California	Derek Anderson, Oregon St
RB	Reggie Bush, USC	JJ Arrington, California	JR Lemon, Stanford	Manuel White, Jr., UCLA
RB	Michael Bell, Arizona	LenDale White, USC	Loren Wade, Arizona St	Hershel Dennis, USC
WR	Geoff McArthur, California	Whitney Lewis, USC	Demetrius Williams, Oregon	Mike Jefferson, Arizona
WR	Charles Frederick, Washington	Derek Hagan, Arizona St	Steve Smith, USC	Junior Taylor, UCLA
WR	Craig Bragg, UCLA	Mark Bradford, Stanford	Jonathan Makonnen, California	**TE** Joe Newton, Oregon St
TE	Marcedes Lewis, UCLA	Alex Smith, Stanford	Tim Day, Oregon	Alex Holmes, USC
C	Matt Brock, Oregon St	Keoki Fraser, Arizona	Mike McCloskey, UCLA	Drew Hodgdon, Arizona St
G	Adam Snyder, Oregon	Kanan Sanchez, Oregon St	Eyoseph Efseaff, UCLA	John Drake, USC
G	Nick Steitz, Oregon	Fred Matua, USC	Ismail Simpson, Stanford	Kili Lefotu, Arizona
T	Khalif Barnes, Washington	Andrew Carnahan, Arizona St	Steven Vieira, UCLA	Robin Knebel, Oregon
T	Calvin Armstrong, Wash St	Doug Nienhuis, Oregon St	Grayling Love, Arizona St	Sam Lightbody, Wash St
DL	Haloti Ngata, Oregon	Lorenzo Alexander, California	Jimmy Verdon, Arizona St	Chris Barrett, USC
DL	Mike Patterson, USC	Manase Hopoi, Washington	Chris Solomona, Oregon	Kevin Brown, UCLA
DL	Shaun Cody, USC	Babatunde Oshinowo, Stanford	Robby Valenzuela, Oregon	Ishmael Thrower, Arizona St
DL	Bill Swancutt, Oregon St	Devan Long, Oregon	Marcus Smith, Arizona	Mike Mapu, Washington
LB	Justin Burks, Arizona St	Matt Grootegoed, USC	David Bergeron, Stanford	Jared Newberry, Stanford
LB	Will Derting, Wash St	Wendell Hunter, California	Trent Bray, Oregon St	Joe Maningo, California
LB	Justin London, UCLA	Spencer Havner, UCLA	Lofa Tatupu, USC	Jonathan Pollard, Oregon St
CB	Brandon Browner, Oregon St	Derrick Johnson, Washington	Daymeion Hughes, California	Justin Phinisee, Oregon
CB	Leigh Torrence, Stanford	RJ Oliver, Arizona St	Stanley Wilson, Stanford	Chris McKenzie, Arizona St
SS	Darnell Bing, USC	Donnie McCleskey, California	Jarrad Page, UCLA	Riccardo Stewart, Ariz St
FS	Mitch Meeuwsen, Oregon St	Oshiomogho Atogwe, Stanford	Ben Emanuel II, UCLA	Jimmy Newell, Washington
K	Jared Siegel, Oregon	Justin Medlock, UCLA	Ryan Killeen, USC	Jesse Ainsworth, Arizona St
P	Tom Malone, USC	Kyle Basler, Washington St	Chris Kluwe, UCLA	Danny Baugher, Arizona
KR	Reggie Bush, USC	Maurice Drew, UCLA	Kenny Washington, Oregon	Daryl Lightfoot, Arizona St
PR	Charles Frederick, Washington	Craig Bragg, UCLA	Josh Golden, Arizona St	Greig Carlson, USC

Arizona St
DE Jimmy Verdon

Arizona
RB Mike Bell

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. USC - USC was a dominating team last year outscoring Pac 10 foes by an average of 22.7 ppg, by far the best mark in the conference and almost double that of the next closest team. The Trojans won a co-National Title last year and are loaded once again this season with Heisman frontrunner Matt Leinart at QB, perhaps the best set of RB's in the country and a top-notch defense. I do 7 sets of power ratings and all 7 call for the Trojans to go 12-0 and their toughest league game (Cal) is at home. USC is a prime national title contender.

2. CALIFORNIA- Cal achieved more than expected in each of the last two years under Jeff Tedford and overcame a 3-5 start last year to finish with a winning record for a 2nd straight season. This is by far Tedford's best team with QB Aaron Rodgers, WR Geoff McArthur and some talented RB's. I rate the offense #2 in the Pac 10. Defensively they have 9 starters back and will be much tougher on that side of the ball. Last year Cal outgained Pac 10 foes by 112.2 ypg. Cal suffered four last minute losses last year (Utah, Colo St, UCLA, Oregon), so they could have had a much better record. This season, if not for travelling to USC, they would probably be my pick to win the conference. I give Cal a solid shot at a double digit winning season.

3. OREGON - The schedule maker did the Ducks a big favor as the only team they avoid in league play happens to be USC. The Ducks have gotten off to some great starts the last two years at 4-0 last season and 6-0 in 2002 being ranked 10th and 6th in the country respectively. They have struggled down the stretch but Bellotti has still guided them to 9 out of 9 winning seasons. The defense is a question mark as last year's unit allowed 26.8 ppg and has just 5 starters back, but the offense will be more potent. Avoiding USC and playing a couple of winnable Pac 10 road games gives Oregon the schedule to finish in the upper half of the Pac 10 standings.

4. OREGON ST - Quick-name the Pac 10 team that outgained their Pac 10 opponent by the most ypg. I doubt anyone would have thought that it was Oregon St, a team that finished 4-4 in league play last year yet outgained league foes by 141.8 ypg. The Beavers earned their 4th bowl appearance in five years but suffered some tough losses including USC when they had a 26-17 FD edge and 543-388 yard edge but came up short. They must replace RB Steven Jackson on offense but QB Derek Anderson should have his best season by far as a senior and has some talent to work with. I rate the Beavers' defense #2 in the Pac 10 and remember, they were -8 in turnovers last year. Look for OSU to record its 3rd consecutive winning season.

5. ARIZONA ST - The Sun Devils clearly underachieved last year and Koetter is under a lot of pressure. ASU has 16 returning starters including NFL caliber QB Andrew Walter and should resemble the 2002 version more on offense (32.3 ppg) than last year's (24.8 ppg). The defense switches to a 4-3 and is stronger. The schedule is tough as they travel to face Oregon, USC and Cal, but ASU should turn it around and have a winning season.

6. UCLA - Few will remember that UCLA opened last season at 6-2 as their 0-5 finish was ugly, especially their demoralizing bowl loss. Dorrell is under some fire and rightfully so as the Bruins are a talented team. They have 16 players that make my All-Pac 10 team, the 2nd most in the league. The defense is solid and the biggest question is on the offense as they struggled to adapt to Dorrell's complicated schemes last year. They have 9 starters back on that side of the ball and should be improved. UCLA was 4-4 in league play last year and have a shot at moving up in the standings.

7. WASHINGTON - UW was an injury plagued group last year but got a late start under Keith Gilbertson who did not take command of the team until one week prior to August practice. Provided they can stay healthier this year, the Huskies have a shot at moving back up in the standings where they normally reside. The Huskies finished 4-4 last season in Pac 10 play but do have just 12 starters returning and must replace their star QB, RB and top WR. They lose 23 lettermen but after underachieving last year, could surprise.

8. WASHINGTON ST - The Cougars have finished in the top 10 for 3 straight seasons, the first Pac 10 team to accomplish that since 1974. I thought Bill Doba did a tremendous job getting last year's team not only into the Holiday Bowl but defeating #5 ranked Texas. Whenever the Cougars have had 13 or more returning starters they have made it to a bowl game, twice earning the Rose Bowl berth. From 1997-'98 they went from a Rose Bowl to 10th place in the Pac 10 and spent the next 3 seasons in the basement. I won't call the dropoff that dramatic but with only six starters returning this year, Doba, who earned Co-Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors in 2003, will have to do an even better job to coax a winning record out of this rebuilding squad.

9. STANFORD - Cardinal fans could rejoice that one of my sets of power ratings calls for Stanford to go 5-3 in Pac 10 play. They have a solid defense and a much improved offense but keep in mind they were outgained LY by 185 ypg in Pac 10 play, the league's worst. Stanford has 14 starters returning but need to improve on offense as they have averaged just 20.5 and 16.9 ppg the last two years. The talent is there for Stanford but the Pac 10 is a tough league and unfortunately they avoid Arizona in conf play for a second straight season. This is Teevens' best team yet but it will be tough to move up in the standings.

10. ARIZONA - Heading into last season, Coach Mackovic did not have the complete following of his team and as you would expect, Arizona finished in the basement at 1-7. This year Mike Stoops does have the team's complete backing. He comes from Oklahoma, where the Stoops brothers were highly successful and where he earned a National Championship ring. He inherits some talent, especially on offense with RB Mike Bell (my 1st Tm Pac 10 pick) and 9 starters back. Defensively he should have no trouble improving upon last year's 35.8 ppg allowed despite the fact they have just 5 starters back on that side of the ball. The players have already bought in to Stoops' program which gives them a huge step up over last year. Arizona looks to be one of the most improved teams in the NCAA and will have a new attitude. Do keep in mind that last year they were outgained by 144.1 ypg and outscored by a league worst 22.8 ppg in Pac 10 play, so there is a lot of ground to make up.

Pac 10 Notes: The Pac 10 has been a conference that has relied on senior QB's. Nine of the last 12 years the Pac 10 champ has had a senior QB, including 2002 when both the champ and co-champ had one. Since 1991 no team had won the Pac 10 without at least a fourth year QB. Last year broke that streak with sophomore Matt Leinart guiding the Trojans to a Pac 10 Title and a shared National Title. The conference landed its first Heisman Trophy winner since 1981 in 2002 with Carson Palmer. Since 1936 just one Pac 10 team has finished #1 and that was USC and they did it for a fourth time in that span (1962, 1967, 1972, 2003). The Pac 10 has had just two finishers in the final top 25 in 2002 and once again just two last year but those two both made it into the Top 10 (USC & Wash St). Compared to other BCS conferences, that is low. For example, the Big 10 had three members in the top 10 and five in the top 25 while the SEC had two in the top 10 and five in the top 25. The last consensus Pac 10 National Champ was USC in 1972. The Pac 10 has the most experienced QB's in the NCAA with arguably their top 6 QB's returning and have greatly improved over the last two seasons. After a 2-5 record in the bowls in 2002, they improved to 4-2 last season. The Pac 10 also had the second best record vs BCS foes in non-conf action as they were 8-7 (53.3%), being one of just two conferences to produce a winning record vs other BCS foes (Big 10 the other). They were 25-15 (62.5%) in regular season non-conf action, the fourth best mark. The Trojans dominate my All-Pac 10 team with seven 1st Team members with the next closest being Oregon St with four. UCLA surprisingly has the second most members of my overall Pac 10 team at sixteen (USC #1, 19) with Arizona St having 15.

2003 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
2	USC	42.8	1	477.3	1	175.8	2	5.0	1	301.5	2	60.1	2	11.2	1	15.0	2	7.0	1
10	Oregon St	33.8	2	441.3	3	109.8	7	2.8	7	331.5	1	51.5	7	13.1	3	26.0	9	27.0	9
13	California	33.4	3	455.3	2	202.9	1	4.9	2	252.4	6	60.5	1	13.6	4	12.0	1	13.0	3
24	Wash St	30.6	4	371.3	5	88.0	10	2.4	10	283.3	3	52.1	6	12.1	2	32.0	10	21.0	5
39	Washington	25.4	6	371.1	6	111.4	6	3.1	6	259.8	5	53.8	5	14.6	6	19.0	5	22.0	7
44	Oregon	26.1	5	357.3	7	130.6	4	3.5	4	226.6	8	54.8	3	13.7	5	20.0	6	21.0	5
53	Arizona St	25.4	6	388.5	4	112.0	5	3.2	5	276.5	4	49.8	8	15.3	8	20.0	6	22.0	7
85	UCLA	21.9	8	328.6	8	98.4	8	2.7	8	230.3	7	54.7	4	15.0	7	22.0	8	36.0	10
92	Arizona	13.6	10	322.4	9	134.9	3	4.3	3	187.5	9	48.6	9	23.7	10	17.0	3	10.0	2
95	Stanford	16.3	9	275.6	10	90.8	9	2.5	9	184.9	10	45.7	10	17.0	9	18.0	4	20.0	4

2003 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
6	USC	20.1	1	348.6	5	58.8	1	1.7	1	289.9	9	54.3	7	17.3	1	29.0	2	28.0	1
12	Wash St	21.1	2	318.3	2	85.1	2	2.5	2	233.1	4	46.2	2	15.1	4	32.0	1	28.0	1
15	Oregon St	28.0	6	299.5	1	97.5	3	2.9	3	202.0	1	43.0	1	10.7	10	23.0	3	20.0	6
20	UCLA	25.0	4	341.0	3	122.3	6	3.3	5	218.8	2	59.0	9	13.6	7	20.0	4	18.0	7
30	Oregon	27.0	5	353.1	6	105.9	4	3.0	4	247.3	5	51.2	3	13.1	8	12.0	10	23.0	3
40	California	21.3	3	343.1	4	115.9	5	3.4	6	227.3	3	51.8	4	16.1	2	17.0	7	22.0	4
46	Washinton	29.1	7	423.5	7	171.8	9	4.6	10	251.8	6	52.5	5	14.5	5	19.0	5	22.0	4
57	Arizona St	30.8	9	434.3	8	171.4	8	4.2	9	262.9	7	54.2	6	14.1	6	15.0	8	15.0	9
58	Stanford	30.4	8	460.6	9	148.6	7	4.2	8	312.0	10	57.3	8	15.2	3	19.0	5	16.0	8
83	Arizona	36.4	10	466.5	10	177.3	10	4.0	7	289.3	8	62.7	10	12.8	9	15.0	8	13.0	10

2003 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	1	342	161	12	1	534	239
Washington St	6	2	245	169	10	3	394	257
Oregon	5	3	209	216	8	5	356	348
California	5	3	267	170	8	6	457	341
Oregon St	4	4	270	224	8	5	433	301
Washington	4	4	203	233	6	6	312	316
UCLA	4	4	175	200	6	7	248	305
Arizona St	2	6	203	246	5	7	298	328
Stanford	2	6	130	243	4	7	186	324
Arizona	1	7	109	291	2	10	181	429

Co-Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC and Bill Doba, Washington St

2002 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Wash St	7	1	285	188	10	3	431	296
USC	7	1	299	163	11	2	465	240
Arizona St	5	3	257	244	8	6	452	407
UCLA	4	4	232	232	8	5	387	326
Oregon St	4	4	211	180	8	5	414	267
California	4	4	256	238	7	5	427	318
Washington	4	4	232	233	7	6	398	342
Oregon	3	5	237	266	7	6	417	362
Arizona	1	7	143	250	4	8	227	310
Stanford	1	7	128	286	2	9	225	377

Coach of the Year: Jeff Tedford, California

2001 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	7	1	281	181	10	1	374	240
Stanford	6	2	312	266	9	2	408	315
Wash St	6	2	257	187	9	2	387	242
Washington	6	2	227	237	8	3	310	323
USC	5	3	249	150	6	5	292	197
UCLA	4	4	243	185	7	4	317	225
Oregon St	3	5	191	183	5	6	287	259
Arizona	2	6	223	317	5	6	320	377
Arizona St	1	7	220	312	4	7	374	361
California	0	8	148	333	1	10	201	431

Coach of the Year: Mike Price, Washington St

2003 PAC 10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Matt Leinart, USC	**402**	**255**	**63.4**	**9**	**3556**	**8.8**	**38**	**164.5**
Reggie Robertson, Cal	**99**	**62**	**62.6**	**3**	**797**	**8.1**	**9**	**154.2**
Aaron Rodgers, Cal	**349**	**215**	**61.6**	**5**	**2903**	**8.3**	**19**	**146.6**
Kellen Clemens, Oregon	**304**	**182**	**59.9**	**9**	**2400**	**7.9**	**18**	**139.8**
Matt Kegel, WSU	394	218	55.3	15	2947	7.5	21	128.1
Andrew Walter, ASU	**421**	**221**	**52.5**	**10**	**3044**	**7.2**	**24**	**127.3**
Jason Fife, Oregon	120	64	53.3	4	879	7.3	6	124.7
Derek Anderson, OSU	**510**	**261**	**51.2**	**24**	**4058**	**8.0**	**24**	**124.1**
Cody Pickett, Wash	454	257	56.6	13	3043	6.7	15	118.1
Drew Olson, UCLA	**325**	**173**	**53.2**	**9**	**2067**	**6.4**	**10**	**111.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Geoff McArthur, Cal	**13**	**85**	**1504**	**10**	**115.7**	**6.5**	**17.7**
James Newson, OSU	12	81	1306	3	108.8	6.8	16.1
Mike Williams, USC	13	95	1314	16	101.1	7.3	13.8
Reggie Williams, Wash	12	89	1109	8	92.4	7.4	12.5
Derek Hagan, ASU	**12**	**66**	**1076**	**9**	**89.7**	**5.5**	**16.3**
Samie Parker, Oregon	13	77	1088	7	83.7	5.9	14.1
Craig Bragg, UCLA	**13**	**73**	**1065**	**5**	**81.9**	**5.6**	**14.6**
Keary Colbert, USC	13	69	1013	9	77.9	5.3	14.7
Mike Hass, OSU	**13**	**44**	**1013**	**7**	**77.9**	**3.4**	**23.0**
Skyler Fulton, ASU	12	62	901	10	75.1	5.2	14.5

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Steven Jackson, OSU	13	350	1545	4.4	19	118.8
Adimchinobe Echemandu, Cal	13	238	1195	5.0	13	91.9
Mike Bell, Arizona	**12**	**168**	**920**	**5.5**	**6**	**76.7**
Jonathan Smith, Wash St	13	224	961	4.3	10	73.9
Loren Wade, ASU	**11**	**136**	**773**	**5.7**	**5**	**70.3**
Terrence Whitehead, Oregon	**12**	**192**	**737**	**3.8**	**6**	**61.4**
LenDale White, USC	**13**	**141**	**754**	**5.3**	**13**	**58.0**
Hershel Dennis, USC	**13**	**137**	**661**	**4.8**	**4**	**50.8**
Kenneth Tolon, Stanford	**11**	**150**	**522**	**3.5**	**2**	**47.5**
JJ Arrington, California	**13**	**107**	**607**	**5.7**	**5**	**46.7**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Derek Anderson, OSU	**13**	**57**	**-125**	**510**	**4058**	**3933**	**302.5**
Matt Leinart, USC	**13**	**32**	**-62**	**402**	**3556**	**3494**	**268.8**
Cody Pickett, Wash	12	80	-61	454	3043	2982	248.5
Andrew Walter, ASU	**12**	**33**	**-125**	**421**	**3044**	**2919**	**243.2**
Aaron Rodgers, Cal	**13**	**86**	**210**	**349**	**2903**	**3113**	**239.5**
Matt Kegel, WSU	13	58	-49	394	2947	2898	222.9
Kellen Clemens, Oregon	**13**	**78**	**108**	**304**	**2400**	**2508**	**192.9**
Kris Heavner, Arizona	**9**	**31**	**33**	**237**	**1501**	**1534**	**170.4**
Drew Olson, UCLA	**12**	**74**	**-181**	**325**	**2067**	**1886**	**157.2**
Chris Lewis, Stanford	9	44	-11	207	1178	1167	129.7

TFL

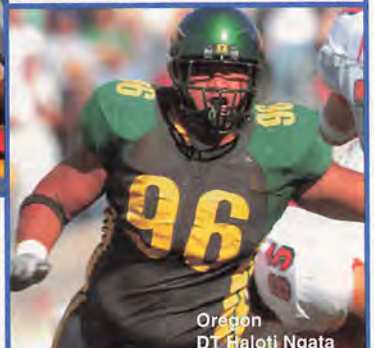
	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Kenechi Udeze, USC	26.5	137	Richard Seigler, OSU	17.5	65
DD Acholonu, WSU	21.5	130	**Devan Long, Oregon**	**15.5**	**78**
Dave Ball, UCLA	20.5	96	Igor Olshansky, Oregon	15.5	71
Terry Johnson, Wash	19.0	98	**Jerry Matson, Oregon**	**15.0**	**52**
Bill Swancutt, OSU	**18.0**	**84**	**Mike Patterson, USC**	**14.0**	**61**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Drew Dunning, WSU	13	27	31	87.1	49
Kirk Yliniemi, OSU	12	19	23	82.6	54
Ryan Killeen, USC	**13**	**19**	**24**	**79.2**	**45**
Justin Medlock, UCLA	**13**	**14**	**19**	**73.7**	**48**
Jared Siegel, Oregon	**13**	**13**	**19**	**68.4**	**51**
Jesse Ainsworth, ASU	**12**	**10**	**15**	**66.7**	**47**
Evan Knudson, Wash	**12**	**10**	**17**	**58.8**	**46**
Michael Sgroi, Stanford	**11**	**7**	**13**	**53.8**	**38**
Tyler Fredrickson, Cal	14	15	30	50.0	53

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Reggie Bush, USC	**18**	**492**	**1**	**27.3**
Maurice Drew, UCLA	**20**	**533**	**2**	**26.6**
Kenny Washington, Oregon	**23**	**570**	**1**	**24.8**
Nick Sebes, Stanford	19	420	0	22.1
Sammy Moore, WSU	33	715	1	21.7
James Bethea, Cal	34	644	0	18.9
Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	**28**	**480**	**0**	**17.1**



PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Tom Malone, USC	**13**	**42**	**2060**	**49.0**
Kyle Basler, WSU	**13**	**77**	**3351**	**43.5**
Tim Parker, ASU	12	75	3252	43.4
Chris Kluwe, UCLA	**13**	**91**	**3908**	**42.9**
Eric Johnson, Stanford	11	86	3687	42.9
Danny Baugher, Ariz	**12**	**76**	**3238**	**42.6**
Garth Erickson, Wash	12	70	2925	41.8
Carl Tobey, OSU	13	71	2885	40.6
Tyler Fredrickson, Cal	14	57	2281	40.0
Paul Martinez, Oregon	**13**	**73**	**2702**	**37.0**

SACKS

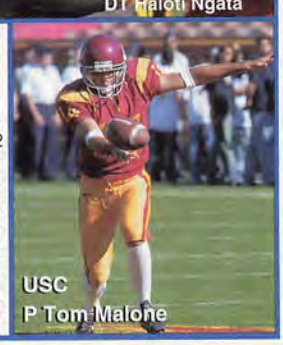
	NO	YDS
DD Acholonu, WSU	16.5	121
Kenechi Udeze, USC	16.5	115
Dave Ball, UCLA	16.5	91
Bill Swancutt, OSU	**11.0**	**73**
Devan Long, Oregon	**10.5**	**64**
Terry Johnson, Wash	10.0	80
Will Derting, WSU	**7.5**	**57**
Wendell Hunter, Cal	**7.0**	**63**
Mike Patterson, USC	**7.0**	**40**
Igor Olshansky, Oregon	6.5	50

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Charles Frederick, Wash	**29**	**340**	**1**	**11.7**
Steven Moore, Oregon	22	234	1	10.6
Josh Golden, ASU	**19**	**190**	**0**	**10.0**
Sammy Moore, WSU	43	405	0	9.4
Luke Powell, Stanford	36	325	1	9.0
Greig Carlson, USC	**21**	**188**	**0**	**9.0**
Vincent Strang, Cal	27	220	1	8.1
Craig Bragg, UCLA	**38**	**302**	**0**	**7.9**
Cole Clasen, OSU	**42**	**211**	**0**	**5.0**
Syndric Steptoe, Ariz	**15**	**69**	**0**	**4.6**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Brandon Chillar, UCLA	13	72	61	133	10.2
Jason Shivers, ASU	11	69	35	104	9.5
Kevin Mitchell, Oregon	13	67	45	112	8.6
Oshiomogho Atogwe, Stanford	**11**	**54**	**36**	**90**	**8.2**
Lofa Tatupu, USC	**12**	**54**	**44**	**98**	**8.2**
Don Jackson, WSU	13	51	50	101	7.8
Riccardo Stewart, ASU	**11**	**51**	**33**	**84**	**7.6**
Justin London, UCLA	**13**	**60**	**38**	**98**	**7.5**
Marquis Cooper, Wash	12	62	27	89	7.4
Donnie McCleskey, Cal	**14**	**75**	**27**	**102**	**7.3**
Clay Hardt, Arizona	12	59	28	87	7.2



USC TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer (PS#7) in his first four years had a career ratio of 39-39. As a senior & in the second year of the Norm Chow's system he blossomed throwing for 3,942 yards (63.2%) with a 33-10 ratio, won the Heisman Trophy and was the NFL's #1 draft choice. Last year the team had very little experience at QB and lefty Matt Leinart won a 4 way battle for the starting job in the spring. Some said true frosh John David Booty, who graduated HS a year early and enrolled in the fall, had a shot at unseating him but he struggled to learn the offense. Leinart was injured in the 1Q against ASU and Matt Cassel (6-5 220 Sr, PS#20) only hit 4 of 10 for 42 yds and it was tied 10-10 at the half. ASU went up 17-10 to open the 3Q. Carroll was going to use Brandon Hance (6-1 195 Sr, PS#14) in the 2H but Leinart gave a gutty performance playing injured to lead the team to 27 unanswered pts and a 37-17 win. Carroll was not comfortable with the backup QB situation and Booty made it to #2 and surprisingly got in 5 games to burn a year of eligibility but only threw for 90 yards. Booty broke his wrist vs UCLA and missed the last two games with Hance taking over the #2 spot as Cassel moved to TE. Leinart finished 2003 with better stats than Palmer throwing for 3,556 yards (63.4%) and a 38-9 ratio to become just the 2nd soph in Pac 10 history (John Elway the other) to win the Pac 10 Offensive POY Award. Leinart finished 6th in the Heisman voting last year and is a legitimate candidate this year but will have to hold off Booty. I would expect USC to redshirt Booty if Leinart starts and stays healthy. Hance who had 9 starts at Purdue in 2001 throwing for 1,529 yards (52.7%) with an 8-10 ratio, played in just 5 games last year and had 9 pass attempts. Billy Hart (6-2 200 Jr, PS#33) played on the Trojan baseball team in the spring. It will be tough for Leinart to top last year's stats but this group is more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with four Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White and Marcus Allen. Injuries plagued the unit in 2001 and in 2002 the leading rusher finished with just 814 yards (4.5). Last year basically everyone graduated and the unit was comprised of true frosh VHT's. The only experienced RB was Hershel Dennis (PS#10) who had 198 yards (4.0) in 2002, and he started all 13 games last year finishing with 661 yards (4.8). FB Brandon Hancock was injured and missed a good portion of the year, but Lee Webb filled in solidly. Hancock will miss this year as well due to reconstructive knee surgery. True frosh Chauncey Washington (6-1 205 So, PS#12) had 65 yards rushing (3.4) but was injured early. LenDale White (PS#7) led the team in rushing with 754 yards (5.3). Reggie Bush (PS#5) had 521 yards rushing (5.8) and averaged 20.9 on his 15 rec's, and runs the 100m in 10.42. He was also the top KR. The good news is that everyone is back except for Hancock. Not listed below are FB's Mike Brittingham (6-1 205 So) and Morgan Craig (6-2 205 So) and TB Andre Woodert (6-0 210 Jr, 19 yds). White's 149 yards vs Wash St were the most ever for a USC frosh TB. This has the makings of one of the best RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace the school's all-time leader in receptions Kareem Kelly, but I projected that Keary Colbert would surpass Kelly's totals then Mike Williams would surpass both of them in the next two years. Colbert (2nd TM Pac 10, #2DC of CAR) lived up to his end of the bargain with 1013 yards (14.7) and he leaves as the career leader in rec's with 207. Williams (1st TM Pac 10) had 176 rec's in just two years and would have broken the record, but he left early for the NFL draft. Even though Williams got shut out of the NFL draft he probably will not be able to return. The TE's were banged up last year with Alex Holmes missing the entire season and Dominique Byrd missing the final 7 games due to injury. Both return along with Greg Guenther (6-8 245 Sr) and former QB Matt Cassel (who could move back to QB). I list the 2 deep below at WR and there is talent but with the loss of their top 2 rec's it looks weaker than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Trojans always have a lot of talent, especially on the O-line but this unit has traditionally underperformed and USC had topped 4.0 ypc rushing just once since 1996 prior to last year. Norm Chow's offense relies on quick passes designed so the OL does not have to hold their blocks very long. In Chow's first year, USC surprisingly allowed 36 sacks but in the second year with all five starters back, reduced it to 23 and the team's ypc rushing improved from 2.6 to 3.6. In 2002, Winston Justice (PS#3) became the first Trojan true frosh to start on the OL since 1996. Last year they had to replace just one starter and had 5 players back with 12 or more career starts. USC averaged 4.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 15 sacks with the O-line being a key part of their explosive offense. The 1.2 sacks per game allowed was the best total at USC since 1987. This year the losses are a bit heavier. Gone are C Norm Katnik (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, 3 yr st'r), LG Lenny Vandermade (13 sts, 4 yr st'r), LT Jacob Rogers (13 sts, P10 Top OL Award, 1st Tm AA, #2DC DAL) and LT Nate Steinbacher. Another huge loss is Justice with 23 starts the last 2 years, who was suspended from the team in the offseason and will probably not play this year. They do have a lot of talent returning but this unit is less experienced and it will be tough to duplicate last year's outstanding numbers.

DL Mike Patterson

DEFENSIVE LINE - The last two years this group has been nicknamed "The Wild Bunch II" in honor of USC's famous 1969 defensive front. Last season they returned 3 of 4 starters but lost DE Omar Nazel after 8 starts due to injury. This year they must replace Nazel (27 tkls, 4 sks) as well as outstanding DE Kenechi Udeze (13 sts, 56 tkls, 26.5 tfl, 1st Tm AA, #1DC MIN) who led the NCAA with 16.5 sacks. They do have a pair of 1st Tm Pac 10 tackles returning in Mike Patterson and Shaun Cody and two VHT redshirt frosh DE's. Manuel Wright emerged in the spring at DT which allowed Cody to return to DE which is his more natural position. This group is not as experienced as the 2003 version but will still be one of the NCAA's best.

LINEBACKERS - Last year five of the six top LB's returned and Lofa Tatupu, who was the leading tackler at Maine in 2001 and transferred to his father, Mosi's, alma mater in 2002 ended up taking over the starting MLB position. The LB's were banged up during the year with Matt Grootegoed (PS#3) missing 4 games with injury. This year they must replace WLB Melvin Simmons (10 sts, 55 tkls, 8 tfl), MLB Daniel Urquhart (1 st, 20 tkls) and Bobby Otani (6 tkls). Converted safety Dallas Sartz (PS#23) and walk-on Collin Ashton did well and both earned starts in 2003. Grootegoed (2nd TM Pac 10) will move to WLB with Sartz getting the first shot at SLB. The unit adds in a top-notch JUCO as well as two VHT true frosh. This remains one of the elite LB units in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Trojans finished #16 in my pass defense rankings in 2001 and then after losing three CB's including two NFL DC's, still finished #12 in 2002. Last year they had to replace three starters yet still moved up to #7 allowing 55% with an 18-22 ratio against an extremely tough slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose CB Will Poole (11 sts, 80 tkls, 7 int, 19 pbu, #4DC MIA), CB Marcell Allmond (13 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu) and Mike Ross (10 tkls). Two of the players vying for a starting CB job combined for 11 starts at that position and SS Darnell Bing figures to be one of the top SS in the country as a soph. This unit actually has a little more experience than last year and figures to finish near the top of the pass D rankings once again, even with the loss of two starting CB's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - USC surprisingly finished #104 in my special teams rankings in 2002, but last year had basically everyone back. P Tom Malone has a booming leg and gets great hang time. Last year he became the first USC punter to earn 1st Tm AA honors averaging an outstanding 49.0 with a net of 43.7. He will have the NFL scouts' attention. K Ryan Killeen was a Groza semifinalist and hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 45 one year after hitting 16 of 23 with a long of 48. Killeen set a Pac 10 record with 65 xp's. Reggie Bush proved dangerous on KR's averaging 27.3 and Greig Carlson was serviceable on PR's (9.0). Surprisingly USC was only #35 in my special teams rankings last year, but is clearly a Top 10 outfit this season.

COACHES - Pete Carroll was the DC for the NY Jets from 1990-1993 and became their HC in 1994. From 1997-'99 he was the head man in New England. Let's be honest here Trojan fans, when he was hired here in 2001 you could count on one hand the amount of USC followers that were happy about his hiring. Carroll opened up 2-5 in his first seven games at the helm of USC and Trojan fans began to count down the days until his departure. Since then USC has simply gone 27-4 as they finished the 2001 season with four straight wins before losing their bowl game to Utah. In 2002 the team went 11-2 and last year, of course, won a co-National Championship. Carroll coaches the defense himself and his 2003 defense led the nation in rush D allowing a school record 60.2 ypg, and for the third straight year USC led the league in scoring defense. On offense he has one of the top OC's available in Norm Chow who spent 27 years at BYU. He also found success at NC St before coming here where he won the Broyles Award as the top asst coach in college football in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950 to 1989, a period that ended with 3 consecutive appearances in the Rose Bowl, USC had only 8 seasons in which they lost at least 5 games. In the next 12 years they reached that 5 loss total nine times and were one of the most underachieving teams in the country for a decade. Pete Carroll has officially brought the Trojans back and in 2002 they beat seven teams that were ranked in the Top 25 and destroyed UCLA, Notre Dame and Iowa in the final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. USC finished 11-2 despite facing 11 teams that ended up in bowls and the nation's toughest schedule. That 2002 team outgained Pac 10 foes by an average of 126.3 ypg. Last year they had to replace Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings called them #1 heading into last season and they simply took home the National Title in dominating fashion finishing with a 12-1 record. They outscored their foes by an average of 41.1 to 18.4. Their only defeat in 2003 was a 3-OT loss to Cal. In all 3 years of Carroll's defense, the Trojans have produced many turnovers and have been +16, +18 and +20 the last 3 seasons. Just like last year, USC returns 6 starters on each side of the ball but this time have an experienced QB. While USC has 27 lettermen lost (most in the Pac 10) they are loaded with NFL caliber talent at EVERY position. The Trojans are clearly one of the top teams in the NCAA again and will likely be #1 in the AP poll at the start of the year and deservedly so. All of my sets of power ratings call for the Trojans to achieve an undefeated season. If they manage that, they will earn a spot in the Orange Bowl for the BCS National Title game, a game in which Trojan fans felt they should have been in last season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT LEINART JR. 6-5 220 **PS#9**. 13 sts in '03, 3556 yds (63.4%) 38-9 ratio, **Pac 10 Off POY**. John David Booty (6-3 200 So) **PS#1**. 5 games as true, 90 yds (50%).

RB LenDALE WHITE SO. 6-2 225 **PS#7**. 754 yds (5.3) **true**. **Reggie Bush** (6-0 190 So) **PS#5**, track sprinter, 521 yds (5.8). Hershel Dennis (5-11 190 Jr) **PS#10**, 13 sts, 661 yds (4.8).

FB LEE WEBB SR. 6-0 248 PS#253. 5 sts at FB LY, 4 rush att's. LB in '01 & '02. David Kirtman (6-0 220 Jr) PS#82, 1 st, 51 yds LY. Jody Adewale (6-1 210 rFr) PS#119.

WR Whitney Lewis So. 6-1 225 **PS#2**, 3 rec as **true**. Jason Mitchell (6-1 200 Sr) PS#29JC, 2 rec here LY. William Buchanon (6-3 180 Jr) PS#23. 3 sts, 19 tkls, 6 pbu at CB in '02.

WR Steve Smith So. 6-1 190 **PS#3** 17 rec (18.8) as true. Chris McFoy (6-1 190 So) PS#76, 2 rec (11.5). Fred Davis **PS#3** in for spg. Greig Carlson (5-10 195 Jr) 2Y 48 PR (7.6).

TE ALEX HOLMES SR. 6-3 270 **PS#5**. 22 rec in '01, 12 sts, 29 rec (11.0) in '02. Inj LY. Dominique Byrd (6-3 255 Jr) **PS#3**. 6 sts LY (inj) 14 rec (19.1). Gregg Guenther PS#30, 17 rec, 9.8, 7 sts.

C Ryan Kalil So. 6-4 270 **PS#34**. 6 games as true, lettered. Jeff Byers (6-3 275 Fr) is **PS#1**. Ross Burruel (6-3 285 Jr) PS#402JC. **LS** Will Collins (6-2 225 rFr).

RG FRED MATUA SO. 6-2 300 **PS#12**. 13 games, 8 starts as rFr. **1st TM FR AA.** Travis Watkins (6-3 305 Sr) PS#168. 2nd string, 3 ltrs. Ryan Watson (6-3 285 rFr) PS#69 OL/DL.

LG JOHN DRAKE SR. 6-4 350 PS#113JC. 7 sts (5 @ RG, 2 @ RT) in '03, miss spg (inj). Alatini Malu (6-5 340 So) PS#222JC. Matt Spanos (6-5 285 rFr) PS#73DL.

RT Kyle Williams So. 6-6 290 **PS#13**. 7 games on OL as rFr & lettered. Travis Draper (6-5 270 Fr) PS#73 LY. Chilo Rachal (66 310 Fr) **PS#12**.

LT Sam Baker rFr. 6-5 315 **PS#15**. Drew Radovich (6-5 280 rFr) **PS#5**. Taitusi Lutui (6-6 370 Jr) PS#4JUCO. Origianally signed with Utah.

K RYAN KILLEEN SR. 5-11 200 16 of 23 FG's long of 48 in 2002. 19 of 24, long FG of 45 yds in '03. Mario Danelo (5-10 200 rFr). Tom Malone (6-0 190 Jr) **PS#4**.

DE Chris Barrett rFr. 6-5 250 PS#10. RS. 2 games LY. **Lawrence Jackson rFr.** 6-5 250 **PS#6**. Van Brown (PS#211 JC). 1.5 sks in '02. 7 tkls LY. Jeff Schweiger is **PS#3**.

NT MIKE PATTERSON SR. 6-0 285 13 sts, 37 tkls, 11.5 tfl in '02. 13 starts last year. 55 tkls, 14 tfl, **2nd Tm AA**. **1st TM Pac 10**. Sedrick Ellis (6-2 280 rFr) **PS#8**.

DT Manuel Wright So. 6-6 285 **PS#12**, 8 tkls as true. LaJuan Ramsey (6-3 270 Jr) PS#122, 6 tkls. Travis Tofi (6-4 255 So) 3 tkls. Scout team Defensive POY in 2002.

DE SHAUN CODY SR. 6-4 285 **PS#1**. 8 sts as true, 39 tkls, 5 sks. 6 sts in '02 (inj). 13 LY. **1st TM Pac 10**. Frostee Rucker (6-4 240 Jr) 5 sts at DE LY, 26 tkls, 4 tfl. Colo St trans.

WLB MATT GROOTEGOED SR. 5-11 215 **PS#3**. 13 sts, 81 tkls. 8 sk, 8 tfl in '02. **1st Tm Pac 10**. 8 sts in '03 (inj) 41 tkls. Thomas Williams (6-3 225 rFr) **PS#8**, Eugene Germany is **PS#15**.

MLB LOFA TATUPU JR. 6-0 225 Mosi's son. 67 tkls @ Maine in '01. 12 sts here LY, #1 tklr, 98 tkls, 12 tfl, 4 int, 10 pbu. Ryan Powdrell is PS#6JC. Oscar Lua (6-2 245 So) PS#66.

SLB Dallas Sartz Jr. 6-5 220 **PS#23DB**. 6 starts in '03, 60 tkls, 6 tfl, 5 pbu. Collin Ashton (6-1 215 Jr) walk-on, 2 sts in '03, 28 tkls, 1 tfl. Keith Rivers is **PS#2**.

CB Ronald Nunn Sr. 5-11 180 PS#165. Orig signed w/Wash St. 3 sts in '02 (inj), 40 tkls, 3 sks LY. John Walker (6-2 200 Jr) PS#77, 5 tkls, 2Y. Eric Wright (6-0 180 rFr) PS#80.

CB Justin Wyatt Jr. 5-10 180 **PS#25**. 10 tkls as true. 10 tkls, 3 rec at CB/WR last year. **Kevin Arbet** (5-11 190 Sr) 8 sts, 74 tkls, 4 int, 4 yrs. Ryan Ting (5-10 190 So) PS#58.

SS DARNELL BING SO. 6-2 220 **PS#4**. 13 sts as **true**, 69 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Unretired Garrett's #20 jersey. **HM P10**. Brandon Ting (5-10 190 So) PS#56. Terrell Thomas (6-2 180 rFr) PS#55.

FS JASON LEACH SR. 5-11 210 **PS#29**. 2 sts, 30 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu in '02. 13 sts, 88 tkls, 6 tfl. **HM Pac 10** in '03. Scott Ware is **PS#1JC**. Chris Bocage (5-10 190 Sr) 1 tkl.

P TOM MALONE JR. 6-0 190 **PS#4**. 62 punts in '02, 42.1 avg. 42 punts in '03. 49.0 avg, net of 43.7, super hang time. **1st Tm AA**. 24 of 42 punts went at least 56 yards.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Keith Rivers 6-3 220 PS#2	
DL	Jeff Schweiger 6-4 250 PS#3	
WR	Fred Davis 6-4 215 PS#3	
DL	Thomas Herring 6-6 315 PS#5	
OL	Jeff Byers 6-3 275 PS#1	
WR	Dwayne Jarrett 6-5 195 PS#4	
WR	Derrick Jones 6-2 180 PS#9	
QB	Rocky Hinds 6-4 225 PS#11	
OL	Chilo Rachal 6-6 310 PS#12	
LB	Eugene Germany 6-4 260 PS#15	
TE	Dale Thompson 6-4 255 PS#3	
DB	Scott Ware 6-3 220 PS#1JC	
DL	Lawrence Miles 6-3 270 PS#32	
OT	Taitusi Lutui 6-6 370 PS#4JC	

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Carroll's records AT USC

29-9	Straight Up	10-6	Home Favorite
24-11	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
6-2	Off A SU Loss	9-3	Away Favorite
19-5	Vs Conference	4-1	Away Underdog
		5-6	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (27,21,2)
Lost: 27 (11,13,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,804

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	† VA Tech (BCA Football Classic, Wash DC)	G						The Trojans are 13-3 ATS in November the last 16 games. The visitor is 7-1 ATS in the USC/Oregon series since 1993. Under Carroll when scoring 40+ pts or more USC is 17-0 ATS.
Sep. 4	at BYU	G						The Trojans are 6-1 SU & 7-0 ATS in their 1st road game of the season. USC is 9-3 SU & 7-5 ATS when favored by single digits under Carroll.
Sep. 11	Colorado St	G						The Trojans are 9-3 ATS as an away favorite under Carroll. USC is 11-2 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back away games since 1993.
Sep. 18								USC is just 2-7 ATS at home vs non-conference opponents since 2000. Trojans are 7-3 ATS prior to a bye week since 1998.
Sep. 25	at Stanford	G						Trojans are 4-1 ATS off a bye week under Carroll. USC/Stanford games have avg 59 ppg the last 5 years.
Oct. 2								
Oct. 9	California	G						Trojans are 4-10-1 ATS vs the Bears since 1989. Cal dealt USC their only loss (in 3OT) in LY's championship season.
Oct. 16	Arizona St	G						Trojans are 5-1 SU & ATS vs the Sun Devils since 1998. Prior to LW USC was 9-3 ATS at home vs Pac 10 foes under Carroll.
Oct. 23	Washington	G						Trojans are 8-3 ATS vs the Huskies since 1991. Over the L2Y USC has outgained Washington by a 494-358 average.
Oct. 30	at Washington St	A						Southern Cal is 8-3 SU & 6-5 ATS vs Washington St the L/11 matchups. Trojans are 15-7 ATS on artificial turf vs the Pac 10 since 1992.
Nov. 6	at Oregon St	A						USC is 18-1 SU & 15-4 ATS in this series since 1981. USC is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS in away Nov gms averaging 45 ppg since 1999.
Nov. 13	Arizona (HC)	G						The favorite is 7-2 ATS in this series the last 19 games. USC has won 4 straight games prior to Notre Dame (by avg 22 pts).
Nov. 27	Notre Dame	G						Trojans are 6-2 ATS vs the Fighting Irish since 1996. USC has covered 7 of their last 8 home finales.
Dec. 4	at UCLA	G						USC is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS vs the Bruins since 1997. Trojans have won 3 meetings under Carroll by an average of 28 ppg.

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-4	6-6	5-7	6-5	10-2	11-1	52-30
ATS	6-5	9-3	4-8	3-9	6-5	8-4	10-2	46-36
Home Fav	1-3	6-1	2-4	0-5	1-3	4-2	5-1	19-19
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	3-3
Away Fav	2-0	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	14-7
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	10-7
Favorite	3-3	8-1	3-6	0-7	3-4	7-3	9-2	33-26
Dog	3-2	1-2	1-2	3-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	13-10
Grass	5-4	7-3	3-6	3-8	4-5	7-2	9-1	38-29
Artificial	1-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	8-7
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	6-2	6-2	7-1	32-24
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	0-3	2-2	3-1	14-12
Off SU Win	2-4	4-3	2-3	0-5	2-3	7-2	8-2	25-22
Off SU Loss	3-1	4-0	1-5	2-4	4-1	1-1	1-0	16-12

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LenDale White	141	781	27	754	13	5.3
Hershel Dennis	137	682	21	661	4	4.8
Reggie Bush	90	564	43	521	3	5.8
Matt Leinart	32	39	101	-62	0	-1.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Leinart	402	255	63.4	3556	38	9
John David Booty	14	7	50.0	90	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Mike Williams		95	1314	13.8	16	40
Keary Colbert		69	1013	14.7	9	57
Steve Smith		17	319	18.8	2	73
Reggie Bush		15	314	20.9	4	60
Dominique Byrd		14	268	19.1	1	55
Gregg Guenther Jr		17	167	9.8	2	23
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tom Malone	42	2060	49.0	1	43.7	2	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ryan Killeen	65-67	9-10	8-11	2-3	0-0	19-24	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lofa Tatupu	98	3	9	10	4
Jason Leach	88	1	5	6	2
Will Poole	80	3	6	19	7
Darnell Bing	69	0	2	5	2
Dallas Sartz	60	2	4	4	0
Kenechi Udeze	56	16.5	10	3	0
Mike Patterson	55	7	7	0	0
Melvin Simmons	55	0	8	3	0
Marcell Allmond	48	3	0	4	3
Matt Grootegoed	41	1.5	3	1	0
Ronald Nunn	40	3	1	4	1
Collin Ashton	28	0	1	1	0
Omar Nazel	27	4	3	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Greig Carlson	21	188	9.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Reggie Bush	18	492	27.3	1
Marcell Allmond	9	208	23.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Rose	-3	Northwestern	41-32	W
98	Sun	-16	TCU	19-28	L
01	Las Vegas	-3'	Utah	6-10	L
02	Orange	-4'	Iowa	38-17	W
03	Rose	-7	Michigan	28-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	41.1	22	156	4.5	292	62.0	10.9	+20	2003	6	18.4	20	60	1.8	276	55.0	18.3
9*	35.8	24	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	+18	2002	5	18.5	16	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4
8*	24.8	15	88	2.6	227	58.6	12.7	+16	2001	6	17.3	18	155	3.9	176	54.7	19.2
6*	25.8	22	154	4.1	262	54.9	16.2	-19	2000	9	28.1	18	126	3.1	217	51.3	12.2
9*	29.0	21	145	3.6	258	56.2	13.9	+14	1999	6	23.2	20	117	3.2	256	53.7	16.1
6*	26.6	16	127	3.7	217	52.9	12.9	+11	1998	8	18.5	18	156	3.8	177	49.7	17.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Auburn	16	36-123	3.4	17-30	192	1	11	36-43	1.2	12-26	121	6	+3
BYU	17	33-71	2.2	19-34	235	4	19	26-46	1.8	29-46	313	6	+2
Hawaii	21	33-164	5.0	18-26	254	1	26	16-63	3.9	40-67	399	2	+1
at California	18	24-99	4.1	21-39	277	0	24	48-143	3.0	27-37	326	2	0
at Arizona St	20	36-198	5.5	17-34	331	2	20	44-61	1.4	19-38	305	5	-1
Stanford	22	41-220	5.4	19-31	273	0	18	31-86	2.8	19-40	156	3	+3
at Notre Dame	29	45-195	4.3	27-36	356	1	16	36-111	3.1	15-34	168	4	0
at Washington	26	43-214	5.0	19-29	351	1	21	32-86	2.7	22-42	274	2	+1
Washington St	20	31-222	7.2	18-32	214	1	22	30-(-25)	-0.8	34-57	345	5	+4
at Arizona	32	48-220	4.6	26-37	367	1	10	26-50	1.9	12-34	145	1	+2
UCLA	23	34-123	3.6	27-41	321	1	16	29-11	0.4	22-40	283	6	+2
Oregon St	17	26-110	4.2	22-38	278	1	26	33-58	1.8	34-60	485	4	+3
† Michigan	19	25-68	2.7	24-35	342	1	25	38-49	1.3	27-46	271	9	0
TOTALS	280	455-2027	4.5	274-442	3791	15	254	425-782	1.8	312-567	3591	55	+20
AVERAGES	21.5	35-156	4.5	21-34	292	1.2	19.5	33-60	1.8	24-44	276	4.2	1.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-26'	62-7	W
San Diego St	-24	24-21	L
at Oregon	+1'	30-33 OT	L
Oregon St	-13	37-29	L
at Arizona	+1	24-31	L
at Notre Dame	+8	24-25	W
Stanford	-7'	31-35	L
at California	-5'	7-17	L
Arizona St	-6	16-26	L
at Washington St	-8'	31-28	L
UCLA	-6'	17-7	W
LA Tech	E	45-19	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Penn St	+2	29-5	W
Colorado	-7	17-14	L
San Jose St	-23	34-24	L
at Oregon St	-6'	21-31	L
Arizona	-7	15-31	L
Oregon	+1	17-28	L
at Stanford	-5'	30-32	L
California	-8	16-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	44-38 OT	W
Washington St	-11'	27-33	L
at UCLA	+3	38-35	W
Notre Dame	+1	21-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15	21-10	L
Kansas St	+3	6-10	L
at Oregon	+6'	22-24	W
Stanford	-1'	16-21	L
at Washington	+5'	24-27	W
Arizona St	-2	48-17	W
at Notre Dame	-1	16-27	L
at Arizona	-6'	41-34	W
Oregon St	-6'	16-13 OT	L
at California	-13	55-14	W
UCLA	+3'	27-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Auburn	-7'	24-17	L
at Colorado	+3	40-3	W
at Kansas St	+2'	20-27	L
Oregon St	-3'	22-0	W
at Wash St	-3	27-30 OT	L
California	-12'	30-28	L
Washington	-7'	41-21	W
at Oregon	-1	44-33	W
at Stanford	-18'	49-17	W
Arizona St	-15'	34-13	W
at UCLA	-5'	52-21	W
Notre Dame	-11	44-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+3'	23-0	W
BYU	-21'	35-18	L
Hawaii	-21	61-32	W
at California	-13'	31-34 3OT	L
at Arizona St	-12	37-17	W
Stanford	-21	44-21	W
at Notre Dame	-8	45-14	W
at Washington	-10'	43-23	W
Washington St	-11'	43-16	W
at Arizona	-28'	45-0	W
UCLA	-23	47-22	W
Oregon St	-21'	52-28	W

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Tedford is a tremendous QB coach. Tedford developed QB's like Trent Dilfer, David Carr, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington. Tom Holmoe's biggest signee ever at Cal was QB Kyle Boller (PS#3) and in his first three years, in three different offenses, he completed just 47% and was billed as a huge underachiever. In his first and only season under Tedford, Boller threw for 2,815 yards (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio and left holding school records for career passing TD's, #2 in career passing yards and was the #1DC of BAL. Last year Reggie Robertson (PS#30) who started two games and threw for 298 yards in 2001 returned, and Tedford added Aaron Rodgers (PS#14JC) who had a 28-4 ratio at JC in 2002. Robertson began the season as the starter and on the year threw for 797 yards (62.6%) with a 9-3 ratio but lost his starting job after the Utah game. Rodgers hurt his index finger vs Illinois and then suffered ankle and rib injuries and could not finish the game against USC and Robertson hit 9 of 12 for 109 yards in the 2H as Cal handed USC its only loss of the year. Rodgers returned to start the next week but hit just 9 of 34 for 52 yards vs Oreg St, but Tedford stuck with him and Robertson attempted just 2 more passes. Rodgers was just 19 years old last season and threw for 2,903 yards (#2 school history) with a super 19-5 ratio (61.6%) and set the school record for lowest interception % (1.43%) with the previous record held by Gary Graumann (1977). His five 300 yard passing efforts also tied a school record. Both QB's return and adding depth are Cary Dove (6-2 180 rFr, PS#61) and Steve Levy (6-1 220 So, PS#272). Rodgers has a great shot at setting Cal's single season record for passing yards this year provided he stays healthy.

QB Aaron Rodgers

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 due to injuries, Terrell Williams (PS#46) was the team's leading rusher and had 688 yards (4.3). Williams was reduced to the backup role in 2002 as Joe Igber rushed for 1,130 yards (4.7). Igber departed last year and Williams missed the season after not fully recovering from knee surgery. Adimchinobe Echemandu was 225 lbs with blazing 4.3 speed but after missing 2001 due to academics, 2002 to an ACL injury, he was less than 100% in August and in the first game. He emerged in Wk 2 with 127 yards, in fact, for the first time in ten years, Cal had 2 backs top 100 yards rushing in the same game (JJ Arrington had 114 yds). Marcus O'Keith (PS#26) started the opener but suffered a toe injury which limited him. Echemandu was the Pac 10 POW in their upset vs USC with 147 yards rushing and his best game was vs Arizona (201). He was on pace to perhaps break Cal's single season rushing record but was injured vs Oregon, missed Washington and was not 100% in the final two. JJ Arrington (PS#75JC) got into Tedford's doghouse by fumbling three times early and would have just two attempts total vs USC, Ore St and UCLA. He had 92 yards vs Arizona and then vs Wash, with Echemandu out, he and O'Keith each topped 100 yards with Arrington gaining 185 on just 14 carries. They must replace Echemandu (1st Tm P10, #7DC CLE) who rushed for 1,195 yards (5.0) but Arrington and O'Keith are back along with Williams. I list the FB's below. I'll call this unit down a notch or two with the loss of Echemandu.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Geoff McArthur had 30 rec in the first five games but just six the rest of the year due to hamstring problems. Last season they had to replace their top receiver, LaShaun Ward, who had 709 yards (18.2) and then their leading returning receiver, Jonathan Makonnen suffered a fractured foot and redshirted. McArthur had a tremendous season setting Cal's single season record with 1,504 yards (17.7), and he was just 16 yards shy of the Pac 10 record but he broke his arm and missed the bowl. The good news for Cal is that both McArthur (2nd Tm AA) and Makonnen return as does last year's #2 receiver Burl Toler (48 rec). I list the 2 deep below and the only losses this year are TE Brandon Hall (14 sts, 15 rec), and WR Vincent Strang (17 rec). WR Junior Brignac (PS#88), who originally signed with Washington but played MLB instead and has missed the last two years with injuries. Not listed below is Sean Young (5-10 180 rFr, PS#134), Noah Smith (5-11 180 rFr, PS#54, 4.29 spd), Devin Stearns (6-3 180 rFr, PS#36), Sam DeSa (5-11 180 rFr, PS#59) Randy Bundy (6-0 160 So, PS#145) and TE's Craig Stevens (6-5 250 rFr, PS#36), Eric Beegun (6-3 250 Jr, PS#76), Justin Airola (6-5 230 So, PS#67) and Ted Bruzzone (6-3 240 So, PS#214). Chase Lyman simply had 149 yds rec in the bowl replacing McArthur and has 10 career starts, yet is 3rd or 4th string in this group and this is one of the Pac 10's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Tedford's first season, Cal's O-line paved the way for just 3.3 ypc rushing but tied for 1st in the Pac 10 with just 25 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 6th round DC, but eight of their top 10 OL's returned. They did suffer some injuries with C Nolan Bluntzer missing most of the last five games and LG Jonathan Giesel missing five as well. Overall the unit paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 29 sacks. This year they must replace LT Mark Wilson (14 sts, 1st Tm Pac 10, 4 yr st'r, #5DC WAS), RT Chris Murphy (14 sts, 2 yr st'r), C Bluntzer (9 sts) as well as backup RG David Hays (3 sts). I list the 2 deep below and four players return that started 5 or more games last year, but overall this unit is less experienced, especially with the loss of Wilson who set the Cal OL record with 48 consecutive starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's strength over the last six years has been their DL play. In 2002 they allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing while recording 44 sacks. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 35 starts but did return outstanding DT Lorenzo Alexander who at 300 lbs, clogs up the middle. Overall the D slipped some allowing 3.7 ypc while recording 38 sacks. This year they must replace DT Josh Beckham (14 sts, 29 tkls, 3.5 tfl), DE Monte Parson (10 sts, 23 tkls, 4 sks) and DT Brandon Povio (11 tkls). Alexander is back and they have some other VHT's as well including Ray Tago who missed most of 2003 with injury, rFr Matt Malele (PS#14), Leon Drummer (PS#54OL) as well as true frosh Philip Mbakogu (PS#11). This group is more experienced and should be one of the Pac 10's stronger D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bears had to replace 4 LB's who combined for 29 starts but Tedford signed a couple of JUCO's who ended up starting. This year the unit is much more experienced as five players are back who combined for 42 starts and both JUCO's, Joe Maningo and Francis Blay-Miezah came in for the fall last year and now have the benefit of a full season as well as spring practice under their belts. Added to the mix are VHT rFr Garrett Tremblay (PS#33), VHT true frosh Marlin Simmons (PS#60) and Worrell Williams (PS#26). Also available is Ryan Estes (6-2 220 So) who was PS#381JC and has been injured the past two years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing no lower than #36 in my pass D rankings in Tom Holmoe's first three years (including a pair of top 10 finishes) the unit plummeted to #96 in 2001. An experienced secondary in 2002 moved up to #50. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace three starters including a 1st round DC and a productive backup. Injuries also hurt and the unit had only one player start all 14 games. Cal dropped to #52 allowing 55.9% with a 25-14 ratio. This year the unit is in much better shape as the only losses are CB James Bethea (7 sts, 36 tkls) and CB Obi Amajoyi (6 tkls). Six players return with starting experience and they add some talented rFr and true frosh, so this unit should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cal was just #96 in my special teams rankings in 2001, but despite allowing 4 blocked punts in Tedford's first season, they moved up to #33. Last year they lost both of their dangerous returnmen (KR 28.9, PR 12.2) as well as their outstanding K, Mark Jensen who hit 19 of 27 FG's with a long of 51. As expected they dropped a little to #47. Tyler Fredrickson handled the K, P and KO duties and almost lost his kicking job after a 1 of 3 effort vs Utah but had a great game vs Illinois in which he hit 4 of 4 xp's, 1 of 1 on FG's, had 4 TB's and also had 4 punts inside the 10. He had an inconsistent year on FG's hitting 15 of 30 with a long of 53 and had missed 5 straight prior to his game winner in the bowl. They must replace Fredrickson as well as KR James Bethea (18.9) and PR Vincent Strang (8.1). Cal has blocked 6 punts in the last two years. They should also welcome back special teams ace McGrath (HM P10) who missed the last 3 games with a broken leg. Two JUCO's will compete at K and P. It will be tough for Cal to maintain its Top 50 ranking this year, but Tedford has done a solid job in his first couple of years, and it wouldn't surprise me to see them near the top again.

COACHES - Jeff Tedford has done an incredible job here in just two years. He stepped in and won the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in his first season guiding the team to a 7-5 record and was given a 5 year contract extension though 2007. He had previously been the OC at both Oregon and Fresno St. Last year Tedford returned the fewest starters in the Pac 10 (8) and yet somehow guided the team to an outstanding 8-6 record including big wins over USC and Virg Tech and he turned down an offer by the Chicago Bears in the offseason. His OC is George Cortez who enters his 3rd season in that capacity and he was the CFL's Calgary Stampeeders OC from 1998-2001. DC Bob Gregory was Boise St's DC in 2001 and Oregon's secondary coach from 1998-2000. This is the 3rd year for an up-and-coming staff.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Cal has not been to the Rose Bowl since the 1958 season. Jeff Tedford has done some incredible things in two short seasons. They ended Washington's 19 game win streak against them in 2002 and had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA going from 1-10 to 7-5. This was achieved despite losing 9 scholarships over a 4 year period due to NCAA probation. That 2002 team had 23 seniors and 15 of them were starters, so Cal had the fewest amount of starters returning in the Pac 10 in 2003 and the highest amount of lettermen lost. As you would expect, Cal struggled. They opened just 1-3 and also stood 3-5 after a loss to UCLA. Cal finished strong winning 5 of their last 6 including a bowl win over VT, their first bowl since 1996. They were the only team in the country to beat #1 ranked USC and even suffered four last minute losses (Utah, Colo St, UCLA and Oregon) with a blown 10 point 4Q lead against Oregon being tough to take. They had their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1990-'91. Cal is vastly more experienced and has one of the top QB's in the country in Aaron Rodgers who teams with Biletnikoff candidate Geoff McArthur. The defense figures to be much tougher with 9 starters (2 last year). Cal does have some tough road games this year including travelling to USC, but this clearly looks like the best team of the Tedford era, and they could be favored in 10 of 11 games.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB, AARON RODGERS JR. 6-2 200 **PS#14JC**. 10 sts here, 2903 yds (61.6%) 19-5 ratio, 324 rush. Cal rec 1.43% int. **Reggie Robertson** (6-2 190 Sr) PS#30. 6 sts, 1159 yds pass 3Y.
RB JJ Arrington Sr. 5-11 210 PS#75JC. 2 sts LY, 607 yds (5.7), 21 rec (8.5). Marcus O'Keith (6-1 180 So) PS#26, 230 yds (5.8). **Terrell Williams** (6-0 200 Jr) 5 sts 688 yds in '01.
FB CHRIS MANDERINO JR. 6-1 220 7 sts in '02, 99 ttl yds. 7 sts LY, 54 yds (4.2), 13 rec. Byron Storer (6-1 230 So) PS#384LB. Kevin Ross (5-11 200 rFr). Frank Summers PS#439.
WR GEOFF McARTHUR SR. 6-1 200 7 sts, 36 rec (12.6) in '02. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm Pac 10**, 85 rec, 1504 yds (#2 NCAA), 17.7 ypc. David Gray (6-3 220 So) PS#69, 2 sts, 7 rec, 2Y.
WR JONATHAN MAKONNEN SR. 6-0 200 JC. 10 sts in '02, 54 rec (12.6). 2 sts LY (inj). 14 rec. **Burl Toler** (6-2 190 Sr) 10 sts, 48 rec (12.7). **Chase Lyman** (6-4 210 Sr) 10 career sts, 154 yds in bowl.
TE Garrett Cross Sr. 6-5 230 **PS#13JC**. 5 sts here LY, 16 rec (10.8) until broken leg. John Rust (6-5 240 Jr) PS#90WR, 3 sts, 4 rec. Jordon Hunter (6-6 260 Sr) PS#35. 3 sts, 5 rec in '01.
C Marvin Philip Jr. 6-2 280 PS#208. 2 sts as true in 2000. 2 yr Mormon Mission. Last 5 sts at C in '03, MIP OL. Scott Smith (6-4 290 So) PS#356.
RG Aaron Merz Jr. 6-4 320 10 games as rFr at LT. 6 starts at LG in 2003. **Bryan Deemer** (6-4 300 Jr) PS#96JC. 3rd Tm JCAA. In for spg. John Gibson is PS#59.
LG JONATHAN GIESEL SR. 6-4 300 PS#273. 2 tkls as true. RS in '01. 11 sts at RG in '02. 8 sts at LG in '03 (inj 5). Jonathon Murphy (6-5 300 Jr) 5 games 2Y. Noris Malele **PS#42**.
RT RYAN O'CALLAGHAN JR. 6-7 340 PS#192. 12 games as rFr, lettered. 11 sts at RG LY. Erik Robertson (6-2 310 So) PS#360. 1 gm and 550 squat. Brian De La Puente (6-4 300 rFr).
LT Andrew Cameron So. 6-5 320 PS#222. 6 games in '03. Increased bench 45 lbs. Derek Joyce (6-7 300 Sr) 3 games in '02, 9 games in '03. James Lattos (6-5 300 Jr).
K David Lonie Jr. 6-6 200 PS#72JC. 11 of 19 FG's at JC LY but misses from 54, & 2 from 57 plus 5 bad snaps. Tom Schneider (6-0 200 rFr). Taylor Kunzi (5-11 220 Jr).

DE Ryan Riddle Sr. 6-3 250 **PS#31JC**. 21 sks at JC in 2Y. 3 sts here LY, 34 tkls, 6.5 sks. Justin Johnson PS#110JC (32.5 sks at JC in 2Y!). Phillip Mbakogu is **PS#11**.
DT LORENZO ALEXANDER SR. 6-3 300 **PS#11**. 5 sts, 24 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 6 sts, 25 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 14 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl, **HM P10** L2Y. Brandon Mebane (6-3 290 So) PS#49, 3 tkls 1 sk as true.
DT Matt Malele rFr. 6-3 310 **PS#14**. Tom Sverchek (6-3 300 Sr) PS#375. 8 tkls, 1 st, 3 tfl in '02. 4 sts, 36 tkls, 1 sk, 6 tfl LY. Leon Drummer (6-6 330 rFr) PS#54.
DE TOSH LUPOI SR. 6-3 250 PS#36TE. 3 sts as rFr, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. 2 tkls in '02. 11 sts LY, 37 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. **Ray Tago** (6-3 280 Sr) **PS#47**, JUCO. 4 tkls LY but injured.
OLB WENDELL HUNTER SR. 6-1 230 PS#112. 5 sts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 14 sts, 94 tkls, 7 sks, 5 tfl. **HM Pac 10** LY. Chris Purtz (6-2 210 rFr) PS#51. Perron Wiley (6-0 220 Sr) PS#85.
MLB JOE MANINGO SR. 6-1 230 **PS#39JC**. 31 sks JC 2Y. Last 7 sts here in '03 (inj). 31 tkls, 1.5 sks. Sid Slater (6-2 230 Sr) 3 sts, 28 tkls. Garrett Tremblay (6-3 240 rFr) **PS#33**.
OLB FRANCIS BLAY-MIEZAH SR. 6-2 230 PS#134JC. 13 sts LY, 46 tkls, 5 tfl. Brian Tremblay (6-1 230 Sr) PS#128. 27 tkls in '02. 5 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Jaylon DeBruin (6-3 240 Jr) PS#222.
CB DAYMEION HUGHES SO. 6-2 180 PS#78. 4.4 spd. 5 sts as true, 30 tkls, 2 int, 1 pbu. Timothy Mixon (5-8 180 So) 4 sts as rFr until ACL, 6 pbu! Thomas DeCoud (6-3 190 rFr) PS#172.
CB HARRISON SMITH JR. 6-2 200 8 tkls as rFr. 11 sts LY, 44 tkls, 7 pbu. Virdell Larkins is PS#36. Brandon Sanders (5-9 170 rFr) 1 int, 1 game as true, inj. Wale Forrester (5-10 190 Jr).
ROV DONNIE McCLESKEY JR. 5-10 195 PS#100RB. 7 sts, 45 tkls, 5 pbu in '02. 14 sts, **1st Tm P10**, 102 tkls, 5.5 sks, 7 tfl, 11 pbu LY. Mike McGrath (5-11 190 Sr) 47 tkls, 2 int, 2 years.
FS RYAN GUTIERREZ SR. 6-0 190 PS#182. 14 tkls in '02. **HM Pac 10** LY. 10 sts (inj 4) 93 tkls, 5 pbu. Matt Giordano (6-0 190 Sr) PS#116JC, 4 sts, 50 tkls. Ryan Foltz (6-2 210 Jr) 29 tkls.
P David Lonie Jr. 6-6 200 Australian. Big leg. 40.1 avg at JC in '02 & 41.8 avg LY. **Lucas Everett** (6-2 200 Sr) PS#125JC, 45.2 avg in '02. 6 punts (34.0) 2 games LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Phillip Mbakogu	6-3 260 PS#11
LB	Sekeli Faaeteete	6-1 212 PS#13
QB	Nathan Longshore	6-5 230 PS#18
RB	Marshawn Lynch	5-11 200 PS#23
LB	Worrell Williams	6-0 245 PS#26
OL	Noris Malele	6-4 295 PS#42
DB	Virdell Larkins	5-11 185 PS#36
OL	John Gibson	6-4 250 PS#59
LB	Marlin Simmons	6-1 210 PS#60
P	David Lonie	6-6 200 PS#72JC
OL	Brian Deemer	6-4 300 PS#96JC
DE	Justin Johnson	6-3 245 PS#110JC
WR	Robert Jordan	5-11 160 PS#108
DB	Bernard Hicks	6-1 200 PS#139

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Cal will play 4 gms on grass this yr where they are 10-3-1 the past 2 seasons. The Golden Bears are 5-2 ATS in their 1st road game of the season.
Sep. 4	at Air Force	G						Cal lost 23-21 to AF in 2002 as a 9' pt HF. Prior to that they won 4 straight vs the Falcons. The Golden Bears are 6-3 ATS vs non-conference foes under Tedford.
Sep. 11	New Mexico St	A						California is 3-1 ATS their last 4 home openers. Cal is 12-21 ATS the L/33 as HF's, but are 6-4 ATS in that role under Tedford.
Sep. 18	at S Mississippi	A						The Bears are 2-8 ATS as an AF S/'94 but 7-2-1 ATS as an AD the L2Y. California is 1-3 ATS prior to a bye since 1999.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Oregon St	A						Cal is 6-10 SU & 5-11 ATS vs Oregon St. Cal is 9-3-1 ATS the week after a bye since 1987.
Oct. 9	at USC	G						Cal is 5-4 SU & 7-2 ATS the last 9 vs USC all as a dog. Pending LW the Bears are 5-2-1 ATS away vs the Pac 10 under Tedford.
Oct. 16	UCLA	A						California is 12-4-1 ATS vs the Bruins. Pending earlier results the Bears are 10-5-1 in Pac 10 play under Tedford.
Oct. 23	at Arizona	G						California is 12-4 ATS vs Arizona since 1986. The Golden Bears haven't won SU in Tucson since 1991.
Oc.t 30	Arizona St	A						Cal has won 3 of the last 4 ATS vs Arizona St & in a matchup with another ex-Oregon OC in Koetter for ASU. The teams have avg 84 ppg the L/2.
Nov. 6	Oregon	A						Cal is 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS vs Oregon since 1992. The Bears are 3-7-1 ATS in the 2nd game of a 2+ homestand since 1998.
Nov. 13	at Washington	A						Cal is 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS L/6 vs Wash (2-0 SU & ATS under Tedford). The Bears are 3-1 SU & ATS their last 4 road finales.
Nov. 20	Stanford	A						Under Tedford Cal has won both gms SU & ATS by an avg score of 29-11. The underdog is 8-3 ATS (0-2 L2Y) in the "Big Game".
Nov. 27								

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 15-11)
3rd Year at California

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

15-11	Straight Up	6-4	Home Favorite
16-8-1	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Underdog
8-2-1	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
10-5-1	Vs Conference	7-2-1	Away Underdog
	6-3 Vs Non-Conference		

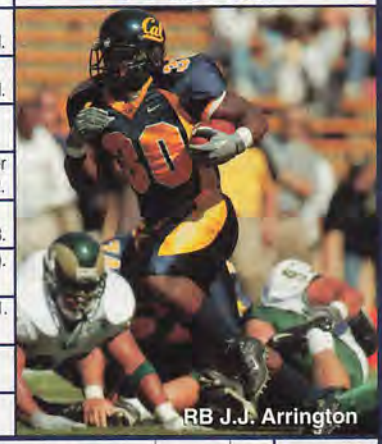
2003 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (20,27,1)
Lost: 17 (11,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,693

PAC 10


RB J.J. Arrington

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (73,347)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum Turf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	1-10	7-5	7-6	30-50
ATS	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	7-4	3-8	8-4	8-4-1	43-35-2
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	3-2	3-2	8-11
Home Dog	1-2	2-0-1	3-1	3-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	12-8-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-5
Away Dog	4-1	3-1	2-3	4-2	2-2	4-1	3-1-1	22-11-1
Favorite	1-2	1-3	0-2	0-2	0-2	3-2	4-3	9-16
Dog	5-3	5-1-1	5-4	7-2	3-6	5-2	4-1-1	34-19-2
Grass	5-4	5-3-1	5-3	4-4	2-7	7-3	3-0-1	31-24-2
Artificial	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	1-1	1-1	5-4	12-11
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-2-1	32-23-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1-1	1-2	2-1	0-3	3-1	3-2	11-12-1
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1-1	0-4	3-0	0-0	3-3	3-3	13-13-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	5-1	3-4	3-7	4-1	4-1-1	26-19-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adimchinobe Echemandu	238	1234	39	1195	13	5.0
JJ Arrington	**107**	**631**	**24**	**607**	**5**	**5.7**
Marcus O'Keith	**40**	**240**	**10**	**230**	**1**	**5.8**
Aaron Rodgers	**86**	**324**	**114**	**210**	**5**	**2.4**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Aaron Rodgers	**349**	**215**	**61.6**	**2903**	**19**	**5**
Reggie Robertson	**99**	**62**	**62.6**	**797**	**9**	**3**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Geoff McArthur	**85**	**1504**	**17.7**	**10**	**79**	
Burl Toler	**48**	**609**	**12.7**	**3**	**37**	
Vincent Strang	17	205	12.1	5	34	
Adimchinobe Echemandu	22	185	8.4	0	36	
JJ Arrington	**21**	**178**	**8.5**	**3**	**32**	
Garrett Cross	**16**	**173**	**10.8**	**3**	**30**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tyler Fredrickson	57	2281	40.0	8	36.5	0	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Tyler Fredrickson	54-54	6-7	5-9	2-7	2-7	15-30	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Donnie McCleskey	**102**	**5.5**	**7**	**11**	**2**
Wendell Hunter	**94**	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Ryan Gutierrez	**93**	**0**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Matt Giordano	**50**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Francis Blay-Miezah	**46**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Harrison Smith	**44**	**0.5**	**0**	**7**	**0**
Tosh Lupoi	**37**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**
James Bethea	36	0	0	4	1
Tom Sverchek	**36**	**1**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Lorenzo Alexander	**33**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**0**
Joe Maningo	**31**	**1.5**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Brian Tremblay	**31**	**0.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Daymeion Hughes	**30**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**
Ryan Riddle	**29**	**6.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Vincent Strang	27	220	8.1	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
James Bethea	34	644	18.9	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Copper	-7	Wyoming	17-15	L
91	Citrus	E	Clemson	37-13	W
93	Alamo	-11'	Iowa	37-3	W
96	Aloha	+1	Navy	38-42	L
03	Insight	+3	Virginia Tech	52-49	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	32.6	23	168	4.3	265	61.5	13.3	+3	2003	2	24.4	20	134	3.7	251	55.9	15.8
7*	35.6	19	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	+18	2002	8	26.5	21	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8
8*	18.3	20	121	3.4	229	47.8	19.1	-18	2001	8	39.2	22	150	3.8	296	54.8	11.4
7*	22.4	16	124	3.4	194	46.6	14.2	-4	2000	4	26.8	20	111	2.7	255	49.6	13.6
6	16.4	13	100	2.8	151	39.4	15.3	-5	1999	7	23.1	19	118	2.9	235	47.4	15.3
6*	16.6	17	79	2.3	213	53.1	20.2	+6	1998	8	22.8	18	134	3.3	207	46.1	14.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE					SKS	DEFENSE					SKS	
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
† Kansas St	24	27-62	2.3	25-42	378	4	20	46-330	7.2	9-18	205	1	-1
S Mississippi	21	48-260	5.4	11-18	157	2	16	36-65	1.8	20-34	212	7	0
Colorado St	19	31-51	1.6	23-35	248	5	17	39-131	3.4	15-24	317	1	0
at Utah	19	34-119	3.5	19-32	246	1	21	48-200	4.2	18-28	136	0	-1
at Illinois	22	32-105	3.3	20-37	263	2	26	35-66	1.9	35-57	430	5	0
USC	24	48-143	3.0	27-37	326	2	18	24-99	4.1	21-39	277	0	0
Oregon St	19	29-185	6.4	9-34	52	0	24	53-269	5.1	18-27	224	1	-1
at UCLA	22	35-75	2.1	28-42	322	5	16	39-55	1.4	9-20	173	6	+1
Arizona	25	59-327	5.5	11-18	117	2	19	28-201	7.2	18-34	201	1	+2
at Arizona St	24	45-232	5.2	17-23	307	0	24	36-98	2.7	17-36	253	6	+3
at Oregon	17	40-106	2.7	15-27	188	2	16	27-94	3.5	17-34	224	2	-1
Washington	27	35-381	10.9	20-34	348	0	22	33-34	1.0	25-47	259	5	+3
at Stanford	31	38-174	4.6	26-38	359	2	14	30-77	2.6	16-35	207	1	-2
† Virginia Tech	27	41-136	3.3	27-35	394	2	27	26-153	5.9	24-36	398	2	0
TOTALS	321	542-2356	4.3	278-452	3705	29	280	500-1872	3.7	262-469	3516	38	+3
AVERAGES	22.9	39-168	4.3	20-32	265	2.1	20.0	36-134	3.7	19-34	251	2.7	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	-18'	21-7	L
at Nebraska	+32	0-45	L
Arizona St	+1'	24-23	W
at Washington St	-4	7-31	L
at BYU	+14	28-38	W
at UCLA	+13	17-0	W
Washington	+3	27-31	L
USC	+5'	17-7	W
at Oregon St	+9	7-17	L
Oregon	+7	19-24	W
at Stanford	+10'	13-31	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+3	24-21	W
at Illinois	+14	15-17	W
at Fresno St	+3	3-17	L
Washington St	-6'	17-21	L
at Arizona St	+7	10-30	L
UCLA	+10'	46-38 3OT	W
at Washington	+16	24-36	W
at USC	+8	28-16	W
Oregon St	+6'	32-38	W
at Oregon	+13	17-25	W
Stanford	-1'	30-36 OT	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-2'	17-44	L
BYU	+3'	16-44	L
at Washington St	+14	20-51	L
Washington	+15'	28-31	W
Oregon	+13'	7-48	L
at UCLA	+30'	17-56	L
at Oregon St	+19'	10-19	W
Arizona	+3'	24-38	L
USC	+13	14-55	L
at Stanford	+24	28-35	W
at Rutgers	-11	20-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-7'	70-22	W
N Mexico St	-12'	34-13	W
at Michigan St	+13'	46-22	W
Air Force	-9'	21-23	L
Wash St	+2'	38-48	L
at Washington	+11	34-27	W
at USC	+12'	28-30	W
UCLA	+3'	17-12	W
at Oregon St	+5'	13-24	L
at Arizona St	+4'	55-38	W
Arizona	-16'	41-52	L
Stanford	-10'	30-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Kansas St	+28	28-42	W
S Mississippi	-4	34-2	W
Colorado St	-2'	21-23	L
at Utah	+1	24-31	L
at Illinois	+3	31-24	W
USC	+13'	34-31 3OT	W
Oregon St	-1	21-35	L
at UCLA	+3	20-23 OT	L
Arizona	-17	42-14	W
at Arizona St	+3	51-23	W
at Oregon	-2	17-21	L
Washington	-6	54-7	W
at Stanford	-10	28-16	W

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Ducks had to replace Joey Harrington who was simply 25-3 as a starter and the #1DC of DET. Jason Fife, who had a stronger arm than Harrington and is more mobile, threw for 245 ypg (57.3%) with a super 20-5 ratio over the first 9 games but then struggled over the last four throwing for just 137 ypg (38.3%) with a 4-5 ratio. That opened the door for VHT Kellen Clemens (PS#7). In the bowl game, Clemens hit 19 of 31 for 161 yards and actually beat out Fife for the starting job last season. Clemens and Fife alternated early, sometimes on every other possession and it seemed to be working as after 3 games UO led the NCAA in pass efficiency and after four games, Fife's 205.1 was the best pass efficiency in the Pac 10. Fife struggled against Utah with a couple of crucial turnovers and saw the bulk of the action against Ariz St in the team's 45 point loss. The duties were still split against Cal when the team trailed 17-7 with under 5:00 to go and Clemens led the team on two TD drives despite hitting just 9 of 18 for 117 yards on the day. Clemens attempted all but 2 passes for the QB's in the final 3 games and he set a school record for TD passes by a soph (18) which was previously held by Dan Fouts. For the season Clemens threw for 2,400 yards (60%) with 9 int. Fife departs after throwing for 879 yards (53.3%) with a 6-4 ratio but was the team's #2 rusher with 282 gross yards. The backups are solid this year. Johnny DuRocher (6-4 215 rFr, PS#13) was in for the spring last year while Dennis Dixon (6-4 190 Fr) was PS#10 and grayshirted. Also in the mix is Brady Leaf (6-5 213 rFr, PS#147). This unit has 3 VHT's and is one of the strongest in the Pac 10.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bellotti has had a lot of success with JUCO RB transfers with Maurice Morris and Onterrio Smith combining for four 1,000 yard seasons and Smith left early for the NFL after 2002. Bellotti expected to sign a VHT JUCO and VHT frosh RB last year but both elected to sign elsewhere and the RB corps was clearly below par. Terrence Whitehead led the team in rushing with 737 yards but only averaged 3.8 ypc and QB Jason Fife was the #2 rusher. This year they do add some talent as Bellotti signed VHT Terrell Jackson (PS#17) and I plugged him in as the starter. FB Jerome Johnson (PS#86LB) joined the team in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and the only losses from this unit are FB's Matt Floberg (10 sts, 52 total yards), Erik Cheney (2 yds) and Luke Rowley (1 st). This unit is much more experienced than last year and has more talent. The rushing stats should be solidly improved if Jackson contributes as a true frosh.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Ducks had to replace 2 NFL DC's from this unit including their TE who set the school record for most receptions by a TE as well as the #1 and #4 receivers. Prior to the season they lost two WR's from the 2 deep as well as third string TE Josh Rogers who suffered a season ending injury. Samie Parker, a sprinter on the track team led the team with 77 rec's but Demetrius Williams had the best ypc (18.3) in his first year as a starter. This year the only loss is Parker (11 sts, HM P10, #4DC KC). I list the 2 deep below which includes VHT true frosh Cameron Colvin (PS#6) who could become the feature in his first year and chose Oregon over Michigan and USC. Not listed below are WR's Tony Salazar (6-4 198 So), Garren Strong (6-3 185 rFr, PS#204), Brian Paysinger (6-2 198 rFr, PS#296), TE Ryan Loftin (6-4 248 Sr, PS#37LB) and Nate LiaBraaten (6-4 256 Jr). LiaBraaten was the #2 TE prior to suffering a broken ankle vs Michigan. This unit has a lot more experience than last year and even with the loss of its star player has enough added talent to be at least as good.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Ducks usually have a strong O-line and in 2001 they paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing 11 sacks. In 2002 they only had to replace 2 starters but surprisingly dropped to 4.0 ypc while allowing 29 sacks. Last year they had 8 of their top 10 returning replacing two players who combined for 8 starts, but then lost three year starting RG Joey Forster prior to the first game. They still had four starters returning yet surprisingly only opened holes for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. This year they must replace C Dan Weaver (13 sts, 3 yr st'r, Top OL Award) but 9 of the top 10 are back, and I list the 2 deep below. They also add two VHT true frosh. I look for the Ducks' O-line to be solidly improved in '04 and my projected starters average 6-5 322!

OT Adam Snyder

DEFENSIVE LINE - Bellotti always does a great job with the D-line. For example in 2001 with a young DL averaging just 259 lbs per man with just one returning starter, they allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing including holding Colorado to 1.6 ypc in the Fiesta Bowl. In 2002 they had six of the top 8 back and allowed just 3.0 ypc while the defense recorded 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 30 starts and 77 tackles. Despite the 5 players lost, their DT combo of Igor Olshansky and Haloti Ngata combined for 114 tackles and 7.5 sacks in '02 so they appeared to be in good shape until Ngata went down with a knee injury in the opener. The unit with basically just one starter back was still solid allowing just 3.1 ypc while the defense had 37 sacks. This year they lose two starters in Olshansky (13 sts, 58 tkls, 6.5 sks, 2nd Tm P10, #2DC SD) and DT Junior Siavil (11 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl, #2DC KC) as well as backup DE Quinn Dorsey (5 sts, 24 tkls, 3 sks). Olshansky benched 225 lbs 41 times for the NFL scouts. While those are some big losses, they have two returning starters plus get Ngata back from injury and I expect a bigger contribution from Chris Solomona who was PS#12JC. I list a talented 2 deep below and they even add some VHT frosh. This should be one of the top DL's in the Pac 10 again.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace two starters and a backup but did have #2 tackler VHT Kevin Mitchell (PS#25) returning. Mitchell ended up leading the team in tackles (112) while also having 7 tfl and 9 pbu and was 2nd Tm Pac 10. He departs as does OLB David Martin (10 sts, 54 tkls, 4 tfl). Jerry Matson returns in the middle along with 3 other players with starting experience plus they add some solid freshmen HT's who I list in the 3 deep below. Experience-wise this group is on par with last year but replacing a player like Mitchell will be tough.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 with inexperienced and undersized CB's, UO plummeted from #9 in my pass D rankings (2001) to #79 allowing 35 TD's. Last year they only had to replace one starter and improved all the way up to #30 allowing 52.2% with a 22-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB Steven Moore (10 sts, 38 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu) who left early for the NFL draft as well as FS Keith Lewis (13 sts, 86 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, 1st Tm P10, #6DC SF). Six of the top 8 return including five players with starting experience. CB's Phinisee, Woods and Binns all started last year and will have to fend off 3 VHT frosh who I list in the 2 deep below. Aaron Gipson was an 11 game starter in 2002 who played mostly nickleback last year and may take over the ROV spot battling JUCO transfer Marc Walker. While this unit is a little less experienced than last year's version, it looks like a pretty solid group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Perhaps one of the reasons for Bellotti's success is the job he's done with special teams. In his 9 years, they have finished in the Top 35 eight times with the lowest finish being #47 in my special teams rankings. They finished #5 in 2002, but did have to replace their punter and both of their dangerous returnmen and as expected they dropped some in 2003 to #30. Paul Martinez (PS#29) did a decent job as a true frosh punter and while he averaged just 37.0, the team's net was 34.5. K Jared Siegel, who hit a 72 yard FG in practice for the bowl game in 2002 (wind at his back) and tied the record for longest in the Pac 10 in 2002 (59 yards), hit 20 of 24 that season including 3 of 3 from 50+. Last year he dropped a little to 13 of 19 with a long of 51 but 3 of his misses were from 50+. He returns for his senior season and will be one of the top candidates for the Lou Groza Award. CB Steven Moore was the team's top PR (10.6) despite missing 3 games with an injured ankle. KR Kenny Washington (1st Tm P10) averaged 24.8 and for the third straight year the team averaged 23.0 or better on KR's. After having just blocked 3 punts in six seasons, the Ducks have blocked 3 punts in each of the last two years. The good news is that basically everyone is back with the exception of PR Moore, and that makes Oregon a threat (especially with Siegel's long KO's) to crack the Top 10 in 2004.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti has the best record (75-34) in the Pac 10 since he arrived here nine years ago. The OC is Andy Ludwig who is in his third year and the DC is Nick Aliotti, the architect of the 'Gang Green' defense that started the Oregon revival and returned to the school after being DC at UCLA in 1998. He is now back for his sixth year. OL coach Neal Zoumboukos has been here 24 years and from 1999 to 2001 they led the Pac 10 in the fewest amount of QB sacks allowed.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 the Ducks came into the season ranked in the AP poll for the first time ever and went 11-1 narrowly missing out on playing in the BCS Title game. They did win 5 games that year by a combined 16 points and benefitted from +16 in turnovers. In 2002 they had to replace their star QB Joey Harrington. The Ducks started out 2002 at 6-0 and were ranked #6 in the NCAA and considered a National Title contender by some, but went just 1-6 down the stretch and finished 3-5 in the Pac 10 being outgained by 84 ypg in conference play. Normally Bellotti has an NFL caliber RB, but he did not have one in 2003. Still, the Ducks started out great once again. They upset Michigan to open the season 4-0 and were #10 in the country appearing on the cover of *SI*. That appeared to jinx them and in a three game stretch they were outscored by 88 points by Wash St, Utah and Ariz St. They got a miracle win vs Cal, trailing 17-7 in the 4Q but scored two late TD's, and finished the season a solid 8-5. Despite their 5-3 record in the league, they only outgained Pac 10 foes by 4.2 ypg and were actually outscored. This year they have just 17 lettermen lost and should receive much stronger QB play now that Kellen Clemens has the job to himself. I think that VHT RB Terrell Jackson will be a boost and the OL is solid. Defensively the Ducks have 5 starters back and rarely have many more than that. The Ducks' defensive scheme also used to be unconventional but a lot of Pac 10 teams now play it, so they aren't able to cause as much disruption in their opponents game plan. Bellotti has had 9 straight winning years and will be able to record #10 as they are one of the Pac 10's top teams. The schedule maker was also kind as the one conf team they avoid happens to be USC. The key battle for UO in the conf is Nov 6th at Cal and they clearly should finish in the upper half of the Pac 10 standings.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KELLEN CLEMENS JR. 6-2 215 **PS#7**. 13 sts LY, 2400 yds (60%) 18-9 ratio, 287 gross rush. Johnny DuRocher (6-4 215 rFr) **PS#13**. Dennis Dixon (6-4 190 Fr) **PS#10.**

RB Terrell Jackson Fr. 5-9 188 **PS#17**. Terrence Whitehead (5-10 210 Jr) 12 sts, 2 years, 1009 yards (4.0), 38 rec. Ryan Shaw (5-11 210 Sr) PS#177. 2 sts, 273 rush 3Y.

FB Dante Rosario So. 6-4 247 PS#87LB. 2 sts as **true**, 186 yds. Jerome Johnson (6-0 246 Fr) PS#86LB LY. **Chris Vincent** (6-1 225 So) Orig signed w/LSU. 2 sts, 176 yds.

WR DEMETRIUS WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 190 **PS#50**. 13 starts, 51 rec (**18.3**). Marcus Maxwell (6-5 205 Sr) PS#202JC. 11 rec (10.4). Jordan Carey (5-11 200 So) **PS#52DB**.

WR Cameron Colvin Fr. 6-2 190 **PS#6**. Kyle Weatherspoon (6-1 189 So) 1 st, 7 rec true. **Keith Allen** (6-1 215 Sr) **PS#31**, 10 rec but inj last two years.

TE TIM DAY JR. 6-4 267 PS#58. 10 sts, **HM Pac 10**, 23 rec (13.8). Dan Kause (6-4 245 So). 1 st, 13 gms, 3 rec as true. Eddie Whitaker (6-4 250 Sr) PS#139JC.

C Enoka Lucas So. 6-2 304 PS#174OL. 2nd string C in '03. **Ian Reynoso** (6-3 289 Jr) PS#156. 4 games as rFr. 5 sts at RG in '03, 12 games.

RG ADAM SNYDER SR. 6-6 320 PS#154. 6 games, 1 st as rFr. 11 sts at LT in 02. 13 sts LY (5 at RG, 8 at OT), **1st Tm Pac 10**. Josh Tschirgi (6-4 286 rFr) PS#110.

LG NICK STEITZ SR. 6-4 319 PS#386. 7 games as rFr. 11 sts in '02, HM Pac 10. 13 starts in '03, 440 bench. Josh Hagemeyer (6-4 257 Jr). Sean Cullen (6-2 270 rFr).

RT MIKE DeLaGRANGE SR. 6-6 350 PS#210. 4 games as rFr. 8 sts in '02, 7 sts in '03 (3 at RG, 4 at RT). Shaw Flanagan (6-5 286 So) PS#190. 2 sts at LT LY in 8 games.

LT ROBIN KNEBEL SR. 6-6 319 **PS#82**. 2nd string in '02, 1 st, 12 sts in '03 (4 at LT, 8 at RT). Aaron Klovas is **PS#7**. Jermaine Randolph (6-5 300 So) PS#522.

K JARED SIEGEL SR. 5-10 189 PS#24. 7 of 12, long of 47 in '01. 20 of 24 with long of 59 in '02, 1st Tm Pac 10. 13 of 19 FG's in '03, long of 51. Groza finalist, Excellent KO's.

DE DEVAN LONG JR. 6-4 265 PS#60TE. 1 st, 12 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 13 sts, **HM Pac 10**, 41 tkls, **10.5 sks** LY. Victor Filipe (6-3 275 So) PS#165. Jonathan Levine (6-3 235 So).

DT Haloti Ngata So. 6-5 345 **PS#1DL**. 8 sts, 44 tkls, 3.5 sks, 3 tfl. RS after knee inj in 1st gm LY. Nuvraj Bassi (6-6 290 Jr) Canadian. 1 tkl. David Faaeteete is **PS#33.**

DT ROBBY VALENZUELA SR. 6-2 303 PS#102. 4 tkls as true. 1 st, 14 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl in '02. 9 sts LY, 31 tkls, 4.5 sks. Matt Toeaina (6-3 282 So) PS#392RB, 10 tkls, 2 tfl.

DE Chris Solomona Sr. 6-5 288 **PS#12JC**. 8 sks, 28 tfl, JC in '01. RS in '02. 17 tkls, 2 sks LY. Darius Sanders (6-5 275 Jr) 5 tkls, 1 tfl. Josh Thomas-Dotson (6-2 220 rFr) PS#197TE.

OLB Anthony Trucks Jr. 6-1 231 PS#207WR. 1 st as rFr, 16 tkls, 3.5 tfl (inj 5) LY. Marcus Miller (6-2 223 Sr) PS#257JC. 5 games until inj. Reggie Kerney (6-2 210 So) 1 start.

MLB JERRY MATSON SR. 6-1 225 1 start in '02, 25 tkls, 2 tfl. 13 sts in '03, 81 tkls, 1 sk, 14 tfl. Ramone Reed (6-2 226 Sr) PS#212. 30 tkls in 3Y. **Ryan Phipps** is **PS#53**.

ILB AJ Tuitele rFr. 5-11 210 **PS#42DB**. Justin Andrews (6-1 240 Jr) PS#147TE. 1 st, 13 tkls LY. Robert Hamilton (6-2 230 So). Ramond White (6-4 223 rFr) PS#277.

CB JUSTIN PHINISEE JR. 5-11 199 PS#159. 24 tkls in '02. 9 sts LY, 59 tkls, 5.5 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Marques Binns (5-11 163 Jr) PS#117. 4 sts, 2 years, 49 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu.

CB RODNEY WOODS SR. 5-10 185 **PS#74JC**. 4 sts, 26 tkls, 3 pbu. **Willie Glasper** is **PS#7**. Ryan Gilliam (5-9 168 rFr) **PS#38**. Jackie Bates (5-10 172 Fr) is **PS#39**.

ROV Aaron Gipson Jr. 5-9 175 PS#102. 11 sts, 53 tkls, 2 int, 5 tfl, 2 pbu as true. 1 st, 21 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Marc Walker (5-11 185 Jr) PS#204JC. Parris Moore (5-11 184 So) PS#144.

FS MARLEY TUCKER SR. 6-0 183 **PS#26**. 38 tkls, 2 int in '01 & '02. 13 sts at ROV LY, 56 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Charles Favroth (5-11 185 Sr) PS#101. JD Nelson (5-11 205 So) 15 tkls, 1 pbu.

P PAUL MARTINEZ SO. 6-1 203 PS#29K. 4.5 hang time in HS. 12 of 15 FG's, long of 50. 72 punts as true, 37.0 avg, net of 34.5. Drew Larson (6-2 199 So) PS#161TE.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Cameron Colvin 6-1 184 PS#6
OL	Aaron Klovas 6-6 311 PS#7
DB	Willie Glasper 5-11 173 PS#7
RB	Terrell Jackson 5-9 188 PS#17
DL	David Faaeteete 6-2 291 PS#33
OL	Jake Hucko 6-7 285 PS#30
DB	Jackie Bates 5-10 172 PS#39
DL	Cole Linehan 6-4 275 PS#54
LB	Ryan Phipps 5-11 200 PS#53
DB	Kwame Agyeman 5-10 188 PS#48
DB	Jerome Boyd 6-2 191 PS#54
WR	Jaison Williams 6-4 219 PS#57
LB	Terrance Kelly 6-1 215 PS# 77
DL	Micah Howeth 6-4 255 PS#99
OL	Geoff Schwartz 6-6 333 PS#104
DL	Thor Pili 6-4 245 PS#134

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Bellotti's records AT OREGON

75-34	Straight Up	21-22	Home Favorite
54-45	Vs The Spread	7-4	Home Underdog
14-13	Off A SU Loss	13-8	Away Favorite
38-34	Vs Conference	13-11	Away Underdog
		16-11	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,23,2)
Lost: 17 (8,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,701

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4							
Sep. 11	Indiana	A					
Sep. 18	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 25	Idaho	A					
Oct. 2	Arizona St	A					
Oct. 9	at Washington St	A					
Oct. 16	Arizona (HC)	A					
Oct. 23	at Stanford	G					
Oct. 30	Washington	A					
Nov. 6	at California	A					
Nov. 13	UCLA	A					
Nov. 20	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

OU has started off 4-0 SU the last 3 years.
The Ducks have scored a TD or more in 60 straight games.
Oregon is 45-11 SU at Autzen Stadium under Bellotti.

Oregon is 8-3 ATS vs Big 10 teams since 1980.
The Ducks are 7-3 ATS in their season home opener since 1993.

Oregon is 18-5 ATS the last 24 years in their road opener.
Ducks have waddled to a 10-2 ATS record on grass the last 4 years.

Pending 9/11 Oregon is only 5-10 ATS as a home favorite the last 3 yrs.
Ducks are 3-0 SU & ATS S/'90 vs UI winning by an avg score of 52-19.

Oregon is 15-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game of the year since 1987.
The Ducks are 2-7 ATS vs the Sun Devils the last 9 years.

Oregon is 5-1 ATS in their Pac 10 road opener since 1998.
The Ducks are 6-4 ATS in Pullman S/'85, but 2-4 ATS there since 1994.

Oregon is 10-3 ATS vs Arizona since 1989.
The Ducks are 4-2 SU, but 1-5 ATS in Homecoming games the last 6 yrs.

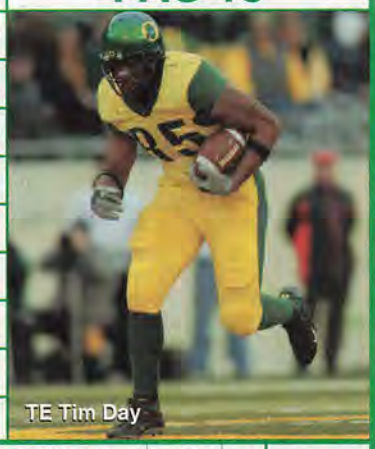
Since 1993 this series has averaged 70 pts per game.
Could apply: Pending earlier results the Ducks are 6-2 ATS as an AF L3Y.

Oregon is 5-9 SU & ATS (1-4 ATS L/5) vs Washington since 1989.
Ducks have been outscored by an avg of 42-12 & outgained 477-310 the L2Y.

Oregon is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs California since 1992.
The Ducks are 4-6 SU & 2-8 ATS the last 10 November road games.

The visiting team is now 10-3 ATS in this series since 1989.
The Ducks have won 4 straight SU & ATS vs the Bruins.

Oregon is 4-12 ATS vs arch rival Oregon St since 1988.
The Ducks are 2-5 ATS in road finales the last 7 years.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STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	8-3	9-2	10-1	7-5	8-4	56-23
ATS	7-4	6-5	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-5	42-36
Home Fav	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	1-5	3-3	1-2	17-18
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	6-2
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-2	9-7
Away Dog	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	10-9
Favorite	3-1	4-4	4-3	4-5	4-5	4-3	3-4	26-25
Dog	4-3	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	16-11
Grass	2-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	4-0	2-0	3-1	14-7
Artificial	5-2	5-4	5-3	4-5	2-5	3-6	4-4	28-29
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-3	29-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	13-9
Off SU Win	2-3	5-3	4-3	4-5	5-4	3-3	4-3	27-24
Off SU Loss	4-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-3	2-2	10-10

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrence Whitehead	192	796	59	737	6	3.8
Jason Fife	42	282	57	225	5	5.4
Kenny Washington	39	189	15	174	1	4.5
Ryan Shaw	42	182	13	169	0	4.0
Chris Vincent	56	182	19	163	0	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kellen Clemens	304	182	59.9	2400	18	9
Jason Fife	120	64	53.3	879	6	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Samie Parker	77	1088	14.1	7	55	
Demetrius Williams	51	935	18.3	8	86	
Terrence Whitehead	28	253	9.0	1	46	
Tim Day	23	318	13.8	3	31	
Kellen Taylor	16	158	9.9	0	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Paul Martinez	72	2664	37.0	21	34.5	2	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Siegel	45-45	5-6	4-4	3-5	1-4	13-19	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Mitchell	112	2	5	9	1
Keith Lewis	86	0	2	10	3
Jerry Matson	81	1	14	0	1
Justin Phinisee	59	2.5	3	6	2
Igor Olshansky	58	6.5	9	0	0
Marley Tucker	56	2	1	2	0
David Martin	54	1.5	2	0	1
Junior Siavii	43	2	4	3	0
Devan Long	41	10.5	5	2	0
Steven Moore	38	0	1	7	4
Robby Valenzuela	31	4.5	0	0	0
Rodney Woods	26	0	1	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steven Moore	22	234	10.6	1
Justin Phinisee	8	59	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny Washington	23	570	24.8	1
Justin Phinisee	15	356	23.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Sun	+3'	Minnesota	24-20	W
00	Holiday	+7'	Texas	35-30	W
01	Fiesta	+3	Colorado	38-16	W
02	Seattle	-7	Wake Forest	17-38	L
03	Sun	+4'	Minnesota	30-31	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.4	20	132	3.5	253	57.8	14.1	-5	2003	6	26.8	19	107	3.1	260	52.2	13.7
6	32.1	18	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	+5	2002	6	27.8	21	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7
8*	34.3	22	193	5.2	243	58.9	12.7	+16	2001	4	21.3	20	115	3.3	285	50.4	18.7
5*	29.3	21	149	3.8	261	52.4	14.0	+6	2000	3	20.8	16	118	3.4	210	43.6	15.8
6	34.2	23	157	3.9	264	52.4	12.3	+11	1999	6	23.7	20	123	3.5	258	53.2	16.1
6*	42.8	23	162	4.1	321	56.9	11.3	-10	1998	8	23.9	17	156	4.2	235	52.7	16.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Mississippi St	27	51-198	3.9	22-29	358	1	21	22-124	5.6	23-40	285	3	+1
Nevada	15	41-188	4.6	13-28	211	3	16	30-57	1.9	17-42	244	4	0
at Arizona	26	56-210	3.8	22-32	283	0	11	25-34	1.4	16-36	146	3	0
Michigan	21	45-127	2.8	20-31	253	1	19	19--3	-0.2	28-55	360	4	+3
Washington St	23	29-54	1.9	24-58	360	4	18	40-84	2.1	15-35	315	2	-7
at Utah	16	32-80	2.5	16-34	277	5	21	44-126	2.9	25-38	340	2	-1
at Arizona St	16	33-158	4.8	9-26	127	1	22	44-159	3.6	20-30	338	0	-2
Stanford	19	40-193	4.8	23-27	265	3	15	35-101	2.9	15-34	225	4	+2
at Washington	14	34-73	2.1	16-29	246	7	21	41-261	6.4	16-32	214	0	-3
California	16	27-94	3.5	17-34	224	2	17	40-106	2.7	15-27	188	2	+1
at UCLA	13	30-45	1.5	21-28	183	2	19	32-78	2.4	29-49	249	6	0
Oregon St	26	47-218	4.6	11-27	125	2	19	26-24	0.9	22-46	303	6	+1
† Minnesota	25	24-77	3.2	33-44	376	4	23	55-241	4.4	12-21	172	1	0
TOTALS	257	489-1715	3.5	247-427	3288	35	242	453-1392	3.1	253-485	3379	37	-5
AVERAGES	19.8	38-132	3.5	19-33	253	2.7	18.6	35-107	3.1	19-37	260	2.8	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+10	20-27	W
UTEP	-22	47-28	L
Nevada	-14	72-10	W
USC	-1'	33-30 3OT	W
at Washington	+2'	20-34	L
at UCLA	+3'	29-34	L
at Arizona	+3	44-41	W
Arizona St	-7'	20-17	L
Washington St	-15'	52-10	W
at California	-7	24-19	L
Oregon St	-6	25-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-32'	36-7	L
at Wisconsin	+6'	23-27	W
Idaho	-21	42-13	W
UCLA	-3'	29-10	W
Washington	-2	23-16	W
at USC	-1	28-17	W
Arizona	-9	14-10	L
at Arizona St	-6	56-55 2OT	L
at Washington St	-9'	27-24 OT	L
California	-13	25-17	L
at Oregon St	+5	13-23	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	-11'	31-28	L
Utah	-17'	24-10	L
USC	-6'	24-22	L
at Utah St	-16	38-21	W
at Arizona	-5	63-28	W
at California	-14	48-7	W
Stanford	-7'	42-49	L
at Washington St	+2	24-17	W
Arizona St	-11	42-24	W
at UCLA	+1	21-20	W
Oregon St	-10'	17-14	L

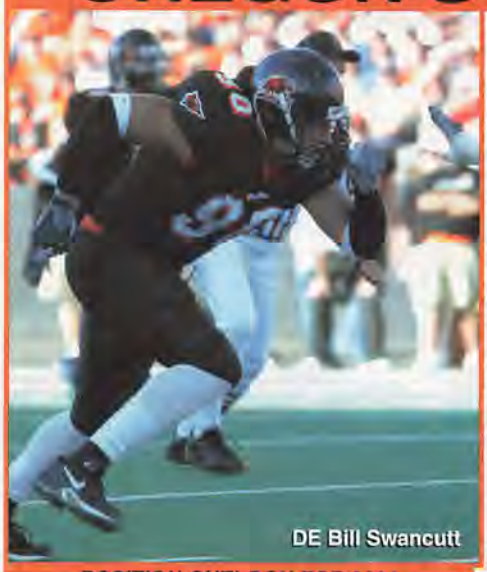
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss St	-13	36-13	W
Fresno St	-16'	28-24	L
Idaho	-32'	58-21	W
Portland St	NL	41-0	–
at Arizona	-8	31-14	W
at UCLA	+2'	31-30	W
Arizona St	-10	42-45	L
USC	+1	33-44	L
Stanford	-14	41-14	W
at Washington St	+3'	21-32	L
Washington	-6'	14-42	L
at Oregon St	+4'	24-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	-3'	42-34	W
Nevada	-22	31-23	L
at Arizona	-11'	48-10	W
Michigan	+7	31-27	W
Washington St	-4	16-55	L
at Utah	-3	13-17	L
at Arizona St	-2'	14-59	L
Stanford	-10	35-0	W
at Washington	+1	10-42	L
California	+2	21-17	W
at UCLA	+2	31-13	W
Oregon St	+3	34-20	W

OREGON ST BEAVERS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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - VHT QB Derek Anderson (PS#6) was forced to take off his redshirt vs UCLA in 2001 due to injuries and threw for 263 yards (41.5%) with a 1-3 ratio that season. In his first three starts in 2002, he averaged 329 ypg (66%) with 12 TD's and zero int's and had a streak of 119 passes without an int end in game 4. In the next eight games he completed just 38.8% throwing for 204.6 ypg with an 8-12 ratio. In the final two games (including the bowl) he threw for 689 yards and a 5-1 ratio and set a school single season record for passing yards (3,313) and TD passes (25). His backup QB, Adam Rothenfluh (6-3 201 Sr, PS#151) had 101 yards passing (55.6%) with a 1-1 ratio. Both returned last year. Anderson reset the school record for passing yards with 4,058 but completed just 51.2% with a 24-24 ratio. He had 485 yards vs #1 ranked USC but threw 4 int's. The 24 int's tied the Pac 10 record which was held by numerous players including Dan Fouts. He did have trouble picking up the new offense early but had a 13-8 ratio over his last 5 starts. Rothenfluh got in 20 pass attempts for 175 yards and Colt Charles (6-0 193 So) played in two games with one pass. Ryan Gunderson (6-4 220 rFr) was PS#27 and could take over the backup duties. Also in the mix are Ryan Rufener (6-2 165 rFr, PS#308), Brady Schalich (6-1 210 rFr, PS#242) and this year's true frosh. I look for significant improvement from Anderson in his second year in Riley's system, and he could be one of the Pac 10's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton left the program in 2001 as the Pac 10's #2 all-time leading rusher. The #2 rusher in 2001 was Steven Jackson (PS#35), a powerful 224 lb back with 4.4 speed. Jackson rushed for a school record 1,690 yards (5.3) in his first year as the starter and was OSU's 2nd Pac 10 rushing champ in three years. He returned last year and rushed for 1,545 yards (4.4). He had 19 rush TD's setting a school single season scoring record and had 5 TD's in the bowl game, tying an NCAA bowl record. He became the first OSU player ever to leave early for the NFL draft (1st TM P10, #1DC STL). Dwight Wright (5-9 195 Sr) has 4.37 speed but is much smaller. Ryan Cole (PS#41) had 82 yards rushing in 13 games and could be the feature back. Yvenson Bernard (5-8 201 rFr) was PS#171. Charles Burnley (6-0 180 Fr) was PS#64 in '03 and resigned this year. Also in the mix are this year's top signees. With the loss of a 1st round DC and no experienced VHT's ready to fill in, I'll call this unit clearly weaker in 2004.

RECEIVERS - In OSU's Fiesta Bowl season of 2000 the team had their best receiving corps ever but most were off to the NFL. James Newson has had outstanding seasons with 1,284 yards (17.4) in 2002 and 1,306 yards (16.1) last year. Newson became just the 2nd OSU receiver ever to top 1,000 yards in a season with Vern Burke (1963) being the first. In fact, Newson owns 3 of the top 4 single season performances in school history. Newson's 81 rec's broke the school record of 78 set by Dave Montagne (1986). Last year former walk-on Mike Hass took over as the #2 threat. Hass, who did not have a reception in 2002, led the Pac 10 with a 23.0 ypc and became just the third WR in school history to top 1,000 yards in a season. This year the unit does suffer two key losses as Newson (1st TM P10) departs as does TE Tim Euhus (1st TM P10, PS#29, #4DC BUF) who had 49 rec's (13.2). Also gone is Kenny Farley (13 sts, 13 rec, 19.3). The big question is who will step up to be the #2 receiver and I list the 2 deep below. Joe Newton (PS#12) should be a solid replacement at TE, with Jeremy Weldon (6-2 264 Jr) and Gabe Button (6-4 231 Sr) also in contention. This group has less talent with the loss of two NFL caliber players.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 OSU's O-line paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing just 29 sacks. Former OL Coach Greg Smith, who Dennis Erickson said was the best in the business college or pro, said prior to leaving for the 49ers that "this is the most athletic group of linemen I've seen in 30 years of coaching". Last year's unit only had to replace one starter and two backups and added two VHT JC's so they appeared to be in great shape. Surprisingly even with Steven Jackson, OSU averaged just 3.3 ypc rushing and the O-line allowed 33 sacks (6.2%). This year they must replace LG David Lose (10 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LT Brian Kilkenny (13 sts). The three returning starters all received Pac 10 mention with Doug Nienhuis nailing down 2nd Tm Pac 10 honors. Starting RG Kanan Sanchez and LT Brandon Lockheart missed spring and are questionable for fall. Although this group is a little less experienced than last year it may be more talented.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the defense allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace their top 2 DT's, with one earning 1st Tm Pac 10 and the other being an NFL DC. Starting DE Noah Happe was lost prior to the year due to academics. They did return DE Bill Swancutt who had 11.5 sacks and once again last year led the team with 11, and is already the OSU career leader in sacks. The Beavers allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing while recording 33 sacks. This year they lose DT Dwan Edwards (13 sts, 51 tkls, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm Pac 10, #2 DC BAL), DE Jayson Jean-Baptiste (6 sts, 26 tkls, 5.5 tfl) and DE Dan Rothwell (7 sts, 11 tkls, 2 sks). Swancutt is clearly the star and they have just as much experience as last year's fine unit.

LINEBACKERS - OSU has produced an NFL DC at LB for 3 straight years losing a 3rd rounder in 2002 in James Allen, a 1st rounder in 2003 in Nick Barnett and this year Richard Seigler (13 sts, 1st Tm Pac 10, 92 tkls, 17.5 tfl, #4DC SF). Last year the team had 4 of the top 6 returning and this year have the same as the only other loss is WLB Jason Lowe (13 tkls, 2 tfl). Trent Bray moves from SLB to MLB (a more natural position for him) but will have to battle Kevin Davidson who had 22 tfl at JC in 2002, Andy Darkins (PS#69) and this year's crop of outstanding true frosh (2 VHT's & 2 HT's). I also project Keith Ellison (PS#15JC) as a starter. Four players are back with starting experience and Seth Lacey who has battled back problems for two years could be a dominating force if he remains healthy. This is a very talented group of LB's and the coaches are forecasting Pollard to be the next potential NFL DC. Even with the loss of Seigler, this unit could still be slightly improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Many times when a team has a premier shutdown corner they finish near the top of the pass D rankings but when that player leaves they take a dramatic drop. The Beavers were fortunate to have Dennis Weathersby patrolling the secondary for four straight years and the team finished #2 in my pass D rankings in 2002. Unfortunately Weathersby, another starting CB, and a starting SS all departed last year. I expected a significant drop in the rankings, especially the way the Beavers play defense. They like to put their CB's on an island and they had two untested starters last year who had just 1 start combined entering the season. Brandon Browner admirably filled Weathersby's shoes and simply became the Pac 10 Frosh of the Year with 6 int's including 3 vs Ariz St. At 6-4 he will start drawing the attention of NFL scouts. FS Mitch Meeuwsen is just one int away from tying the school record for int's in a career. Riley also brings in two VHT DB's this year in Bryan Payton (PS#25) and Lamar Herron (PS#24). Surprisingly OSU finished #4 in my pass D rankings last year allowing 44.1% with a 22-20 ratio despite their inexperience. The only losses this year are SS Lawrence Turner (13 sts, 69 tkls, 8 pbu), FS Brandon Catanese (11 tkls) and CB DJ Coote (1 st, 14 tkls, 2 pbu). There are no big names in this secondary, but they should remain near the top of my pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - OSU has never had great special teams play, in fact, in 2002 they achieved their highest finish in my special teams rankings at #61. Last year almost everyone returned to the unit including super K Kirk Yliniemi who hit a school record 17 straight FG's from '02-'03. He had an Insight Bowl record 50 yard FG vs Pitt. Yliniemi took over KO duties last year. He had another spectacular year hitting 19 of 23 FG's with a long of 54, his career high and made 3 from 50+ with 2 blocks among his 4 missed FG's. His 19 FG's was a school record. He did miss 1.5 games when his appendix was removed and John Dailey hit 5 of 5 xp's but missed his only FG attempt. Unfortunately Yliniemi (2nd TM P10) departs. OSU finished just #101 in my ST rankings. They did have to replace their LS Noah Happe when he was lost to academics and then during the year their new LS, Dan Rothwell, was injured. The 3rd string LS, Trent Bray, did have a bad snap result in a safety vs Arizona but did have 11 tackles in that game. OSU P Carl Tobey improved his net to 35.5, but he also departs. I list the potential P and K candidates below. All the top returnmen are back. They were below average last year and can only improve on the return numbers. Because they have to replace their K and P, this unit may not move up much in the rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU in 1997 inheriting a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone and guiding them to their first five win season in 27 years in his second year here. He left in 1999 to be the head man of the San Diego Chargers but returned to Corvallis last year. Riley brought in OC Paul Chryst who was here in that same role in 1997 & '98, before following Riley to SD and more recently has been the TE coach at Wisky. The DC is Mark Banker who was DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001 (including with the Chargers) and was the co-DC in 2002 at Stanford.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 OSU had an amazing season moving into the AP poll for the first time since 1969, ending their 26 game losing streak to USC, and finishing an astounding #4 in the final polls (their highest finish ever). They earned a share of the Pac 10 Title for the first time since 1957, were the highest scoring team in school history, and had an average winning margin of 15.6 ppg benefitting from +18 in turnovers. *SI* made OSU their #1 team in the country in 2001 and they entered the season #11 in the AP poll, but I did not have them in my Top 25 and OSU dropped to 5-6. The 2001 squad had -7 turnovers but with 15 starters back in 2002 they improved to 8-5. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 28-4 their last 32 home games and have increased capacity to 35,362 (still smallest in conf). They were 4-4 in league play in 2002 but outgained league foes by 67 ypg. Dennis Erickson opted to leave and Mike Riley returned and inherited 15 returning starters. Despite the change at the top, OSU opened the season 5-1 including a 35-21 blowout of Cal, and made it to its fourth bowl in 5 years. They matched 2002's 8-5 record but even more impressively, outgained their Pac 10 foes by 141.8 ypg which was the best mark in the conference, even topping that of USC despite a 4-4 record. OSU also was nearly minus double digits in turnovers (-8), so better things are in the offing in Riley's second season. OSU has a veteran QB and the only question mark on offense is who will replace standout RB Steven Jackson. The defense has 7 starters back and I rate them #2 in the Pac 10. OSU should have no problems earning its 3rd consecutive winning season and bowl bid.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DEREK ANDERSON SR. 6-6 241 **PS#6**. 13 sts in '02, 3313 yds (47%), 25-13 ratio. 13 sts LY, 4058 yds (51%) 24-24 ratio. **HM P10.** Ryan Gunderson (6-4 220 rFr) **PS#27.**

TB Dwight Wright Sr. 5-9 195 4.37 spd. 383 yds (4.6) in '02. 350 yds (3.9) in '03. **Ryan Cole** (6-0 226 So) **PS#41**. 82 yds (5.5). Yvenson Bernard (5-8 201 rFr) PS#171.

WR Cole Clasen Sr. 5-9 188 7 sts as true, 23 rec (10.9), 23 rec (11.9) in '02. 6 rec LY. **Kevin Swanigan** is PS#193JC in for spring. Brandon Powers (6-1 208 rFr) PS#319.

WR MIKE HASS JR. 6-1 209 12 sts in '03, #2 w/1013 yds. Pac 10 best **23.0 ypc**. Josh Hawkins (6-0 191 Jr) PS#68. 10 rec, 2 yrs. Nate Johns is PS#61QB.

WR George Gillett Sr. 6-1 219 PS#57. 4 sts, 14 rec in '01 & '02. 2 sts LY, 8 rec (21.0). Marcel Love (6-1 188) is PS#258JC. Brad Ching (6-2 188 rFr) PS#467.

TE Joe Newton So. 6-7 257 **PS#12**. 13 rec (11.9) as rFr. Pat Loney (6-6 259 Sr) PS#42. 6 rec in '03. Dan Haines (6-4 242 Jr) PS#63. 10 rec in '02, ACL last year.

C MATT BROCK SR. 6-2 306 PS#177DL. 2nd string as rFr, 13 sts at C in '02. 13 sts LY, **HM Pac 10**, 370 bench. Brent Bridges (6-3 301 Sr) PS#260JC, 385 bench. 6 games LY.

RG KANAN SANCHEZ SR. 6-3 324 PS#219. 420 bench. Last 8 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts, HM Pac 10 LY. Roy Schuening (6-3 304 rFr) PS#64. Whitfield Usher (6-2 348 rFr).

LG Jason Fyda Jr. 6-3 279 PS#108DL. 425 bench. 8 games LY. **JC Ronnfeldt** (6-4 354 So) **PS#36**. 400 bench. 6 games as rFr. Kyle DeVan (6-2 293 rFr) PS#149.

RT DOUG NIENHUIS SR. 6-6 317 PS#236. 2nd string as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm Pac 10**. Josh Linehan (6-4 278 So) 5 games as rFr. Joe Hernandez PS#210.

LT Brandon Lockheart Sr. 6-6 342 **PS#18JC**. RS in '02. 3 sts at LT in '03. Adam Koets (6-6 288 So) PS#202, 4 games LY. Jake Pratt (6-6 286 Jr) 2 letters. Chris Miller is PS#112JC.

K John Dailey Jr. 6-1 205 PS#56K. 0-1 FG, 5-5 xp's in '03. Alexis Serna (5-7 154 rFr). Sam Paulescu hit 12 of 17 FG's, long of 57 at JC in 2003. 1st Tm JCAA.

DE Brandon Scales So. 6-5 228 4.47 spd. 12 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Joe Lemma (6-3 248 So) PS#243, 11 tkls as rFr. Naymon Frank (6-4 263 rFr). Jeff Van Orsow (6-2 252 rFr) PS#292.

DT BEN SIEGERT SO. 6-4 266 PS#399. 13 sts as rFr, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Alvin Smith (6-3 328 Jr) Tulane trans. 8 tkls, 1 sk here LY. Chris Scott (6-1 289 Jr) 405 bench, 1 sk LY.

DT Sir Henry Anderson Jr. 6-3 305 PS#162. Broke arm as rFr. 380 bench. 7 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Derek Hall (6-3 269 Jr) 375 bench. 4 tkls, 2Y. Curtis Coker (6-1 316 rFr) PS#211.

DE BILL SWANCUTT SR. 6-4 260 **PS#43**. 13 sts in '02, 56 sks, **11.5 sks**, 9 tfl. 13 sts LY, 45 tkls, **11 sks**, 7 tfl, 360 bench, 4.78 speed. **HM P10 2Y.** Joe Rudulph (6-5 218 rFr).

SLB Keith Ellison Jr. 6-2 225 **PS#15JC.** 4.5 speed. 3 sts at SDSt in '02. Chaz Scott (6-2 226 Jr) PS#74DB. 1 st, 35 tkls, 3.5 tfl 2 years. Danny Kalavi (6-5 223 rFr) PS#346QB.

MLB TRENT BRAY JR. 6-1 228 PS#127. 23 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 10 sts LY. 76 tkls, 3.5 sks, 9 tfl. Andy Darkins (6-2 230 rFr) PS#69. Kevin Davidson (6-1 228 Sr) 22 tfl as JC in '02.

WLB JONATHAN POLLARD SR. 6-1 242 PS#151, 4.56 spd, 365 bench. 23 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 50 tkls, 6 tfl. **Seth Lacey** (6-2 234 Sr) PS#71RB. 3 sts, 49 tkls, 3Y (inj'd). 4.56 spd. Alan Darlin is **PS#40.**

CB BRANDON BROWNER SO. 6-4 202 PS#151. **Pac 10 Fr of Yr. 2nd Tm Pac 10**. 12 sts, 43 tkls, 6 int, 6 pbu. Gerard Lawson (5-9 182 rFr) PS#310. Justin Williams (6-0 189 rFr) 4.35 spd.

CB ARIC WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 174 1 st, 29 tkls, 4 pbu in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY, 39 tkls, 4 int, 12 pbu, **HM Pac 10**. Kellen Marshall (5-10 183 So) PS#110. Bryan Payton is **PS#25.**

SS Sabby Piscitelli So. 6-3 217 4.43 spd, 305 bench. 6 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Anthony Wheat-Brown (6-1 208 rFr) PS#99RB. **Lamar Herron** is **PS#24**. Eric Anderson (6-1 207 rFr) PS#127.

FS MITCH MEEUWSEN SR. 6-3 211 PS#69QB. 9 sts in '01, 3 int, 9 pbu. 7 sts in '02, 5 int, 7 pbu. 13 sts LY. **HM Pac 10**, 52 tkls, 6 int. Harvey Whiten (6-3 220 Jr) 4.33 spd. JC. 25 tkls, 3 tfl in '02.

P Sam Paulescu Jr. 6-0 185 PS#57JC. 73 points at JC as FG kicker last year. 37 xp's, 57 yard FG. 46 punts at JC LY. Super 45.6 avg. Jon Strowbridge (6-1 244 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Lamar Herron 6-1 190 PS#24	
DB	Bryan Payton 6-1 185 PS#25	
LB	Alan Darlin 6-1 235 PS#40	
LB	Keith Ellison 6-2 225 PS#15JC	
QB	Brian Hildebrand 6-2 190 PS#32	
RB	Patrick Fuller 6-1 200 PS#65	
LB	Will Price 6-2 250 PS#66	
P	Sam Paulescu 6-0 185 PS#57JC	
LB	Isaiah Cook 6-3 195 PS#89	
QB	Nate Johns 6-1 180 PS#61	
OL	Adam Speer 6-4 285 PS#103	
WR	Sammie Stroughter 5-10 180 PS#94	
OL	Jon Ioane 6-4 315 PS#122	
OT	Chris Miller 6-5 315 PS#112JC	
OL	Andy Levitre 6-3 320 PS#144	
QB	Stadford Brown 6-1 180 PS#93	
DL	Wallace Bates 6-2 212 PS#153	

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Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Oregon St is 0-8 ATS in the 1st of 2 or more away games since 1995. OSU has won 17 straight non-conference home games straight up. Oregon St is only 1-8 ATS on grass the last 3 years.
Sep. 4	at LSU	G						Beavers are 2-7 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1995. Avg LA temp on 9/4 is 89° & 75% humidity, Corvallis avg 71° w/30% humidity.
Sep. 11	at Boise St	A						The Beavers are 2-11 ATS the last 13 in the 2nd of a 2+ game road trip. Pending LW OSU is 3-2 SU, but 1-4 ATS away vs non-conf foes the L4Y.
Sep. 18	New Mexico	A						OSU routed New Mexico 55-14 in last year's Las Vegas Bowl. Oregon St is 6-2 ATS at home vs non-conference teams since 1998.
Sep. 25	at Arizona St	G						The Beavers have struggled on the Pac 10 road the L2Y going 2-6 ATS. OSU is 2-14-1 SU vs ASU since '83 with the home team now 15-1-1 ATS.
Oct. 2	California	A						The Beavers are 5-1 SU (won L/5) & 4-2 ATS vs the Bears the last 6 yrs. Oregon St is 11-4 ATS prior to a bye week since 1985.
Oct. 9								Bonus: The Beavers are 18-5 ATS as home favorites since 1998.
Oct. 16	at Washington	A						The Beavers are 7-2 ATS after a bye week since 1997. The visitor is 11-4 ATS since 1987 in this series.
Oct. 23	Washington St	A						The favorite is 9-3 ATS (0-2 L/2 meetings) in this series since 1989. Pending 10/2 Oregon St is 18-6 ATS at home vs Pac 10 the last 6 years.
Oct. 30	at Arizona	G						OSU is 5-0 SU & ATS vs the Wildcats winning by an avg score of 38-12 L5Y. Could apply: Pending previous results, OSU is 1-9 ATS as an AF S/'00.
Nov. 6	USC	A						The Beavers are 5-18 ATS vs the Trojans. OSU has been outscored 1102-340 with only 1 SU win in 36 yrs vs USC.
Nov. 13	at Stanford	G						The Beavers are 10-4-1 ATS vs the Cardinal S/'88, 6-1 ATS the last 7 gms. Oregon St is 8-3 ATS the game prior to playing arch rival Oregon S/'92.
Nov. 20	Oregon	A						The Beavers are 6-0 SU & 5-0 ATS in home finales since 1998. OSU is 12-4 ATS since 1988 & 7-1 ATS in Corvallis vs Oregon in that span.
Nov. 27								

MIKE RILEY (Career 16-19)

4th Year at Oregon St ('97, '98 & '03)

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

16-19	Straight Up	6-4-1	Home Favorite
16-16-1	Vs The Spread	5-3	Home Underdog
9-7	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
12-12	Vs Conference	3-7	Away Underdog
	4-4-1 Vs Non-Conference		

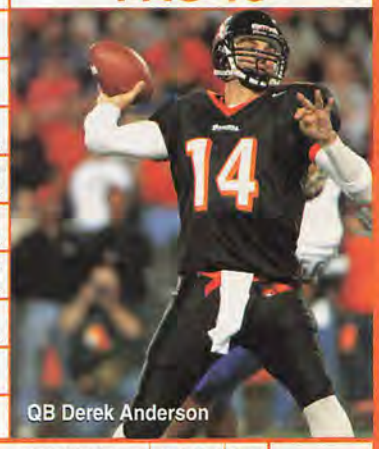
2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,21,1)
Lost: 18 (7,8,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,142

PAC 10


QB Derek Anderson

STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (35,362)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	7-4	10-1	5-6	8-4	7-5	45-34
ATS	3-7-1	8-3	8-2	8-2	5-5	6-5	5-6	43-30-1
Home Fav	1-1-1	2-0	3-0	4-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	19-6-1
Home Dog	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	8-5
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	4-9
Away Dog	0-4	1-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	0-1	2-1	12-10
Favorite	1-1-1	4-0	4-0	4-2	1-3	6-4	3-5	23-15-1
Dog	2-6	4-3	4-2	4-0	4-2	0-1	2-1	20-15
Grass	0-3	2-2	3-0	2-2	1-3	0-3	0-2	8-15
Artificial	3-4-1	6-1	5-2	6-0	4-2	6-2	5-4	35-15-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-1	5-3	3-5	5-3	33-23
vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-3	10-7-1
Off SU Win	1-1-1	2-2	5-1	7-2	2-2	5-2	3-4	25-14-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	5-1	2-1	1-0	3-2	1-3	2-2	16-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steven Jackson	350	1670	125	1545	19	4.4
Dwight Wright	**89**	**378**	**28**	**350**	**2**	**3.9**
Ryan Cole	**15**	**82**	**0**	**82**	**0**	**5.5**
Derek Anderson	**57**	**100**	**225**	**-125**	**4**	**-2.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Derek Anderson	**510**	**261**	**51.2**	**4058**	**24**	**24**
Adam Rothenfluh	**20**	**12**	**60.0**	**175**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Newson	81	1306	16.1	3	53
Mike Hass	**44**	**1013**	**23.0**	**7**	**90**
Tim Euhus	49	645	13.2	7	45
Steven Jackson	44	470	10.7	3	66
Kenny Farley	13	251	19.3	1	61
Joe Newton	**13**	**155**	**11.9**	**1**	**40**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Carl Tobey	71	2885	40.6	13	35.5	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kirk Yliniemi	46-47	7-7	8-9	1-3	3-4	19-23	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Richard Seigler	92	2.5	15	5	3
Trent Bray	**76**	**3.5**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Lawrence Turner	69	0	6	8	0
Mitch Meeuwsen	**52**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**6**
Dwan Edwards	51	3	6	1	0
Jonathan Pollard	**50**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Bill Swancutt	**45**	**11**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Brandon Browner	**43**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**6**
Aric Williams	**39**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**4**
Chaz Scott	**28**	**1.5**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Jayson Jean-Baptiste	26	1.5	4	1	0
Harvey Whiten	**25**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Seth Lacey	**24**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cole Clasen	**42**	**211**	**5.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwight Wright	**14**	**216**	**15.4**	**0**
Brandon Catanese	9	179	19.9	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
64	Rose	NL	Michigan	7-34	–
99	Oahu	-9	Hawaii	17-23	L
00	Fiesta	-3'	Notre Dame	41-9	W
02	Insight	-2'	Pittsburgh	13-38	L
03	Las Vegas	-2	New Mexico	55-14	W

OREGON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	33.3	24	135	3.3	328	51.3	13.9	-8	2003	5	23.2	16	84	2.5	204	44.1	12.5
7	31.8	20	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	+8	2002	8	20.5	18	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3
5*	26.1	20	127	3.4	247	54.4	14.4	-7	2001	5	23.5	18	157	3.8	174	48.9	14.1
6*	33.3	21	181	4.1	233	49.9	12.4	+18	2000	7	17.7	18	87	2.5	214	49.1	17.0
6*	28.9	22	149	3.9	286	48.7	15.0	+7	1999	5	23.1	21	158	4.0	198	49.9	15.4
9*	26.0	20	116	3.5	256	47.5	14.3	-3	1998	9	26.5	22	136	3.2	255	55.0	14.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Sacramento St	27	44 - 226	5.1	19 - 37	301	3	16	35 - 61	1.7	14 - 31	193	1	-1
at Fresno St	21	38 - 121	3.2	15 - 44	285	1	17	32 - 60	1.9	22 - 49	276	1	-2
New Mexico St	28	51 - 221	4.3	17 - 30	233	0	12	42 - 143	3.4	10 - 22	116	4	-2
Boise St	23	46 - 154	3.3	19 - 37	408	1	18	35 - 47	1.3	19 - 37	334	2	0
Arizona St	20	44 - 151	3.4	15 - 29	246	4	21	33 - 97	2.9	20 - 50	284	2	+3
at California	24	53 - 269	5.1	18 - 27	224	2	19	29 - 185	6.4	9 - 34	52	0	+1
Washington	21	33 - 46	1.4	21 - 48	344	5	21	37 - 89	2.4	19 - 41	285	1	-3
at Washington St	15	42 - 15	0.4	16 - 42	276	7	17	31 - 3	0.1	21 - 40	305	5	+2
Arizona	26	44 - 93	2.1	23 - 40	333	2	14	36 - 90	2.5	13 - 31	142	2	-1
Stanford	29	37 - 222	6.0	28 - 52	441	0	8	30 - (-12)	-0.4	16 - 44	145	4	-1
at Oregon	19	26 - 24	0.9	22 - 46	303	6	26	47 - 218	4.6	11 - 27	125	2	-1
at USC	26	33 - 58	1.8	34 - 60	485	1	17	26 - 110	4.2	22 - 38	278	4	-3
† New Mexico	29	35 - 154	4.4	27 - 42	386	1	7	34 - 6	0.2	10 - 23	121	5	0
TOTALS	308	526 - 1754	3.3	274 - 534	4265	33	213	447 - 1097	2.5	206 - 467	2656	33	-8
AVERAGES	23.7	40 - 135	3.3	21 - 41	328	2.5	16.4	34 - 84	2.5	16 - 36	204	2.5	-0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	+1	28-13	W
Fresno St	-3'	46-23	W
GA Southern	NL	48-41	–
at USC	+13	29-37	W
Washington	+2'	21-47	L
at Stanford	+8	17-21	W
UCLA	+1	55-7	W
at Washington St	-4'	27-13	W
California	-9	17-7	W
Arizona	-3	28-20	W
at Oregon	+6	14-25	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	21-19	–
at New Mexico	-9'	28-20	L
San Diego St	-16'	35-3	W
USC	+6'	31-21	W
at Washington	+9'	30-33	W
Stanford	-9	38-6	W
at UCLA	+3	44-38	W
Washington St	-13	38-9	W
at California	-6'	38-32	L
at Arizona	+1	33-9	W
Oregon	-5	23-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	-3'	24-44	L
at New Mexico St	-16'	27-22	L
UCLA	+3	7-38	L
at Washington St	+11	27-34	W
Arizona	-7	38-3	W
at Arizona St	+3	24-41	L
California	-19'	19-10	L
at USC	+6'	13-16	W
Washington	+3'	49-24	W
N Arizona	NL	45-10	–
at Oregon	+10'	14-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	49-10	–
at Temple	-11	35-3	W
UNLV	-16	47-17	W
Fresno St	-11'	59-19	W
at USC	+3'	0-22	L
UCLA	-4'	35-43	L
at Arizona St	-3	9-13	L
California	-5'	24-13	W
Arizona	-15'	38-3	W
at Washington	-6	29-41	L
at Stanford	-12'	31-21	L
Oregon	-4'	45-24	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	40-7	–
at Fresno St	-8'	14-16	L
New Mexico St	-21'	28-16	L
Boise St	-5'	26-24	L
Arizona St	-6	45-17	W
at California	+1	35-21	W
Washington	-10'	17-38	L
at Washington St	+7'	30-36	W
Arizona	-22'	52-23	W
Stanford	-14'	43-3	W
at Oregon	-3	20-34	L
at USC	+21'	28-52	L

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

QB Andrew Walter

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Andrew Walter (PS#16) was one of three QB's that played here in 2001 due to injuries. He had two starts, threw for 546 yards but completed just 44.2% with a 3-2 ratio and the team struggled with him at the helm. He was beaten out in 2002 for the starting QB job by Chad Christensen (6-3 208 Jr, PS#49) but the three QB's battling for the starting job hit just 10 of 46 in the spring game. Christensen threw for just 302 yards (42.2%) with a 3-0 ratio in 4 starts then Walter took over. He put up some incredible stats, easily passing Danny White's school record of 2,878 yards as he threw for 3,877 (56.7%) with a 28-15 ratio. That included a 536 yard effort vs Oregon. Both QB's returned last year but true frosh Sam Keller (PS#42) took over the 2nd string duties in August and Christensen had shoulder surgery in Nov and did not attempt a pass. Walter was a preseason Heisman candidate. Unfortunately, he did not have a breakaway receiver like he did the previous year in McDonald. Even after adding 12 pounds and becoming a stronger QB, he did not have the same type of season. Walter was also hobbled by an ankle injury in the 2Q vs UCLA and had to change his footwork in the second half of the season to compensate. He did throw for 3,044 yards (52.5%) with a 24-10 ratio. Keller got the bulk of the duties vs UCLA and in six games threw for 247 yards (53.5%) with a 1-1 ratio. Both return as does Christensen and Mike Affleck (6-3 253 rFr, PS#24). This is an extremely deep group, and Walter could be one of the nation's best this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Ariz St had a 1,000 yard rusher in 2001 but had to replace their top two rushers in 2002 and Cornell Canidate (5-9 198 Jr, PS#72) led the team with just 493 yards rushing (3.8). Mike Williams (PS#11) had a huge game against Arizona with 162 yards and 4 TD's and had 482 yards (3.9) overall in 2002. The most talented of the backs was probably Hakim Hill (PS#34) who is 219 lbs yet one of the fastest players on the team and had 318 yards (3.1) in 2002. Everyone was back last year including outstanding FB Mike Karney who benches 380 with 4.5 speed and is an outstanding blocker. This was basically a 5-headed TB coming out of August with 2 rFr in Randy Hill (6-2 208, PS#50) and Loren Wade (PS#43) added to the mix. Mike Williams did not have the senior season he expected as he played in just four games (28 yds) due to injuries. Wade, a hard downhill runner, had five starts including a great four game stretch from Oregon to California in which he had 427 yards (6.5). Hakim Hill's best game came against Oregon St when he rushed for 115 and added 92 receiving, but he was banged up and had just four starts in 10 games. Randy Hill lost 25 lbs due to illness in August but regained his strength and was the #3 rusher. Wade set the frosh rushing record here which was previously held by Leon Burton (694 in 1955), but suffered a concussion and missed Wash St. He returned and had 120 yards vs Arizona. Wade finished with 773 yards and by far a team high of 5.7 ypc. This year basically everyone is back with the exception of Williams and Karney (#5DC NO), and it will be interesting to see if Hakim Hill can overcome the problems of the past two years (fumbles in '02, injuries in '03). Overall this is a talented group.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Shaun McDonald (PS#27) was one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award and totalled 1,405 yards, breaking Morris Owens' school record of 1,144. He left early for the NFL. Without him the team lacked a reliable deep threat and Walter's passing stats went down. Derek Hagan who is not a burner, led the team with 66 rec (16.3). Skyler Fulton (PS#24) finally lived up to his VHT status and had 62 rec (14.5). The unit was banged up early and walk-on Moey Mutz (6-0 181 Jr) had 2 TD's against N Arizona. Matt Miller, one of the team's best deep threats, suffered a hamstring inj in August and had just two starts. Terry Richardson (PS#38) is the team's best leaper (16 rec). Much was expected of Daryl Lightfoot (PS#27) who was #2 receiver in 2002 but a hamstring injury early on and a suspension late limited him to just 7 games (11 rec). He is currently suspended but could return in the fall. They are switching to more of a 2-TE offense this year and created the H-Back position to give the offense multiple looks. The only losses from 2003 are Fulton and TE Frank Maddox. Not listed in the 2 deep below are TE Brent Miller (6-5 240 rFr, PS#53QB) and WR Brian Hernandez (6-1 177 So) who originally signed with Georgia Tech. This unit is much more experienced and has a better shot at uncovering a consistent deep threat.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 they had to replace 4 starters all of whom were NFL DC's including a 1st rounder and the only returning starter moved from G to T. As you would expect, the unit struggled as they paved the way for 2.5 ypc rushing while yielding 49 sacks. Last year seven players with starting experience returned but starting LT Chaz White lost his spot to rFr Andrew Carnahan and 2002's starting C Tony Aguilar (13 sts) only started 3 games due to injury. The numbers improved as ASU averaged 3.5 ypc and allowed just 25 sacks. This year they must replace LG Tim Fa'aita (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Regis Crawford (12 sts, 2nd Tm Pac 10, 3 yr st'r) and Aguilar. I list the 2 deep below and they do have 8 VHT's including this year's true frosh. I look for continued improvement in the OL production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 52 sacks in 2002, but a huge reason for their effectiveness was DE Terrell Suggs who set a Pac 10 record with 24 sacks. Unfortunately they lost Suggs and four other players who combined for 8 starts and 18 tackles. They clearly missed Suggs as they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing and the sack total dropped by 22 (30). DE Nick Johnson started the first 2 games and had 2 sacks and 3 tfl but was suspended and quit. Projected starting DT Matt Mason was also suspended. This year they both depart along with DT Shane Jones (12 sts, 51 tkls, 8.5 tfl) and DT Brian Montesanto (12 sts, 20 tkls, 3 sks, 3 yr st'r). DE's Jimmy Verdon and Ishmael Thrower are both VHT's but combined for just 7.5 sacks and should have better production, while Kyle Caldwell (PS#15) did well as a true frosh. Jordan Hill is a 23 year old soph who originally signed with BYU and will battle Connor Banks for a starting DT job. This unit is close to 2003 in terms of experience, but should put up better numbers.

LINEBACKERS - ASU played a 4-2-5 defense in Koetter's first 3 years but the WS was more like an LB. Last year ASU had to replace all 3 starters from this unit but did move starting CB Brett Hudson to WS, so they had one starter returning. VHT JUCO Justin Burks (PS#13) took over one starting job and was the #3 tackler. This year they must replace WS Hudson (62 tkls, 2 int, 6 tfl) as well as LB Barton Hammit (5 tkls, 1 tfl) and WS Joey Smith (1 tkl). VHT Mark Washington (PS#31) who had 7 tackles as a true frosh could steal a starting job. This unit is much more experienced, has solid talent, and ASU is moving to a legitimate 4-3 defense this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite having a banged up secondary in 2002, ASU finished #14 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace 1 starter and brought in super JC Chris McKenzie (PS#37) who has 4.3 speed. Starting CB RJ Oliver had a 100 yard int return for a TD vs N Ariz but tweaked his quadriceps on the play and missed most of the next 4 games. No DB started all 12 last year and surprisingly, perhaps due to the loss of Suggs' pass rush, ASU slipped to #35 in the pass D rankings allowing 55% with a 20-16 ratio. This year the only loss is FS Jason Shivers (104 tkls, 2nd Tm P10, 11 sts, #5DC STL). They add another super JC this year in Maurice London (PS#19). Not listed below are two VHT true frosh as well as Marcus Johnson (6-0 196 So, PS#185), Darnel Henderson (5-11 186 rFr, PS#239), and Robert James (5-11 196 rFr, PS#161), The Sun Devils have even more experience and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Sun Devils finished #55 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and last year lost their outstanding K Mike Barth (PS#10) as well as their KO man, LS and one of their top tacklers on special teams. Daryl Lightfoot was the leading return-man even though he played in just seven games, and Josh Golden took his place when he was injured and suspended. Both may return. Punter Tim Parker avg'd a super 43.4 with a 38.8 net and he departs. The kicker was true frosh Jesse Ainsworth who had 55 and 56 yard FG's in one game in HS and hit 10 of 15 here with a long of 47 last year. The teams Special Teams coach is Tom Osborne who uses starters to man the unit. Overall ASU finished a respectable #31 in my special teams rankings which is surprising with their losing season, but with the loss of their outstanding punter, they might drop a little in the rankings this year.

COACHES - Dirk Koetter was 26-10 as the HC at Boise St but is just 17-20 in three years here. Koetter is his own OC and his DC is Brent Guy who was his DC at Boise and is in his fourth year at that position here. Guy has always run a 4-2-5 defense but they are switching to a 4-3 this year as in the first 3 years at ASU, his defenses have allowed 29.7 ppg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1996 Bruce Snyder had the team contending for a National Title finishing 11-0 in the regular season but they lost to Ohio St in the Rose Bowl. In 1996 and '97 the team was a combined 20-4 but in the last six years the Sun Devils are just 34-38 including 3 bowl losses. In 2002 they were pegged to finish 9th in the Pac 10 but ended up 3rd with an outstanding 5-3 record and almost upset a very powerful K-St team in the bowl game. Last year they had 16 returning starters but lost their dynamic DE Terrell Suggs as well as their game breaking WR Shaun McDonald. Those two proved extremely difficult to replace and ASU surprisingly slipped to 2-6 in Pac 10 play, needing a win in the season finale vs Arizona to escape the basement. The team was young with just 8 seniors on the 2 deep and hit hard by injuries as vs Wash St they had just 55 players able to travel. The season had its moments as they were 2-0 and #16 in the country, were tied 17-17 vs USC and blew out Oregon 59-14. This year ASU has 14 returning starters which is 2nd most in the league and have one of the top QB's in the country in Andrew Walter. He has solid talent around him and I rate ASU the 3rd best offense in the Pac 10. I expect significant improvement on the 24.8 ppg of 2003. Defensively they switched to a 4-3 and I see solid talent on that side of the ball, so they will be able to improve upon the 27.3 ppg allowed last year. Under Koetter ASU is just 2-11 after Halloween, in the last 3 years vs Pac 10 offenses has allowed 33.4 ppg and the team is just 8-16 in league play. Despite those stats, I'll call for ASU to achieve a winning record in the Pac 10 and return to a bowl, as they are my 11th most improved team in the country (see page 19) which means that they should be bowl eligible.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ANDREW WALTER SR. 6-5 235 **PS#16**. 10 sts in '02, 3877 yds (56.7%), 28-15 ratio. 12 sts LY, 3044 pass (53%) 24-10 ratio. Sam Keller (6-4 228 So) PS#42, 247 yards.
RB LOREN WADE SO. 6-0 212 PS#43. 5 sts as rFr. #1 w/773 yds (5.7). **Hakim Hill** (6-0 219 Jr) **PS#34**. 4 sts, 770 rush (3.5) 2Y. Randy Hill PS#50, 228 (4.9) as rFr.
HB Zach Miller Fr. 6-4 245 **PS#1TE**. Jamaal Lewis (6-4 246 So) PS#28TE. 10 rec (9.9). Tyrice Thompson (6-4 203 rFr). Kellen Mills (6-3 233 rFr).
WR DEREK HAGAN JR. 6-2 192 3 starts as true, 32 rec (12.7). 10 sts in 2003. #1 w/1076 yds rec (16.3). Rudy Burgess (5-11 175 rFr) PS#99. Jeremy Payton is PS#65DB.
WR Terry Richardson So. 6-1 179 **PS#38**. 2 sts as rFr, 16 rec (14.8). Matt Miller (6-2 173 Jr) PS#59. 2 sts, 26 rec (12.5) LY. Daryl Lightfoot (5-9 171 Sr) **PS#27**. 51 rec (13.8) 2Y.
TE LEE BURGHGRAEF JR. 6-5 249 PS#27. 4 sts as rFr. 10 sts in 2003, 6 rec (10.3). Aaron Austin (6-5 253 Sr) PS#16JC in 2003. Andrew Pettes is **PS#13**.
C DREW HODGDON SR. 6-3 285 PS#121. 10 gms as rFr. 14 sts@RG in '02, MV OL, HM P10. 12 sts LY. Robert Gustavis (6-3 293 rFr) **PS#70**. **LS** Jason Burke (6-1 246 So) 12 gms.
RG Mike Pollak rFr. 6-4 285 **PS#35OL**. Zach Krula (6-7 297 So) PS#480. 4 games last year as 2nd string OG. Jonathan Lehmann (6-4 267 Fr) PS#614.
LG GRAYLING LOVE JR. 6-3 297 **PS#84**. 1 st at RT as rFr, 60 snaps at C. 11 sts @RT in '03, **2nd Tm P10**. Julius Orieukwu (6-6 303 rFr) **PS#61**. Brent Russum (6-5 275 Fr) is PS#180.
RT ANDREW CARNAHAN SO. 6-8 297 PS#453. 12 starts as rFr at LT. Stephen Berg (6-6 319 So) **PS#89**. 4 games, 2nd string in 2003. Bradis McGriff (6-5 300 Fr) is **PS#43**.
LT Chaz White Jr. 6-4 306 **10 sts at LT** in 2002. 8 games in 2003 as backup. Brandon Rodd (6-4 291 rFr) PS#252. Leo Talavou (6-4 320 Fr) is PS#66.
K JESSE AINSWORTH SO. 6-3 210 PS#14K. 56 yd FG in high school and had misses of 56 & 62 yards. Hit 10 of 15 here as true, long of 47. Chris McDonald (6-2 207 rFr).

DE JIMMY VERDON SR. 6-4 280 **PS#25DB**. 23 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. 14 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 4 sks, HM Pac 10. 12 sts LY, 44 tkls, 3 sks. **Kyle Caldwell** (6-3 256 So) **PS#15**. 18 tkls, 2 sks as true.
DT Jordan Hill So. 6-2 274 PS#133. Orig @BYU. Scout Tm MVP in '02. 2 sts, 19 tkls, 2 sks LY. Connor Banks (6-3 269 Sr) 9 tkls LY. DeWayne Hollyfield (6-4 275 Jr) PS#107JC.
DT Gabe Reininger Sr. 6-3 292 **PS#45JUCO**. 84 tkls, 7.5 sks, 43 qbh at JC. 12 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Brett Palmer (6-1 281 rFr) **PS#53**. Ali Likio (6-4 345 So) PS#298. 9 tkls, 1 sk in '03.
DE ISHMAEL THROWER SR. 6-1 237 **PS#37JC**. 10 sts LY, 30 tkls, 4.5 sks, 4 tfl. MIke Talbot (6-2 254 Jr) Former FB. Quency Darley (6-2 270 Jr). PS#215JC. 6 sks, 19 tkls at JC LY.
SLB JAMAR WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 243 PS#160. 4.5 spd. 1 st, 37 tkls, 4 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 68 tkls, 11 tfl, **Mark Washington** (6-2 234 So) **PS#31**, 7 tkls as true. J W Lucas (6-4 205 So) 5 tkls LY.
MLB JUSTIN BURKS SR. 6-1 237 **PS#13JC**. 12 sts, 78 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 3 pbu in '03. Sean Hinton (6-0 186 So) PS#390. DeAndre Johnson (6-2 232 rFr) PS#127 in 2002. RS LY.
DLB Matt Fawley Jr. 6-1 217 PS#140. 4 sts, 38 tkls as true. 4 sts, 74 tkls LY. **Lamar Baker** (5-11 201 Jr) **PS#31**. 7 sts as true, 40 tkls, 2 int, inj'd L/2Y. Dale Robinson PS#111JC.
CB RJ OLIVER SR. 5-9 174 9 sts, 50 tkls, 7 pbu in '01. 14 sts, 48 tkls, 4 int, **18 pbu** in '02. 7 sts LY (inj) 27 tkls, 4 pbu. Mike Davis (6-3 178 So) PS#238DB. 14 tkls LY, 11 games.
CB CHRIS McKENZIE SR. 5-9 176 **PS#37JUCO**. 4.3 spd! Last 8 sts in '03, 39 tkls, 2 int. Josh Golden (5-10 176 Jr) 9 sts, 2 yrs, 52 tkls, 8 pbu. Chad Green (5-10 183 rFr) PS#83.
SS RICCARDO STEWART SR. 5-10 215 PS#83. 9 sts in '02, 83 tkls, 11 tfl. 10 sts LY, **2nd Tm Pac 10**, 3 int, 84 tkls. Daniel Varvel (6-3 210 So) PS#254. 2 tkls in 8 gms as true LY.
FS Emmanuel Franklin Sr. 5-11 196 PS#65LB. 10 starts, 2 years, 47 tkls, 4 pbu, 1 int. **Maurice London** is **PS#19JC** in for spring. Josh Barrett (6-2 206 rFr) PS#428. RS LY (inj).
P Chris McDonald rFr. 6-2 207 #1 punter in the spring. Strong leg, but inexperienced. Jesse Ainsworth (6-3 210 So) 41.1 average punt as senior in HS, also 50 tkls as DE.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

TE	Zach Miller 6-4 245 PS#1
OL	Bradis McGriff 6-5 300 PS#43
DB	Uriah Marshall 5-11 180 PS#33
DB	Myrio Davis 6-1 190 PS#42
DB	Maurice London 6-0 185 PS#19JC
QB	Rudy Carpenter 6-3 190 PS#39
TE	Andrew Pettes 6-4 230 PS#13
OL	Leo Talavou 6-4 320 PS#PS#66
DB	Jeremy Payton 6-1 190 PS#65
WR	Nate Kimbrough 6-1 175 PS#64
QB	Max Hall 6-1 180 PS#52
LB	Antone Saulsberry 6-0 215 PS#78
WR	Michael Jones 6-3 190 PS#99
LB	Adam Vincent 6-2 215 PS#107

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								ASU is 8-20 SU on artificial turf including losing 5 of their last 6 since '91. Arizona St is 4-12 ATS as a dog under Koetter. The Sun Devils are 10-2 ATS in their road finale the last 12 years.
Sep. 2	UTEP (Thur)	G						Arizona St is 2-4-1 ATS in their 1st game of the season since 1996. This series began in 1925. ASU leads all-time 32-13-3, last gm in '95 ASU won 45-20.
Sep. 11	at Northwestern	G						Arizona St is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS in road openers since 1998. Including bowl games, the Sun Devils are 2-5 ATS vs the Big 10 since '85.
Sep. 18	Iowa	G						Pending 9/2 ASU is 7-3 ATS at home vs non-conference foes last 5 yrs. Could apply: Sun Devils are 9-2-1 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Sep. 25	Oregon St	G						Arizona St is 2-8-2 ATS in Pac 10 openers since 1992. The Sun Devils are 7-2 SU, but 3-5-1 ATS the last 9 games vs the Beavers.
Oct. 2	at Oregon	A						Arizona St is 7-2 ATS vs Oregon since 1995. Since 1996 the Devils/Ducks games have averaged 75 ppg.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 16	at USC	G						The Sun Devils are 1-5 SU & ATS vs the Trojans the last 6 years. Arizona St is 12-4 ATS after a bye week since 1994.
Oct. 23	UCLA	G						ASU is 7-2-1 ATS vs UCLA since 1991. Although last year only had 33 total pts the last 7 games have avg 68 ppg.
Oct. 30	at California	A						The underdog is 6-3 ATS since 1994. Pending earlier results ASU is 3-9 ATS away vs Pac 10 the last 3 years.
Nov. 6	Stanford (HC)	G						ASU is 2-4 SU & 1-5 ATS vs the Cardinal their last 6 meetings. Since 1998 ASU/Stanford games have averaged 72 ppg.
Nov. 13	Washington St	G						The favorite since 1993 in this series is 9-0 SU & 8-0-1 ATS. Pending 10/2 ASU is 2-7 ATS the week before a bye the last 6 years.
Nov. 20								Bonus: This will be the 59th straight meeting between these 2 where Arizona holds a 43-33-1 SU all-time advantage.
Nov. 26	at Arizona (Fri)	G						The Sun Devils are 7-3 ATS vs the Wildcats in this instate rivalry L10Y. Arizona St is 4-2 SU & 6-0 ATS in Tucson since 1992.

DIRK KOETTER (Career 43-30)
4th Year at Arizona St

Koetter's records AT ARIZONA STATE

17-20	Straight Up	8-6	Home Favorite
14-20	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Dog
7-10	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
9-15	Vs Conference	2-10	Away Dog
5-5	Vs Non-Conf		

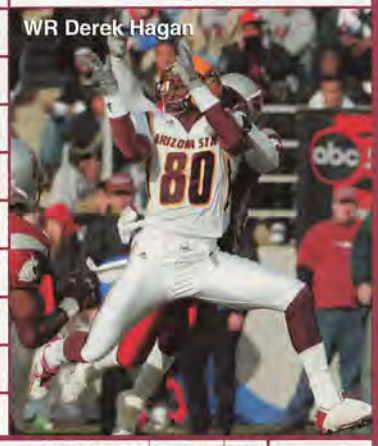
2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (24,21,2)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 54,248

PAC 10



STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (73,379)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	6-5	6-5	4-7	8-5	5-7	42-38
ATS	6-5	4-7	7-4	6-3-2	5-6	7-5	2-9	37-39-2
Home Fav	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	4-2	3-2	1-2	17-16
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	6-2-1
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	4-7
Away Dog	3-0	1-2	3-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	10-14-1
Favorite	3-5	3-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	5-2	1-4	21-23
Dog	3-0	1-2	5-1	3-1-2	1-4	2-3	1-5	16-16-2
Grass	5-4	3-6	5-4	5-3-2	5-5	6-3	2-7	31-32-2
Artificial	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	0-2	6-7
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	2-6	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-3	9-13
Off SU Win	5-3	3-2	2-3	3-0-2	1-3	5-2	0-4	19-17-2
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-4	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-5	16-18

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Loren Wade	136	786	13	773	5	5.7
Hakim Hill	115	486	34	452	3	3.9
Randy Hill	47	233	5	228	1	4.9
Cornell Canidate	36	109	5	104	2	2.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Andrew Walter	421	221	52.5	3044	24	10
Sam Keller	43	23	53.5	247	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derek Hagan	66	1076	16.3	9	80	
Skyler Fulton	62	901	14.5	10	44	
Matt Miller	26	326	12.5	1	49	
Terry Richardson	16	236	14.8	0	34	
Hakim Hill	21	202	9.6	0	34	
Daryl Lightfoot	11	152	13.8	0	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tim Parker	75	3252	43.4	12	38.8	1	23
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jessie Ainsworth	25-28	4-4	4-5	2-6	0-0	10-15	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Shivers	104	1	2	0	3
Riccardo Stewart	84	2.5	4	0	3
Justin Burks	78	3	5	3	0
Matt Fawley	74	1	6	2	0
Jamar Williams	68	1	10	3	1
Brett Hudson	62	0	6	4	2
Shane Jones	51	1.5	7	0	1
Jimmy Verdon	44	3	3	2	2
Chris McKenzie	39	0	1	4	2
Ishmael Thrower	30	4.5	1	1	0
RJ Oliver	27	0	0	4	2
Brian Montesanto	20	3	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Daryl Lightfoot	21	203	9.7	0	
Josh Golden	19	190	10.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Daryl Lightfoot	15	376	25.1	0	
Josh Golden	9	166	18.4	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Rose	+2	Ohio St	17-20	L
97	Sun	+6'	Iowa	17-7	W
99	Aloha	-3	Wake Forest	3-23	L
00	Aloha	-3'	Boston College	17-31	L
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St	27-34	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARIZONA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.8	19	117	3.5	274	52.5	15.8	-4	2003	7	27.3	21	151	3.8	254	55.0	14.8
4	32.3	20	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	+4	2002	8	29.1	18	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5
7*	34.0	19	167	4.3	259	51.1	12.5	-8	2001	7	32.8	21	138	3.6	261	55.6	12.2
7*	26.1	20	116	2.8	263	47.2	14.5	+8	2000	6	25.3	19	168	4.3	232	49.0	15.9
7*	23.8	20	172	4.0	218	52.6	16.4	-9	1999	7	25.9	19	166	4.3	223	51.2	15.0
8*	30.3	21	153	3.7	259	56.1	13.6	-2	1998	3	30.7	21	149	4.1	258	52.8	13.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
N Arizona	19	31-137	4.4	16-26	234	1	22	36-57	1.6	25-40	315	3	0
Utah St	20	37-161	4.4	20-37	277	0	25	35-65	1.9	26-54	308	7	-1
at Iowa	12	21-24	1.1	25-44	160	1	19	45-153	3.4	15-23	154	4	+1
at Oregon St	21	33-97	2.9	20-50	284	2	20	44-151	3.4	15-29	246	4	-3
USC	20	44-61	1.4	19-38	305	5	20	36-198	5.5	17-34	331	2	+1
Oregon	22	44-159	3.6	20-30	338	0	16	33-158	4.8	9-26	127	1	+2
at N Carolina	29	35-190	5.4	34-59	408	1	18	34-164	4.8	13-23	167	1	+1
at UCLA	10	30-121	4.0	15-31	132	4	14	41-213	5.2	14-28	190	4	+1
California	24	36-98	2.7	17-36	253	6	24	45-232	5.2	17-23	307	0	-3
at Stanford	20	23-97	4.2	23-53	357	1	25	53-188	3.5	18-34	279	2	-2
at Washington St	17	32-60	1.9	19-35	262	3	20	39-118	3.0	19-31	284	1	-1
Arizona	18	37-203	5.5	16-26	281	1	24	35-113	3.2	28-48	339	1	0
TOTALS	232	403-1408	3.5	244-465	3291	25	247	476-1810	3.8	216-393	3047	30	-4
AVERAGES	19.3	34-117	3.5	20-39	274	2.1	20.6	40-151	3.8	18-33	254	2.5	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6'	31-13	W
New Mexico St	-25'	7-35	L
at California	-1'	23-24	L
UCLA	+1'	28-27	W
at Notre Dame	+12'	17-48	L
at Washington	+10	28-7	W
Washington St	-7'	33-21	W
at Oregon	+7'	17-20	W
at USC	+6	26-16	W
Stanford	-2'	30-50	L
Arizona	+1'	42-27	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-4	10-7	L
Colorado St	+3	13-10	W
Utah St	-21'	44-20	W
at UCLA	+7	31-38	T
California	-7	30-10	W
Washington	+6	15-21	T
at Washington St	-1'	23-20 OT	W
Oregon	+6	55-56 2OT	W
USC	-3	38-44 2OT	L
at Stanford	+2	7-29	L
at Arizona	+6'	30-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Diego St	-7	38-7	W
at Stanford	+3'	28-51	L
San Jose St	-15'	53-15	W
Louisiana-Lft	-33	63-27	W
at USC	+2	17-48	L
Oregon St	-3	41-24	W
Washington	-3	31-33	L
at Oregon	+11	24-42	L
Washington St	+2'	16-28	L
Arizona	-7'	21-34	L
at UCLA	+10'	42-52	W

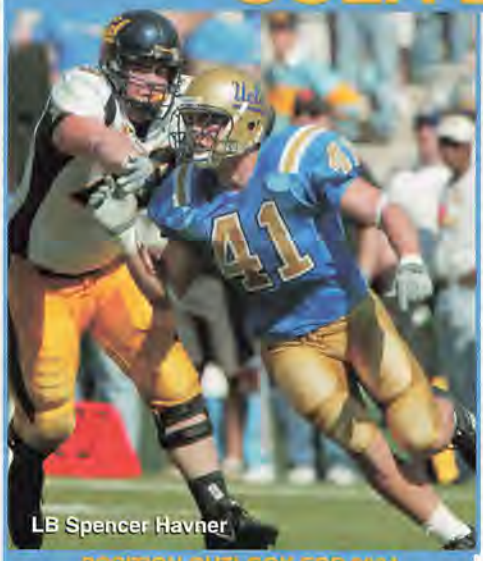
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+22	10-48	L
E Washington	NL	38-2	–
UCF	-3	46-13	W
at San Diego St	-6	39-28	W
Stanford	-1	65-24	W
N Carolina	-8'	35-38	L
Oregon St	+3	13-9	W
at Oregon	+10	45-42	W
Washington	-3'	27-16	W
at Washington St	+7	22-44	L
California	-4'	38-55	L
at USC	+15'	13-34	L
at Arizona	-6'	34-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	34-14	–
Utah St	-27'	26-16	L
at Iowa	+7'	2-21	L
at Oregon St	+6	17-45	L
USC	+12	17-37	L
Oregon	+2'	59-14	W
at N Carolina	-6	33-31	L
at UCLA	+2'	13-20	L
California	-3	23-51	L
at Stanford	-2'	27-38	L
at Washington St	+13	19-34	L
Arizona	-15	28-7	W

UCLA BRUINS


LB Spencer Havner

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Bruins haven't had sufficient depth and have been injury prone at the QB position for the last five years. In 2002 Cory Paus (PS#15) was having a solid year but went down to injury against Cal and departed as the #2 career leader in passing yards here. Drew Olson (PS#17) got in five starts as a true frosh but was injured against Cal forcing John Sciarra (PS#68) in but he hit just 1 of 7 for 10 yards with 2 fumbles. The next week true frosh Matt Moore (PS#19) took off his redshirt and got the start. Olson started the last 5 and finished with 702 yards (51%) and a 3-4 ratio. Last spring Dorrell called the QB race wide open then Olson appeared to pull ahead in early August as he had a better understanding of the offense. Olson added 28 lbs to get stronger during the offseason. Moore had tried to gain weight but maintained his 185 frame. Moore has a stronger arm and is more athletic than Olson. Moore beat out Olson in a preseason scrimmage to win the job but was injured in the opener. UCLA receivers dropped seven passes vs Illinois, hurting Olson's stats but with Moore finally back and available, Olson won consecutive starts vs Washington and Arizona to hold on to his job. After a rough outing by Olson vs Cal, Moore took over the starting role. Moore was pulled in the 2H vs both Stanford and Wash St. When asked immediately after the game, Dorrell said that Moore was clearly the starter. Two days later Olson was named the starter and started the final three games. Moore and Sciarra have opted to transfer. There was talk in bowl practices that Olson since he had the job to himself, was grasping the offense better but he hit just 11 of 31 for 96 yards in the slop against Fresno St. Olson and Brian Callahan (6-0 190 So, PS#235) return. They also add JUCO David Koral (PS#81JC) who threw for 2,202 yards (55%) with an 18-6 ratio at JUCO last year. Koral was PS#35 out of HS, and was originally at Vanderbilt. This is the second year of Dorrell's complex offensive system, and they can only improve upon last year's poor numbers in which Olson and Moore combined to hit just 12 TD's and 15 int completing 52.6%.

RUNNING BACKS - Tyler Ebell had 8 starts in 2002 as a redshirt frosh and led the team with 994 yards (4.2) despite his slight (5-9 171) frame. Basically all of the top backs from 2002 returned so the position appeared to be in great shape. Manuel White won the starting FB job, but was arguably the most effective back as he dropped 15 lbs so he still had good speed for his frame and was not only the top rusher with 379 yards but also the best pass catching and best blocking back when he fractured his shoulder in week 8. Akil Harris (PS#34) had 698 yards rushing in 2001 and 2002 but got just 3 carries last year. Ebell saw his playing time diminish as well and rushed for 501 yards (4.3). He opted to transfer to UTEP after the season. True frosh Maurice Drew (PS#11) took over and led the team with 582 yards (4.3) with 2 starts. Also in the mix is Jason Harrison (5-10 205 Jr, PS#63DB) who had 106 yards of offense in 2002, but missed last season with a knee injury and Derrick Williams (5-10 205 rFr, PS#308). The only losses this year are Ebell and Harris and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. With White and Drew around all season, I look for improvement in the UCLA RB numbers this year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bruins had to replace their starting TE who was a 3rd round DC and #3 receiver and then lost #2 WR Tab Perry to academics prior to the season so they basically had one starter back in Craig Bragg who led the team in rec in BOTH '01 & '02. Projected starting TE Keith Carter was injured prior to the season and missed the year. WR Ryan Smith, who had been banged up the prior two years, was finally healthy and started 10 games with 28 rec (9.9). The starting TE was surprisingly Blane Kezirian (11 sts, 9 rec), a senior who saw little action in his previous four seasons. As expected, Bragg (PS#61) led the team with 73 rec which was more than double any other receiver and he had 1,065 yards (14.6). TE Marcedes Lewis (PS#1) was #2 with 30 rec (12.6) and the good news is that both return. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Smith, Kezirian and Perry depart. I expect bigger things out of WR Junior Taylor who was banged up last year but is a VHT and had 24 rec (12.6). Bragg should leave as the school's top receiver of all-time and could be the first to lead the team for 4 straight years. This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999 to 2002 UCLA allowed a conference high 139 sacks. The 2002 version had four returning starters but only paved the way for 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace two longtime starters who were 1st & 2nd Tm Pac 10, but did have 8 of the top 10 returning. They lost starting C Mike McCloskey after five games to a broken ankle and the unit's performance was poor as they averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing while allowing 51 sacks. This year the only losses are RG Shane Lehmann (1 st) and RG Kevin Brown (3 sts) who moves back to the D-line. Six players return who have 8 or more career starts plus they add a rFr, 9 true frosh and a JUCO. While not extremely deep, this should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bruins allowed 3.5 ypc rushing in 2002 while recording 41 sacks then last year had to replace two starters and a backup. DE Dave Ball had an incredible season with 16.5 sacks and earned 1st Tm AA honors and was a Nagurski, Lombardi and Hendricks finalist and the team MVP. The Bruins allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing and despite Ball's sack total, the team's overall sacks dropped to just 30. This year the losses are heavy as four starters and two key backups depart. Gone are Dave Ball (1st Tm P10, #5DC SD), DE Mat Ball (12 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sks), DT Ryan Boschetti (13 sts, 43 tkls, 8 tfl), DT Rodney Leisle (10 sts, 40 tkls, 3 sks, #5DC NO), DE Asi Faoa (3 sts, 9 tkls) and DE David Tautofi (1 st, 8 tkls). There is good talent in the 2 deep that I list below including a couple of JUCO's and seven VHT's, but this group is much less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Last year five of the top six LB's returned although they did have to replace the team's Def MVP who was the leading tackler. They have a good foundation to build on with two VHT starters in Justin London (PS#16) and Spencer Havner (PS#39) who were #2 and #3 on the team in tackles last year. The most productive LB was returning starter Brandon Chillar (#4DC STL) who racked up 133 tackles, 9 tfl and was 1st Tm Pac 10. Unfortunately he departs this year as does MLB Dennis Link (1 st, 12 tkls, .5 sk) and Nick Carey (4 tkls). I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Patrick Pierre-Louis (PS#120JC) who has not played in two years due to injuries, David Shipp (6-1 210 rFr, PS#343) and Ryan Schon (6-1 210 Jr, PS#260). Havner and London (both HM P10), who are both now juniors, figure to be stars but it will be tough to replace Chillar's production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins have finished among my top 50 pass defenses every year since 1997 including a #4 finish in 2001. In 2002 they had to replace two starters and were the #13 pass D. Last year they had to replace their top CB who was a 3rd round DC but had 3 starters returning. They allowed the fewest TD's passing in the Pac 10 and finished #12 allowing 59% with a 15-19 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's including Heisman finalist Matt Leinart and Heisman winner Jason White. This year they must replace CB Matt Ware (9 sts, 34 tkls, 2 int, #3DC PHI), CB Keith Short (5 sts, 39 tkls, 3 pbu) and FS Kevin Brant (1 st, 13 tkls, 1 tfl). Jarrad Page (HM P10) and Ben Emanuel are a couple of VHT safeties that should have outstanding seasons, but they need to establish a shut down corner as returning starter Matthew Clark had just one pbu last season. This unit is in much the same shape as last year, so they should finish in the Top 20 of the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UCLA had an excellent K and P in 2002 and finished #22 in my special teams rankings. Unfortunately last year they came into the season with no experience at LS or K and their punter only had a career 2 punts. They also lost their top KR, Tab Perry to academics prior to the year. They had a disastrous game against Oklahoma in which Antonio Perkins had 7 PR's with an NCAA record 277 yards and 3 TD's. P Kluwe was outkicking his coverage averaging 49 ypp in that game. Thanks to the offensive ineptitude, Kluwe would set the school record for punts in a season with 91 (old record 80 in 1978). As expected, the team dropped in the rankings down to #74, but the good news is that everyone is back. Sophomore Maurice Drew may become the feature TB and see less action at KR but averaged a nifty 26.6. K Justin Medlock hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 48 and both K's are VHT's. I look for significant improvement in the Bruins' special teams in 2004.

COACHES - Karl Dorrell was the WR coach for the Denver Broncos for 3 years prior to coming here and did spend 7 years as an OC in the college ranks including 1999 at Washington and at Colorado from 1995 to 1998. Dorrell was a WR at UCLA and when he completed his career he was 2nd in school history in receptions and played on teams that won three Rose Bowls. His offense is very complex and the team struggled with it last season. There has been a change at OC as Dorrell brings in Tom Cable who has been the head coach at Idaho for the last 4 years. DC Larry Kerr was the DC at Colorado St for ten straight years prior to coming here last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UCLA is actually 15-17 in Pac 10 play the last 4 years and last year had a 1st year head coach in Karl Dorrell. Dorrell had a solid start opening up 6-2 but the team lost its last 5 games including the bowl. Dorrell's offense has been called "too complex" for the Bruins, and they finished #110 in the NCAA in total offense. The QB position has not been sound in four years with injuries hurting them in 2001 and 2002 and neither of the two QB combatants took charge last year. I look for Drew Olson to have a much better season in 2004 and with a veteran O-line in front of him, UCLA will easily outpace last year's poor 19.1 ppg. The defense was not as bad as the ppg would point to as 10 TD's were allowed on special teams, or def returns. Despite having just 5 starters back on that side of the ball, the unit will be solid. This team does have a lot of athletic talent and they have 16 players on my All-Pac 10 team which is the second highest mark in the conference. UCLA did a solid job outbidding Washington for the Pac 10's final bowl berth last year which gave them the benefit of bowl practices. The schedule is not easy but they should be able to win their first 5 home games (probably won't beat USC in home game #6, a team they've lost 5 straight to), so they have a shot at a winning season and definitely have the talent to achieve one. The Bruins make my most improved team list (page 19) which means they should go from a losing to a winning record.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DREW OLSON JR. 6-3 220 **PS#17**. 5 sts as true, 702 yds (51%), 3-4 ratio. 9 sts LY (53%) 10-9 ratio. David Koral PS#35 in 01. 2202 (55%) 18-6 at JUCO last year.

RB MANUEL WHITE SR. 6-2 245 **PS#30**. 8 sts, 671 (4.5) rush in '01 & '02. 8 sts LY (inj), 379 (3.9). 32 career rec (12.6). Maurice Drew (5-8 200 So) **PS#11**, 582 yds (4.3), 533 KR yds LY.

FB PAT NORTON SR. 6-2 240 PS#46. 35 ttl yds in '01 & '02. 5 sts in '03, 29 yards. Jimmy Stephens (6-2 230 rFr) PS#91TE. Michael Pitre (5-11 245 rFr) PS#158LB.

WR Junior Taylor Jr. 6-1 205 **PS#11**. 2 sts, 14 rec (11.9) as rFr. 1 st, 24 rec, (12.6) LY. Joe Cowan (6-4 205 So) PS#66, 7 rec as true. Antwuan Smith (5-11 185 rFr) PS#48.

WR CRAIG BRAGG SR. 6-2 205 **#1 rec 3 str yrs!** 55 rec (16.2) in '02. 73 rec (14.6), 38 PR (7.9) LY. Idris Moss (5-11 175 So) PS#41. Alex Ghebreselassie (6-2 195 rFr) **PS#29**.

TE Marcedes Lewis Jr. 6-6 250 **PS#1**. 2 sts, 6 rec as true. 7 sts, **#2** w/30 rec (12.6). Keith Carter (6-4 255 Jr) **PS#10**. 3 sts, 5 rec in '02. Inj LY. JJ Hair (6-5 245 So) **PS#11**.

C MIKE McCLOSKEY JR. 6-5 285 Missed spring with pleurisy. 13 sts as rFr, almost every snap. 1st 5 sts LY until inj. **Robert Chai** (6-3 280 So) **PS#54**. L/8 sts at C as rFr.

RG PAUL MOCILER SR. 6-6 300 **PS#6**. 5 games as rFr, 1 start at LG in '02. 10 sts at RG in '03, 3 letters. Can play C. Marc Villafuerte (6-3 300 So) PS#106JUCO in for spring.

LG EYOSEPH EFSEAFF SR. 6-3 300 PS#167. Good drive blk'r. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02, **2nd Tm Pac 10**. 13 sts in '03, almost every snap. PJ Irvin (6-4 300 rFr) **PS#41**.

RT ED BLANTON JR. 6-9 340 **PS#40**. 1 start, 4 games as rFr. 13 sts at RT LY. Robert Cleary (6-7 305 Jr) **PS#8**, 5 games, 2Y, 2 letters. Tony Lee (6-5 250 Fr) PS#184.

LT STEVEN VIEIRA SR. 6-6 300 **PS#78**. 5 sts as rFr, 11 games. 13 sts at RG in '02, HM Pac 10. 12 sts at LT in '03. Jamaal Rhodes (6-3 310 rFr). Brian Abraham is **PS#40**.

K JUSTIN MEDLOCK SO. 6-0 195 **PS#11**. 81% TB's in HS. All FG misses from 50+. Hit 14 of 19 here LY, long of 48, 6 of 8 from 40+. Aaron Perez is **PS#4**. Kevin Gamarnik (6-0 165 rFr).

DE Bruce Davis rFr. 6-3 240 **PS#40**, solid on scout tm LY. Kevin Harbour (6-4 260 So) **PS#34**. 1 tkl, 5 gms as rFr. Justin Hickman (6-1 270 So) PS#100JC. 10 sks at JC LY.

DT Kevin Brown So. 6-2 290 **PS#23**. 4 tkls as true & moved to RG, 3 sts on OL. Junior Lemau'u (6-3 270 So) **PS#29**, 5 tkls as true. Robert Garcia (5-11 275 So) 1 tkl.

DT CJ NIUSULU JR. 6-2 285 **PS#36**. 3 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu as rFr. 5 games (inj). #3 DT LY, 26 tkls, .5 sk, 5 tfl, 1 int, 2 pbu. Noah Sutherland (6-4 265 rFr) PS#122OL.

DE Kyle Morgan Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#65JC**. In for spg. Nikola Dragovic (6-3 245 rFr) PS#145. Brigham Harwell is **PS#10**, 68.5 sks in HS. Philip Rauscher (6-4 265 rFr) PS#89WR. William Snead (6-4 230 rFr) PS#316. Xavier Burgess (6-2 240 So) PS#77. Susp'd in spring.

OLB Wesley Walker Jr. 6-3 230 PS#87. 6 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 1 st, 15 tkls in '03.

ILB JUSTIN LONDON JR. 6-1 235 **PS#16**. 5 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, #2 w/98 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. Tim Warfield (6-3 240 Sr) PS#54, 11 tkls, 3Y. Danny Nelson (6-1 240 So) PS#169JC.

ILB SPENCER HAVNER JR. 6-4 240 **PS#39**. 13 sts as rFr, 96 tkls, 12 tfl, 3 int, 7 pbu. 12 sts LY, 82 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu. Aaron Whittington (6-2 205 rFr) PS#85DL. Ben Lorier (5-11 220 Sr).

CB MATTHEW CLARK SR. 5-9 190 PS#124. 3 tkls in '01, 7 tkls in '02, 2 pbu. 12 sts in '03, 53 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Trey Brown (5-10 195 rFr) PS#103. Jebiaus Brown (6-1 190 So).

CB Nnamdi Ohaeri Jr. 5-10 200 **PS#22RB**. 11 tkls as true. 1 st in '03, 22 tkls (9 in bowl). Marcus Cassel (6-0 185 Jr) PS#68. Joe Garcia (6-0 185 So) **PS#29**. Mil'von James (6-0 200 So).

SS JARRAD PAGE JR. 6-2 215 **PS#19**. 10 sts as true, 43 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 12 sts LY, 55 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 int, 3 pbu. Eric McNeal (6-2 215 So) **PS#6** 15 tkls (7 tkls, 2 tfl in bowl).

FS BEN EMANUEL II SR. 6-3 220 **PS#18**. 3 sts at SS as rFr, 14 tkls, 2 int. 12 sts at FS in '02, 58 tkls, 4 int. 12 sts LY, 80 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Dennis Keyes (6-1 195 rFr) **PS#17**.

P CHRIS KLUWE SR. 6-5 215 **PS#1**. 1 punt in '01 and 1 in '02. School record 91 punts in '03, 42.9 avg, 36.5 net. HM Pac 10. Aaron Perez is PS#4 and avg 42.7 in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Brigham Harwell	6-1 255 PS#10
OL	Shannon Tevaga	6-3 295 PS#36
OL	Brian Abraham	6-6 260 PS#40
DB	Rodney Van	6-1 185 PS#34
WR	Ryan Graves	6-1 180 PS#50
DL	Ken Lombard	6-1 275 PS#65
RB	Chris Markey	5-11 195 PS#74
DB	Marcus Everett	6-1 190 PS#76
PK	Aaron Perez	6-2 200 PS#4
DL	Kyle Morgan	6-3 260 PS#65JC
QB	David Koral	6-3 220 PS#81JC
OL	Justin Hickman	6-1 270 PS#100JC
OL	Marc Villafuerte	6-3 300 PS#106JC
OL	Aaron Meyer	6-3 285 PS#147

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Dorrell's records AT UCLA

6-7	Straight Up	1-2-2	Home Favorite
3-7-2	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Underdog
0-4-1	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
2-5-1	Vs Conference	1-3	Away Underdog
		1-2-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

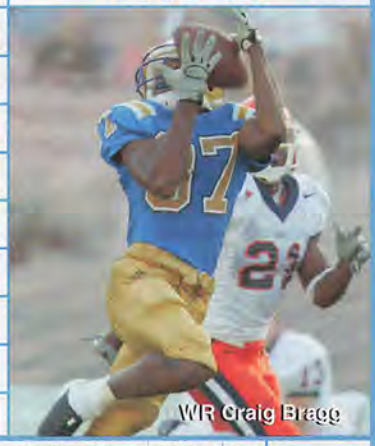
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (20,14,2)
Lost: 23 (9,14,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,636

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Oklahoma St	G						UCLA last played OSU in 2002 winning 38-24 as a 7 pt favorite. Bruins have won 3 SU vs Big 10 opp with the L/2 gms combining for 28 pts. UCLA is 11-25-4 ATS vs conference foes the past 5 seasons.
Sep. 11	at Illinois	A						Bruins are 9-1 SU & ATS in home openers since 1994. UCLA is 27-10 SU & 25-11-1 ATS the last 37 vs non-conference teams.
Sep. 18	at Washington	A						The Bruins are 11-6 ATS the last 17 on the road vs non-conference foes. UCLA is 5-2 SU & ATS on artificial turf the last 3 years.
Sep. 25								The Bruins are 7-3-1 ATS prior to a bye week since 1995. UCLA is 6-1 SU & 6-0-1 ATS vs the Huskies since 1997.
Oct. 2	San Diego St	G						
Oct. 9	Arizona	G						The Bruins are 18-0-1 SU & 9-2-1 ATS vs San Diego St. UCLA has won all games by an average 31-10 score.
Oct. 16	at California	A						Pending earlier results the Bruins are 5-11-4 ATS L/20 games as a HF. Last meeting here at the Rose Bowl in 1999 the Wildcats won 33-7 (+3').
Oct. 23	at Arizona St	G						The Bruins are 4-12-1 ATS vs the Bears since 1987. Pending 9/18 UCLA is 8-20-1 ATS on the road L/29 gms vs the Pac 10.
Oct. 30	Stanford (HC)	G						Over the L5Y the Bruins are 5-18-2 ATS their final 5 games of a season. UCLA is 5-5 SU but 2-7-1 ATS vs the Sun Devils since 1991.
Nov. 6	Washington St	G						The Bruins are 9-7 SU, but 3-11-2 ATS vs the Cardinal since 1988. UCLA is 0-3 SU & ATS at home off of a 2 game road trip the last 3 yrs.
Nov. 13	at Oregon	A						The home team is 6-1 SU & ATS the last 7 meetings in this series. In the last 5 Rose Bowl meetings the winner has won by 21 or more pts.
Nov. 20								The visitor is 10-3 ATS in this matchup vs the Ducks since 1989. UCLA is 2-6 SU & 1-6-1 ATS the last 8 road finales.
Nov. 27								
Dec. 4	USC	G						UCLA has dropped 5 in a row SU & ATS to the Trojans. The Bruins are 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS in home finales the last 4 years.


WR Craig Bragg

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	10-1	4-7	6-5	7-4	7-5	6-6	49-30
ATS	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-6-2	6-5	6-5-1	3-7-2	33-41-5
Home Fav	4-1	3-2	2-2	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	1-2-2	14-15-4
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	5-3
Away Fav	1-2	2-4	0-3	0-1	2-3	3-1	0-2	8-16
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1-1	1-0	2-0	1-3	6-7-1
Favorite	5-3	5-6	2-5	0-5-1	5-5	5-3-1	1-4-2	23-31-4
Dog	2-1	0-0	1-3	3-1-1	1-0	1-2	2-3	10-10-1
Grass	7-2	4-5	3-7	3-5-1	4-4	3-5-1	3-6-2	27-34-4
Artificial	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1-1	2-1	3-0	0-1	6-7-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	2-5-1	19-33-4
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	3-0	3-1	1-2-1	14-8-1
Off SU Win	5-3	4-6	0-4	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	2-3-1	21-24-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	0-0	2-4	1-2-1	0-4	1-2-1	0-4-1	6-16-3

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Maurice Drew	135	620	38	582	5	4.3
Tyler Ebell	116	528	27	501	2	4.3
Manuel White	96	405	26	379	3	3.9
Drew Olson	74	125	306	-181	1	-2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Olson	325	173	53.2	2067	10	9
Matt Moore	103	52	50.5	555	2	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Craig Bragg	73	1065	14.6	5	54	
Marcedes Lewis	30	377	12.6	3	38	
Junior Taylor	24	302	12.6	1	41	
Ryan Smith	28	277	9.9	1	22	
Maurice Drew	15	104	6.9	0	28	
Manuel White	10	101	10.1	0	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Kluwe	91	3908	42.9	14	36.5	0	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Justin Medlock	26-26	3-3	5-8	6-8	0-0	14-19	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Chillar	133	2	7	5	1
Justin London	98	1	8	5	3
Spencer Havner	82	1	6	5	3
Ben Emanuel	80	0	1	1	1
Dave Ball	59	16.5	4	2	0
Jarrad Page	55	0	6	3	3
Matthew Clark	53	0	2	1	1
Ryan Boschetti	43	2.5	6	0	0
Rodney Leisle	40	3	3	1	3
Keith Short	39	0	1	3	0
Matt Ware	34	0	2	3	2
Mat Ball	33	3	3	1	1
CJ Niusulu	26	0.5	5	2	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Craig Bragg	38	302	7.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Maurice Drew	20	533	26.6	2
Tyler Ebell	12	226	18.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Cotton	-14	Texas A&M	29-23	L
98	Rose	-9	Wisconsin	31-38	L
00	Sun	+5'	Wisconsin	20-21	W
02	Las Vegas	-10'	New Mexico	27-13	W
03	Silicon Valley	-3	Fresno St	9-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	19.1	16	92	2.6	203	52.6	15.5	-1	2003	7	23.5	17	117	3.2	201	59.0	13.5
6*	29.8	18	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	+2	2002	5	25.1	18	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3
7*	28.8	19	170	4.1	218	52.4	13.5	-3	2001	8	20.5	16	122	3.3	199	47.3	15.7
9*	29.4	19	100	2.6	266	54.5	12.4	+7	2000	8	30.7	21	185	4.4	218	50.5	13.1
6	20.9	18	108	2.9	219	49.1	15.6	-3	1999	8	28.3	21	190	4.5	255	53.1	15.7
7*	39.7	22	182	4.5	305	58.3	12.3	+17	1998	3	27.0	22	180	4.5	258	52.1	16.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Colorado	13	26-38	1.5	17-30	205	2	21	47-88	1.9	21-31	157	6	0
Illinois	12	35-110	3.1	11-31	94	5	16	26-67	2.6	26-42	216	1	+3
at Oklahoma	16	39-127	3.3	18-34	144	2	17	35-111	3.2	17-25	243	1	-1
San Diego St	17	36-65	1.8	18-28	258	4	13	29-120	4.1	19-37	110	3	-1
Washington	17	41-134	3.3	16-24	258	4	23	31-77	2.5	26-46	281	4	+3
at Arizona	16	34-103	3.0	19-30	230	0	21	42-276	6.6	17-31	243	0	+1
California	16	39-55	1.4	9-20	173	6	22	35-75	2.1	28-42	322	5	-1
Arizona St	14	41-213	5.2	14-28	190	2	10	30-121	4.0	15-31	132	4	-1
at Stanford	24	36-48	1.3	24-43	239	8	10	41-115	2.8	12-20	91	1	-2
at Wash St	18	42-145	3.5	18-42	220	4	14	49-146	3.0	8-22	177	1	0
Oregon	19	32-78	2.4	29-49	249	6	13	30-45	1.5	21-28	183	2	0
at USC	16	29-11	0.4	22-40	283	6	23	34-123	3.6	27-41	321	1	-2
† Fresno St	11	25-68	2.7	11-31	96	2	20	49-156	3.2	12-26	133	1	0
TOTALS	209	455-1195	2.6	226-430	2639	51	223	478-1520	3.2	249-422	2609	30	-1
AVERAGES	16.1	35-92	2.6	17-33	203	3.9	17.2	37-117	3.2	19-32	201	2.3	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-27	38-7	W
at Ohio St	+11	20-42	L
Fresno St	-21	35-21	L
at Stanford	-1	32-42	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-28	L
Oregon	-3'	34-29	W
California	-13	0-17	L
at Oregon St	-1	7-55	L
Arizona	+3'	7-33	L
Washington	+8'	23-20 OT	W
at USC	+6'	7-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Alabama	+7	35-24	W
Fresno St	-14	24-21	L
Michigan	+4'	23-20	W
at Oregon	+3'	10-29	L
Arizona St	-7	38-31	T
at California	-10'	38-46 3OT	L
Oregon St	-3	38-44	L
at Arizona	+5'	27-24	W
Stanford	-8	37-35	L
at Washington	+7	28-35	T
USC	-3	35-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+2'	20-17	W
at Kansas	-13	41-17	W
Ohio St	-6'	13-6	W
at Oregon St	-3	38-7	W
Washington	-13'	35-13	W
California	-30'	56-17	W
at Stanford	-7'	28-38	L
at Wash St	-3	14-20	L
Oregon	-1	20-21	L
at USC	-3'	0-27	L
Arizona St	-10'	52-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-7	30-19	W
at Oklahoma St	-7	38-24	W
Colorado	-11'	17-31	L
at San Diego St	-15	43-7	W
at Oregon St	+4'	43-35	W
Oregon	-2'	30-31	L
at California	-3'	12-17	L
Stanford	-10	28-18	T
at Washington	+3	34-24	W
at Arizona	-11	37-7	W
USC	+5'	21-52	L
Wash St	+1'	27-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+3	14-16	W
Illinois	-10	6-3	L
at Oklahoma	+19	24-59	L
San Diego St	-10	20-10	T
Washington	+1'	46-16	W
at Arizona	-17	24-21	L
California	-3	23-20 OT	T
Arizona St	-2'	20-13	W
at Stanford	-6	14-21	L
at Wash St	+10	13-31	L
Oregon	-2	13-31	L
at USC	+23	22-47	L

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

OT Khalif Barnes

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Cody Pickett was the starter here for three years and threw for a school record 9,946 yards which broke the record by over 4,000 yds. In 2002 he set a school record with seven straight 300 yard games and he also set the Pac 10 single season passing record with 4,458 yards completing 59.6% with a 28-14 ratio. Last year his QB coach Steve Axman left to become the OC at UCLA and Pickett suffered a pectoral injury early. He did not have the type of season expected throwing for 3,043 yards (56.6%) but with only a 15-13 ratio while rushing for 200 gross yards and was the #7 DC of SF. Against Oregon, he suffered a concussion and Casey Paus (PS#14) came off the bench to lead five straight scoring drives hitting 5 of 8 for 117 yards. Paus played in six games, throwing for 151 yards (43.5%) with a 2-1 ratio. Isaiah Stanback (6-3 200 So, PS#11) is a very mobile QB (4.4 spd) who spent a good deal of last year at WR where he had 3 starts. Stanback hit 2 of 2 passes, rushed for 27 yards and had 10 rec (14.3). Carl Bonnell (6-3 200 rFr) was PS#99 and was the team's most improved QB this spring and led the #1 offense in the spring game. The race is wide open with Paus having the most experience and being the best passer. Stanback is the most dangerous runner but Bonnell is the best combination. There is also the possibility that VHT signee Matt Tuiasosopo (PS#4) could play right away. Going from a three year starter to an inexperienced one, there figures to be a dropoff but the new QB could come close to matching last year's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - After having six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989 to 1996, UW has not had one in the last seven seasons. Rich Alexis led the team in rushing three of the last four years with his best season coming in 2000 with 816 yards (6.4) as an option TB. The team shifted out of the option in 2001 and he had 397 yards (3.1). In 2002 he led UW with 668 yards (3.4). Chris Singleton (PS#96) was #3 with 224 yards (3.5). Alexis began last August as the #4 TB but won back his starting job. He was on course for a 1,000 yard season with 566 yards (4.1) but was injured and missed the final 5 games. Singleton missed the season due to injury. Two impressive rFr played well down the stretch. Power runner Kenny James had 530 yards (4.3) in his five starts. Speedback Shelton Sampson had 274 yards (4.6). Alexis departs as the sixth leading rusher in school history but James, Sampson and Singleton all return as do all of the FB's except for Adam Seery (1 st, 31 yds). Not listed below is Louis Rankin (6-0 190 rFr, PS#105). Even with the loss of their leading rusher, I look for more production in 2004, especially with the Huskies to feature the run more this year.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies had to replace two starters and five of their top seven from this unit this past season. They did have back two stars in Reggie Williams (#1DC JAX) and Charles Frederick. In Frederick's first full year as a starter he had 59 rec (14.1) and vs Oregon St set the school record for all-purpose yards with 371. Williams (1st Pac 10) was outstanding and led the team with 89 rec (12.5). The TE position was hit hard by injuries with Joe Toledo missing the final nine games as well as Ben Bandel and Jon Lyon both missing time. Justin Robbins had 23 rec (11.8) as a true frosh but has been injury plagued. He once again missed most of the year and has given up football due to knee injuries. This year they have a huge loss in Williams and Toledo is questionable with a back injury. They had a great crop of true frosh last year with 7 HT WR signees. Not listed below are WR's Jordan Slye (6-5 205 So) who had 3 starts after moving from DB, Charles Smith (6-1 185, rFr, PS#61), Anthony Russo (5-11 175 rFr, PS#124) and TE's Jason Benn (6-5 245 So, PS#36), Dash Crutchley (6-6 250 So, PS#137LB) and Graham Lasee (6-5 265 Jr) who had 4 starts at DE last year but could also see time at OT this year. This still looks like a pretty good unit but will be weaker without Williams.

OFFENSIVE LINE - When Washington won the Rose Bowl in 2000 the senior dominated O-line paved the way for 4.8 ypc rushing despite a banged up RB corps. In 2001 an inexperienced group only opened holes for 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. They had 4 starters back in 2002 but surprisingly only averaged 2.1 ypc while allowing 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter due to graduation and then WG Aaron Butler quit the team so basically 3 starters returned. The line helped improve the UW ypc to 3.1 but still allowed 35 sacks. This year they lose WG Dan Dicks (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), ST Nick Newton (12 sts, 2nd Tm P10, 3 yr st'r), C Todd Bachert (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM Pac 10) and backup OT Francisco Tipoti (PS#9JC). Provided Tusi Sa'au can return from a back injury, they have six players back with starting experience. A criticism of Rick Neuheisel was his inability to recruit OL's and they only had 9 scholarship players in the spring which created the need to move a number of DL's to that side. Gilbertson has brought in 3 HT's this year to try and fix that problem. With more option being incorporated into the offense, I expect improvement in the numbers but talent-wise this group only looks equal to last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Washington's D-line allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks in 2002. Last year they appeared to have six of their top 8 returning but lost starting DT Josh Miller to injury so basically two starters returned. Not much went right for the Huskies and the defense allowed 4.1 ypc rushing while recording 33 sacks. This year they lose both starting DT's in Jerome Stevens (12 sts, HM P10, 36 tkls, 4 sks) and Terry Johnson (12 sts, 35 tkls, 10 sks, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm P10, #2DC CHI). Six of the top 8 do return and they move DE Manase Hopoi inside with Mike Mapu (PS#9JC). Donny Mateaki & Mapu could see time at both DT & DE. There are 5 VHT's in the mix and the front wall looks impressive. Despite the loss of a player like Johnson, this group could be just as good.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskies had to replace 2 starters from the LB unit last year but moved SS Greg Carothers to OLB so basically there were 2 starters returning. They lost starter Joseph Lobendahn in the 2nd game to a knee injury and projected starting ILB Corey Jones (PS#50) quit the team prior to the season. This year they once again lose 2 starting LB's in OLB Carothers (12 sts, 57 tkls, 10 tfl, HM P10) and ILB Marquis Cooper (12 sts, 89 tkls, 9 tfl, 2 int, #3DC TB), as well as backup OLB Tyler Krambrink (20 tkls, 2 sks). They once again move in their starting SS to the OLB spot, Evan Benjamin (PS#54DB). This group is just as experienced as last year but adds in 5 VHT rFr and true frosh so I will call it stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - An injury plagued Huskies secondary in 2002 finished #31 in my pass D rankings. Last year they moved their starting SS to OLB and CB Nate Robinson (6 sts) quit to focus on basketball. They did return 7 players with starting experience. Even in a non-bowl year the Huskies finished #18 in my pass D rankings allowing 51.7% with an 18-16 ratio vs a tough slate of opposing QB's. This year the losses are almost identical. They move starting SS Benjamin to OLB and also lose CB Roc Alexander (5 sts, 25 tkls, 3 pbu), CB Chris Massey (2 sts, 9 tkls, 4 pbu) and FS Owen Biddle (3 sts, 39 tkls, HM P10). Not listed below is Cody Ellis (6-0 175 rFr, PS#121WR). They bring in some VHT's (see Newcomers) and this group could match 2003's solid numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies' highest finish in the special teams rankings under Neuheisel was #69 and in 2002 they finished #81. Last year they had to replace their star kicker as well as their punter and there was competition for both jobs all year. Garth Erickson barely beat out Sean Douglas for the punting job but averaged 41.8 with a super net of 38.6 and was a big reason for the Huskies' #27 ranking. Unfortunately he departs. Sean Douglas (PS#45) routinely boomed KO's into the EZ as the team allowed just 17.4 per KR. Evan Knudson beat out VHT frosh Michael Braunstein at kicker. Knudson hit just 10 of 17 FG's with a long of 46 but 4 of them were blocked. Gilbertson almost pulled the redshirt off of Braunstein numerous times and I give him an excellent shot at taking over the job this year. PR Charles Frederick averaged 11.7 last year (1st Tm Pac 10) with 1 TD. KR Roc Alexander (20.6) departs but did miss five games with injury. I think a key will be how the new punter performs and if Frederick is given as much time on returns now that he is the go-to WR. It may be tough for the Huskies to match 2003's solid ranking.

COACHES - It was a tough situation for Keith Gilbertson last year as he was thrust into the head coaching spot after Rick Neuheisel was let go in the summer. He inherited Neuheisel's staff. Gilbertson stepped down from his OC spot giving it to QB Coach John Pettas. Phil Snow was hired as co-DC and had been at UCLA and Ariz St in recent years. Snow has the defense now to himself as the other co-DC Tim Hundley was let go. A solid addition to the staff is former Nevada head coach Chris Tormey who guided the Wolfpack's upset of the Huskies last year and he is an asst HC as well as the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The big news for UW last year was Rick Neuheisel's firing over the summer and new HC Keith Gilbertson did not have his first official practice until the fall. UW has had 27 consecutive non-losing years, the third best streak among all schools but barely kept that streak alive last season needing a final game upset of Wash St. The team has finished 1st or 2nd in the Pac 10 eighteen out of 27 years but were 4-4 in league play in 2003. The Huskies have been charged with a lack of institutional control by the NCAA and probation seems imminent. Gilbertson did inherit 52 lettermen but the squad was hit hard by injuries with 14 starters or key contributors missing games. For example, against USC they were missing two CB's, an OL, their top RB, top LB and then WR Frederick who had 373 all-purpose yards the previous week, was injured in the 1Q. While they blew out Oregon 42-10 they had two horrible losses. They were upset by Arizona on the road which eventually cost them a bowl berth and Cal handed them their worst Pac 10 loss (54-7) since 1973. This year the Huskies lose their star QB Pickett, top RB and 1st round DC WR Reggie Williams. The 12 starters returning are tied for the 2nd fewest in the Pac 10. Provided UW can maintain their health, they are in a much better situation than last year. I feel the 2003 team underachieved and they won't have to deal with chaos like last year. Gilbertson will have to do a top-notch coaching job in order to keep the streak of non-losing seasons intact but I see the Huskies back in a bowl in 2004.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Casey Paus Jr. 6-5 215 **PS#14**. 151 yds, 6 games LY. 44%, 2-1 ratio. **Isaiah Stanback** (6-3 200 So) **PS#11** 3 sts at WR LY, 188 yds. Carl Bonnell (6-3 200 rFr) PS#99.
RB Kenny James So. 5-10 215 **PS#23**. Power. 5 sts, 530 yds (4.3), 17 rec. **Shelton Sampson** (5-11 190 So) PS#45, 274 yds (4.6). Chris Singleton (6-0 205 Jr) PS#96.
FB ZACH TUIASOSOPO SR. 6-2 240 **PS#34LB**. 4 sts, 44 tkls in '01. 5 sts at FB, 84 yds in '02. 8 sts LY, 219 yds. **HM P10** James Sims (6-1 200 Jr) PS#61DB, 6 sts at S, 50 tkls in 2Y.
WR Corey Williams So. 6-1 190 **PS#37**. 5 rec as **true. Craig Chambers** (6-3 200 rFr) **PS#18**. Quintin Daniels (6-0 195 So) **PS#26**. 1 st as true. Bobby Whithorne (6-1 180 rFr) PS#58.
WR CHARLES FREDERICK SR. 6-0 180 **PS#5**. 2 sts, 45 rec (14.5), 747 ret yds in '02. 9 sts, 59 rec (14.1), 542 ret LY. Sonny Shackelford (6-1 180 So) PS#93, 1 start, 7 rec as true.
TE JON LYON SR. 6-6 260 **PS#27JC**. 2 sts, 17 rec (13.6). **Ben Bandel** (6-7 260 So) PS#53. **8 sts**, 11 rec (7.5). **Joe Toledo** (6-6 285 Jr) PS#41OL. 7 starts (inj) 2Y.
C Brad Vanneman Jr. 6-3 300 PS#79DL. 2nd string in '02. 2 sts, 7 games at SG LY. 2 letters. Ryan Bush is PS#128. Brandon Leyritz (6-3 300 Jr) PS#408.
SG Rob Meadow Jr. 6-6 295 **PS#44**. Scout Tm POY in '01. 2 sts at ST in' 02, 1 st at SG LY. **Tusi Sa'au** (6-2 295 Jr) PS#141DL. 6 sts in '03 (inj). Questionable for fall.
WG CLAY WALKER SO. 6-4 290 **PS#86**. 6 sts at WG as rFr including last 4. **Stanley Daniels** (6-4 285 So) **PS#32**. L2Y on DL. Juan Garcia (6-3 275 rFr) PS#181.
ST Ryan Brooks Sr. 6-6 290 PS#120. 2nd string for 3 years and 3 letters. **Tui Alailefaleula** (6-4 315 Sr) **PS#23DL**. 1 st in '01, 13 tkls, 3 sks, 3 years on DL.
WT KHALIF BARNES SR. 6-5 290 420 bench. 12 sts as rFr, 13 sts in' 02. 13 sts LY, **HM Pac 10**. Chad Macklin (6-8 285 rFr) **PS#97**. Erik Berglund (6-6 280 rFr) PS#127.
K EVAN KNUDSON SR. 6-0 185 Hit 10 of 17 FG's here LY, long of 46 with 4 blocked. **Michael Braunstein** (5-6 180 rFr) **PS#4**. 1 of 1 xp's as true. Sean Douglas PS#45.

DE Ty Eriks Jr. 6-2 230 **PS#27RB**. 19 yds at FB LY then DE. 3 sts, 12 tkls, 1 tfl. 4.5 40 spd. Brandon Ala (6-3 225 So) PS#175LB, 1 st in '03, 11 tkls, 3 tfl. Missed 3 w/inj.
DT MANASE HOPOI SR. 6-4 265 **PS#37LB**. 13 sts, 38 tkls, 7 sks, 10 tfl. 12 sts at DE LY, 31 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Jordan Reffett (6-6 275 rFr) PS#115. Erick Lobos is PS#141.
DT DONNY MATEAKI SO. 6-5 260 **PS#25DL**. 4 sts as rFr, 12 tkls, 2 sks, 1 pbu. Dan Milsten (6-5 275 So) PS#83DL. 3 tkls as rFr. Casey Tyler (6-6 285 rFr) PS#27TE.
DE Mike Mapu Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#9JC**. 16 sks on 3-7 JC in '02. RS last year. Rashaad Goodrum is **PS#38JC**. Andy Heater (6-3 260 Jr) PS#37TE. Ltr'd on special teams.
OLB EVAN BENJAMIN JR. 6-0 205 **PS#54DB**. 3 sts, 46 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. 8 sts at SS in '03, 71 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int LY. Kyle Trew (6-1 215 rFr) PS#62DB. Robert Lewis (6-3 205 rFr) **PS#50**.
ILB Scott White So. 6-1 225 **PS#21LB**. 26 tkls, 3 tfl as rFr. **Joseph Lobendahn** is PS#86. 2 sts, 23 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 2 sts LY then inj'd. Durrell Moss (6-1 185 rFr) PS#73RB.
ILB TIM GALLOWAY SR. 6-2 235 PS#102, 48 tkls, 6 tfl in '01 & '02. 10 sts LY, 84 tkls, 3 tfl. **Tahj Bomar** (6-2 215 So) **PS#25**. 3 tkls as **true**. **Walt Winter** is **PS#20**.
CB SAM CUNNINGHAM SR. 6-0 180 PS#125. 1 st, 18 tkls in '01 & '02. Last 6 sts LY, 22 tkls, 3 pbu. **Josh Okoebor** PSS#223JC in for spring. Derrick Bradley (5-9 180 Fr) **PS#47**.
CB DERRICK JOHNSON SR. 6-0 185 PS#177RB. **2nd Tm P10, 2Y**. 13 sts in '02, 56 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. 11 sts LY, 41 tkls, 6 int, 7 pbu. Matt Fountaine (5-11 180 So) PS#90RB, 4 tkls LY.
SS Dashon Goldson Jr. 6-1 200 **PS#9JC** in spg. CJ Wallace (6-0 195 So) PS#188RB. 1 tkl as true. Chris Hemphill (6-6 210 rFr) PS#219WR. Keauntea Bankhead is **PS#14**.
FS JIMMY NEWELL SR. 6-1 190 **PS#34**. 4 sts in '02, 26 tkls. 12 sts LY, 84 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu, 5 tfl. Clarence Simpson (6-1 185 So) PS#113WR. 3 tkls as true. Kim Taylor (6-0 185 So) PS#154.
P Sean Douglas So. 6-1 200 PS#45K. 41.6 avg in HS. Booming leg, did KO's as true. Michael Braunstein (5-6 180 rFr) PS#4, 41.4 average in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Matt Tuiasosopo 6-2 205 PS#4	
DB	Keauntea Bankhead 5-11 200 PS#14	
LB	Walt Winter 6-5 230 PS#20	
LB	Trenton Tuiasosopo 6-2 225 PS#31	
DB	Dashon Goldson 6-1 200 PS#9JC	
DL	Jordan White-Frisbee 6-7 290 PS#51	
DB	Darin Harris 5-11 200 PS#61	
OL	Casey Bulyca 6-7 285 PS#72	
DL	Rashaad Goodrum 6-3 225 PS#38JC	
DB	Chet Sanders 6-1 185 PS#70	
DL	Greyson Gunheim 6-6 240 PS#104	
OL	Tyler Ashby 6-4 290 PS#121	
OL	Ryan Bush 6-4 285 PS#128	
RB	Johnie Kirton 6-3 248 PS#110	
DL	Erick Lobos 6-3 280 PS#141	

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3-5	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
		2-2	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

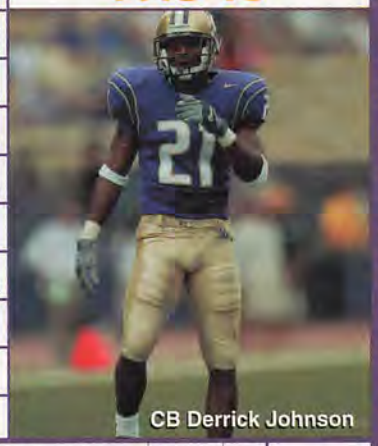
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (26,20,2)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 71,906

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	Fresno St (Sun)	A						Huskies are 6-0 SU vs Northwest rivals (Wash St, Oregon, Oregon St) the L2Y. UW is 7-1 SU & 5-3 ATS before a bye week S/'94 & 9-2 SU & 7-4 ATS after S/'91. The Huskies are 8-4-1 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season since '91.
Sep. 11								Washington is 17-1 SU the last 18 home openers, 6-2 ATS since 1996. Huskies are 13-5 ATS at home vs non-conference foes since 1996.
Sep. 18	UCLA	A						Washington is 1-6 SU & 0-6-1 ATS vs UCLA the last 7. UW is 2-7-1 ATS in their last 10 Pac 10 openers.
Sep. 25	at Notre Dame	G						Huskies are 2-9 ATS the last 11 games on grass. Washington is 3-6 ATS on the road vs non-conference foes since 1995.
Oct. 2	at Stanford	G						Huskies are 18-2 SU & 13-6-1 ATS vs the Cardinal since 1980. Washington had dropped 4 of the last 6 Pac 10 road openers ATS.
Oct. 9	San Jose St	A						The Huskies are 3-7 ATS the last 10 games as a double digit home fav. In 4 lined meetings UW has been a 30+ pt favorite going 4-0 SU & 2-2 ATS.
Oct. 16	Oregon St	A						The visitor is 4-6 SU, but 7-3 ATS in this series since 1994. LY was the 1st time UW faced OSU when OSU was ranked & they weren't S/'56.
Oct. 23	at USC	G						Series is 5-5-1 SU the last 11 meetings but Washington is 3-8 ATS. Washington is 1-5 ATS as an away dog of 9 or more points since 1996.
Oct. 30	at Oregon	A						The Huskies are 4-3 SU & 5-2 ATS facing the Ducks the last 7. Pending 10/2, UW is 1-3 SU & ATS in the 2nd of a 2 game road trip S/'99.
Nov. 6	Arizona	A						Huskies are 4-2 SU but 1-5 ATS vs the Wildcats the last 6. Washington is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 3 years in November home games.
Nov. 13	California	A						Huskies are 7-2 SU, but 2-7 ATS vs the Bears since 1993. Washington is 3-8-1 ATS the week before playing Washington St S/'92.
Nov. 20	at Washington St	A						Washington is 23-7 SU their last 30 meetings with Washington St. Huskies are only 3-9 ATS in their last 11 road finales.
Nov. 27								


CB Derrick Johnson

STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-4	10-1	8-3	7-5	6-6	51-28
ATS	6-5	4-7	6-5	4-5-2	5-6	5-7	5-7	35-42-2
Home Fav	2-4	2-3	2-3	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	3-2	13-22-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	6-2
Away Fav	4-0	0-1	2-1	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	0-2	7-7-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	9-11
Favorite	6-4	2-4	4-4	2-4-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	20-29-2
Dog	0-1	2-3	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-2	2-3	15-13
Grass	3-1	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	1-2	0-3	9-13-1
Artificial	3-4	3-6	4-3	3-4-1	4-3	4-5	5-4	26-29-1
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	5-3	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	21-33-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	14-9
Off SU Win	5-2	1-4	4-2	3-4-2	3-5	3-3	1-4	20-24-2
Off SU Loss	0-3	2-3	2-2	0-1	1-1	1-4	4-2	10-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rich Alexis	138	599	33	566	4	4.1
Kenny James	**122**	**559**	**29**	**530**	**2**	**4.3**
Shelton Sampson	**60**	**315**	**41**	**274**	**8**	**4.6**
Cody Pickett	80	200	261	-61	3	-0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cody Pickett	454	257	56.6	3043	15	13
Casey Paus	**23**	**10**	**43.5**	**151**	**2**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Williams	89	1109	12.5	8	74
Charles Frederick	**59**	**831**	**14.1**	**5**	**87**
Jon Lyon	**17**	**231**	**13.6**	**0**	**34**
Rich Alexis	15	163	10.9	0	27
Isaiah Stanback	**10**	**143**	**14.3**	**0**	**41**
Zach Tuiasosopo	**11**	**132**	**12.0**	**0**	**35**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Garth Erickson	70	2925	41.8	7	38.6	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Evan Knudson	33-36	2-2	3-7	5-8	0-0	10-17	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marquis Cooper	89	4	5	5	2
Jimmy Newell	**84**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**3**
Tim Galloway	**84**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Evan Benjamin	**71**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**3**
Greg Carothers	57	4	6	1	2
Derrick Johnson	**41**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**6**
Owen Biddle	39	1	0	0	0
Jerome Stevens	36	4	4	0	0
Terry Johnson	35	10	9	1	0
Manase Hopoi	**31**	**4**	**7**	**0**	**0**
Scott White	**26**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Roc Alexander	25	0	1	3	0
Tyler Krambrink	20	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Frederick	**29**	**340**	**11.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roc Alexander	13	268	20.6	0
Charles Frederick	**11**	**202**	**18.4**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Oahu	+3'	Air Force	25-45	L
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St	20-24	W
00	Rose	-1'	Purdue	34-27	W
01	Holiday	+13	Texas	43-47	W
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34	L

WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.0	23	120	3.1	270	55.7	15.0	-4	2003	7	26.3	18	152	4.1	233	51.7	14.6
8*	30.6	25	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	+1	2002	5	26.3	18	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6
4	29.4	21	115	3.1	281	54.4	13.4	-2	2001	5	30.8	21	159	4.1	241	58.6	13.0
8*	32.3	22	216	4.8	192	54.2	12.7	-3	2000	7	22.5	18	136	3.8	214	48.6	15.5
5	27.6	21	180	4.2	206	57.9	14.0	-2	1999	6	25.2	20	139	3.9	246	53.8	15.4
4*	25.3	19	134	3.7	227	53.7	14.3	-8	1998	5	28.6	20	140	3.5	271	54.4	14.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Ohio St	15	24-7	0.3	26-49	255	3	21	43-142	3.3	15-28	203	3	+2
Indiana	24	52-195	3.8	19-27	295	0	15	40-85	2.1	16-30	199	2	-1
Idaho	27	49-231	4.7	24-34	271	2	10	32-120	3.8	9-30	86	3	-1
Stanford	21	40-165	4.1	20-34	231	2	19	40-129	3.2	16-32	159	1	0
at UCLA	23	31-77	2.5	26-46	281	4	17	41-134	3.3	16-24	258	4	-3
Nevada	29	48-110	2.3	19-37	337	8	18	33-98	3.0	19-30	299	3	-4
at Oregon St	21	37-89	2.4	19-41	285	1	21	33-46	1.4	21-48	344	5	+3
USC	21	32-86	2.7	22-42	274	2	26	43-214	5.0	19-29	351	1	-1
Oregon	21	41-261	6.4	16-32	214	0	14	34-73	2.1	16-29	246	7	+3
at Arizona	24	35-101	2.9	31-51	351	4	11	37-250	6.8	11-26	151	1	-1
at California	22	33-34	1.0	25-47	259	5	27	35-381	10.9	20-34	348	0	-3
Washington St	23	42-78	1.9	23-45	183	4	16	33-147	4.5	16-35	157	3	+2
TOTALS	271	464-1434	3.1	270-485	3236	35	215	444-1819	4.1	194-375	2801	33	-4
AVERAGES	22.6	39-120	3.1	23-40	270	2.9	17.9	37-152	4.1	16-31	233	2.8	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3'	28-35	L
Air Force	-4	21-31	L
Colorado	+3'	31-24	W
Oregon	-2'	34-20	W
at Oregon St	-2'	47-21	W
Arizona St	-10	7-28	L
at California	-3	31-27	W
Stanford	-3	35-30	W
at Arizona	+5'	33-25	W
at UCLA	-8'	20-23 OT	L
Washington St	-14	24-14	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-22	44-20	W
Miami, Fl	+3	34-29	W
at Colorado	+4'	17-14	W
at Oregon	+2	16-23	L
Oregon St	-9'	33-30	L
at Arizona St	-6	21-15	T
California	-16	36-24	L
at Stanford	-7	31-28	L
Arizona	-7	35-32	L
UCLA	-7	35-28	T
at Washington St	-8	51-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan	-3	23-18	W
Idaho	-25'	53-3	W
at California	-15'	31-28	L
USC	-5'	27-24	L
at UCLA	+13'	13-35	L
Arizona	-16	31-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	33-31	W
Stanford	+1	42-28	W
at Oregon St	-3'	24-49	L
Washington St	+1'	26-14	W
at Miami, Fl	+25'	7-65	L

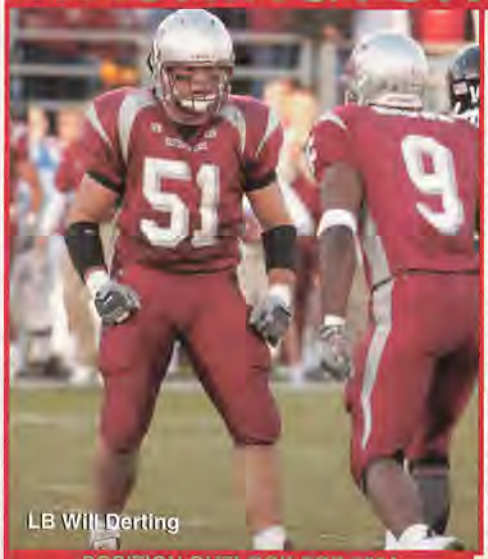
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+6	29-31	W
San Jose St	-30	34-10	L
Wyoming	-30'	38-7	W
Idaho	-30'	41-27	L
California	-11	27-34	L
Arizona	-13'	32-28	L
at USC	+7'	21-41	L
at Arizona St	+3'	16-27	L
UCLA	-3	24-34	L
Oregon St	+6	41-29	W
at Oregon	+6'	42-14	W
at Washington St	+8	29-26 3OT	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+9	9-28	L
Indiana	-24'	38-13	W
Idaho	-26'	45-14	W
Stanford	-12'	28-17	L
at UCLA	-1'	16-46	L
Nevada	-17'	17-28	L
at Oregon St	+10'	38-17	W
USC	+10'	23-43	L
Oregon	-1	42-10	W
at Arizona	-16'	22-27	L
at California	+6	7-54	L
Washington St	+7	27-19	W

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have produced some fine QB's over the years including Mark Rypien, Drew Bledsoe and Ryan Leaf. All were big, prototypical dropback QB's with powerful arms. In 2000 Mike Price went with Jason Gesser, a small yet mobile QB and added 35 plays to the offense to take advantage of his mobility. Gesser started for two years and in his senior season threw for 3,408 yards (58.7%) with a 28-13 ratio leading the team to the Rose Bowl. Matt Kegel (Leaf's cousin) fit the WSU QB mold at 6-5 239 (but ran a 4.63 40) and threw for 1035 yards (50%, 3-3 ratio) from 2000-2002. His experience was key in winning the #1 job last year. Backup Chris Hurd (6-2 213 Jr, PS#78) had a knee injury in the fall and missed the year so Josh Swogger (6-5 238 So) was thrown into the backup spot. Outland Trophy winner DT Rien Long noted about Swogger that "He'll be a starter by his sophomore year and leave after his junior year for the NFL" Gesser added, "Swogger will be one of our greatest QB's." Kegel started out the year well with career highs of 274 yards vs ND, 310 vs Colorado and 346 vs NMex in consecutive weeks. Kegel had 77 and 74 yard TD passes against Colorado and was the Pac 10 Off POW. He injured his throwing shoulder against Arizona and missed the 4Q vs Stanford when he injured the other one. He suffered a partial ligament tear in his knee and wore a brace vs USC. Swogger relieved Kegel in wins over UCLA (5-16, 82 yds, 2 int) and Ariz St (14-20, 207 yds) and also in their loss to Washington (10-23, 107 yds, 3 int). Kegel QB'd the entire bowl game. For the season Kegel threw for 2,947 yards (55.3%) with a 21-15 ratio while Swogger threw for just 548 yards (50.6%) with a 1-5 ratio. Swogger returns as does Hurd and Alex Brink (6-2 191 rFr) who was PS#51. Kegel was banged up most of last year so this unit could come close to 2003's production.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Mike Price said that JUCO RB Jermaine Green was the first back who was as explosive as Steve Broussard (former #1DC) but Green was bigger at 221 lbs. Green suffered through some injuries but still led the team with 829 rush yards and a solid 5.5 ypc. Jonathan Smith (PS#20JC) rushed for 2,049 yards in 2001 at JC and had 121 yards against Idaho in 2002 but was not 100% the rest of the year finishing with just 284 yards (3.9). In 2003 they had to replace their #2 rusher and #4 Allen Thompson (5-10 205 Sr, PS#227LB) went down to injury prior to the season. Green started the opener but it was Smith who rushed for 160 yards and backup Chris Bruhn (PS#118) added 118. Bruhn missed ND and Oregon due to injuries and Green suffered from rib injuries and was suspended the final two games. Smith (2nd Tm P10) led the team in rushing with 961 yards (4.3) while Bruhn had 353 (4.5). This year Smith departs as does Green. Bruhn is back and his main challenger figures to be Jerome Harrison who has had a pair of 1,000 yards seasons at Pasadena CC, the same school Jonathan Smith attended. Also in the mix is Lavell Anderson (5-7 174 Sr) and Blair Hawkins (5-6 172 Sr). This unit does not appear to have as much talent as it did heading into last year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cougars had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers but returned Devard Darling who had 54 rec's (14.8). Darling led the team in receiving last year with 50 (16.6) and their #2 man was Scott Lunde (42). TE Troy Bienemann (2nd Tm P10) missed a couple of games with injury but was #4 with 29 rec. The top 3 TE's are back. Darling opted to go to the NFL early (#3DC BAL) and the team also loses its other 2 starting WR's in Sammy Moore (12 sts, 23 rec, 23.2) and Lunde (11 sts, 42 rec, 14.5). They are solid at TE but I don't see the game breaking WR of year's past (true frosh Michael Bumpus PS#8 has a chance) so this unit looks to be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars averaged 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks in 2002 in an injury plagued year. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters including a 1st Tm Pac 10 guard and two backups who combined for six starts so they basically had 3 starters returning. The unit was hit hard by injuries again as Billy Knotts missed 7 games and Mike Shelford missed 4. The unit only paved the way for 3.1 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks but had their best game in the bowl vs the ferocious Texas D allowing 0 sacks while the team averaged 4.8 ypc, second best all year. This year they must replace LG Josh Parrish (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, 4 yr st'r), C Shelford (8 sts) and LG Knotts (5 sts, 2 yr st'r) as well as backup G Steve Nelson. Five players return with starting experience and two JUCO signees from last year should make bigger contributions. True frosh Andy Roof (PS#55) could work his way into the rotation. I think the Cougars O-line will improve upon last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU I think of fierce pass rushing D lines. Bill Doba has been the DC here since 1994 and kept that legacy intact last season. From 1998 to 2001 they surprisingly allowed 3.6 ypc rushing or higher but finally in 2002 allowed just 2.5 ypc while recording 55 sacks with a menacing pass rush by the D-line. Last year they had to replace Outland Trophy winner Rien Long (13 sacks) as well as DE Fred Shavies (7 sks). Three of the top 4 DL's were VHT's and the unit was the strength of the defense once again. The Cougars allowed just 2.7 ypc while recording 50 sacks. This year they must replace DE Isaac Brown (13 sts, 34 tkls, 3 sks), DT Jeremey Williams (13 sts, 40 tkls, 4 sks, HM P10), DT Tai Tupai (13 sts, 25 tkls, 2.5 sks, HM P10), DE DD Acholonu (12 sts, 52 tkls, 16.5 sks, 2nd Tm P10) and DT Josh Shavies (17 tkls, 2.5 sks). This is a lightly experienced group with the returnees having a combined 38 tackles and 3 sacks last year. The unit is also bereft of VHT's. This looks like one of the weaker Cougar D-lines I've seen recently.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cougars had to replace one 10 game starter and then Ira Davis (7 sts in '02), basically missed the year due to injury so they had 3 players returning with 19 starts. This year they lose two full-time starters in WLB Al Genatone (11 sts, 43 tkls, 2 tfl) and WLB Donnie Jackson (13 sts, #1 tkl, 10 tfl, 2nd Tm P10). Four of the top six return including their best LB, Will Derting who took home 1st Team Pac 10 honors as a sophomore and moves to MLB this year. The top 3 replacements at the OLB spots have a combined 8 career starts. This unit looks solid and has the makings of a pretty good group but I'll call it down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 WSU was #3 in my pass D rankings and had to replace two starters including a 2nd round DC. They slipped to #22 in 2002 and last year had to replace CB Marcus Trufant (#1DC SEA). They did have 7 of their top 8 returning including their top cover corner Jason David. The Cougars moved up to #2 in the pass D rankings allowing 48.1% with a 19-24 ratio. This year the losses are heavy. Gone is Jason David (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, 6 int, 13 pbu, #4DC IND), FS Erik Coleman (13 sts, 1st Tm P10, 7 int, 8 pbu, #5DC NYJ) and SS Virgil Williams (13 sts, 64 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 int, 7 pbu). Karl Paymah is the lone returning starter and is the star of the unit with 10 pbu last year. FS Hamza Abdullah fractured his collarbone in the spring but is expected to be ready for fall. This year's group is less experienced overall and loses two 1st Tm Pac 10 players and will drop in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cougars had a below average return game in 2001 and finished just #81 in my special teams rankings. They brought in PS#67JC Sammy Moore in 2002 and he led the team with a super 25.6 avg on KR's. New punter Kyle Basler had a net of 35.3 as the team moved up to #31 in 2002. Last year they were in great shape as almost everyone returned (lost top PR). KO's were a bit of a problem as Graham Siderius (PS#3) had trouble reaching the EZ but the team still allowed only 18.9 per KR. Moore (2nd Tm P10) led the team in KR's again (21.7) and also in PR's (9.4). K Drew Dunning (1st Tm P10) had an exceptional year hitting 27 of 31 with a long of 49 on FG's. Basler had perhaps his best game in the bowl vs Texas when he was Defensive MVP after pinning the Horns inside the 5 yard line four times. Dunning departs as the school's career scoring leader. The only returnees are Siderius and Basler who was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award and had a super net of 39.8. He was the key reason that Wash St ranked #17. WSU has recorded 3 blocked punts in each of the last four years. Unless an outstanding returnman emerges, it will be tough to remain in the Top 25.

COACHES - Bill Doba did a great job in his first year as head coach guiding the team to a 10-3 finish and #9 in the polls sharing the Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors with USC's Pete Carroll. He had been on the staff since 1989 and the DC here since '94. His OC is Mike Levenseller who is now in his 4th year at that position and is also the WR coach. He spent 7 years coaching receivers in the CFL. The DC last year was Robb Akey who has been on the staff here since 1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1997 WSU appeared in a rare Rose Bowl but went 3-21 SU in conf play the next 3 seasons. Things turned around for Mike Price and in his last 2 seasons the Cougars went 10-2 and 10-3. Last year they had to replace their starting QB and two of their top 3 WR's as well as their top cover CB and top DL. They also had to face Notre Dame, Colorado, Oregon, USC and Washington on the road. In the Mike Price era they had 13 or more starters returning just four times and each of the times that happened they made it to a bowl. Last year they had that magic 13 returning again and despite the tough schedule and graduation losses, managed a better than expected 10-3 season capped by a startling 28-20 win over #5 ranked Texas in the Holiday Bowl. It was WSU's 3rd straight Top 10 finish, the first Pac 10 team to do so since 1974 which isn't bad considering they were #7 in the preseason Pac 10 media poll. Bill Doba was rightfully awarded co-Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors and given a 5 year contract extension. The number dips below the 13 starters this year with just 6 back, by far the fewest in the Pac 10 and they must replace 25 lettermen. Last year's Cougar team was +8 in turnovers so they did catch some breaks. WSU has had the best record in the Pac 10 the last 2 years at 19-5 but with so few starters returning, Doba will have to do an even better job to earn a winning record in Pac 10 play.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Josh Swogger So. 6-5 238 PS#109. 548 pass (51%) 1-5 ratio. Chris Hurd (6-2 213 Jr) PS#78. 61 yds in '02. Missed '03 with knee injury. Alex Brink (6-2 191 rFr) PS#51.

RB Chris Bruhn Sr. 6-3 215 PS#118. 2039 yds at JC. 1 st, 353 yds (4.5) here LY. **Jerome Harrison** is **PS#21JC**. Allen Thompson (5-10 205 Sr). Shoulder injury L2Y.

SB Michael Bumpus Fr. 6-0 190 **PS#8WR**. Jason Hill (6-2 190 So) PS#397DB. 12 tkls as true. Jevon Miller (6-0 190 Jr) 40 yds as true. RB Blair Hawkins (5-6 172 Sr).

SE Tramaine Murray Jr. 5-10 172 PS#363JC RS LY. Marty Martin (5-11 182 Jr) PS#152. 5 rec, 2 years. Scott Selby (6-4 220 Fr) Grayshirted. **Greg Prator** is **PS#218JC**.

FL Trandon Harvey Sr. 5-11 187 PS#65. 11 rec in '01 & '02. 3 sts, 21 rec (11.8) LY. **Chris Jordan** (6-1 205 So) PS#183, 1 st, **28 rec** (12.2) LY. Thomas Ostrander (6-1 205 Jr) PS#139.

TE TROY BIENEMANN JR. 6-5 252 PS#48. 11 sts as true, 15 rec (15.5). 12 sts, **2nd Tm Pac 10**, 29 rec (9.4). Cody Boyd (6-8 240 So) PS#42. 1 st, 18 rec. Jesse Taylor (6-3 250 So) **PS#17**.

C NICK MIHLHAUSER JR. 6-3 287 PS#318, 10 games as true, 1 st. 9 sts LY (4 at C, 5 at RG). Sean O'Connor (6-5 282 So) PS#135. 8 games LY. Mark Matthey (6-2 260 rFr).

RG Riley Fitt-Chappell Jr. 6-6 314 PS#94QB. 5 sts at RT as rFr after move from TE. 4 sts in '03. Keola Loo (6-1 285 Sr) **PS#40JC**, 8 games LY. **Andy Roof** is **PS#55**.

LG Patrick Afif Sr. 6-7 319 **PS#52JC**. 10 games here LY. Bobby Byrd (6-7 281 rFr) PS#134. Norvell Holmes (6-3 304 Jr) PS#102. 1 st in '02. Bryan Olson (6-4 282 Jr).

RT SAM LIGHTBODY SR. 6-9 319 PS#299. 1 st in '01. 3 sts in '02. 12 sts at RT in '03. Charles Harris (6-6 280 So) PS#412DL. 1 start in '03. Zach Ingham (6-7 249 So).

LT CALVIN ARMSTRONG SR. 6-7 311 PS#256. 10 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **HM P10**. Spencer Hollison (6-5 283 So) PS#177. Russell Foster (6-7 311 rFr) PS#126.

K Graham Siderius Jr. 6-1 196 **PS#3K**. 11 of 14 FG's, long of 54 in high school. Did KO's here LY. Loren Langley (5-9 175 Fr) PS#81. David White (5-11 177 rFr).

DE Reyshawn Bobo rFr. 6-2 196 PS#143LB. Mkristo Bruce (6-5 249 So) 9 tkls, 2 sks in '03. Adam West (6-6 243 Jr) PS#154TE. 1 start at TE in '02. Jason Roberts is PS#129.

DT Steve Cook Sr. 6-3 293 PS#324OL. 8 tkls, 2 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 2.5 tfl in '02. 18 tkls, 3 tfl in '03. Ropati Pitoitua (6-7 285 Fr) Grayshirt. Bryan Olson (6-4 282 Jr) PS#233.

DT Aaron Johnson rFr. 6-6 283 PS#52TE. Odell Howard (6-3 272 So) PS#401LB, 1 pbu, 5 games LY. Bryan Boyer (6-4 255 Jr) PS#92TE. Matt Eichelberger is PS#87.

DE Adam Braidwood Jr. 6-5 264 PS#303DB. Canadian. 14 tkls, 2.5 sks as true. 1 st, 6 tkls LY. Letrell Myers (6-3 240 Jr) PS#125JC. 16.5 tfl at JC LY. Matt Mullenix (6-5 235 rFr) PS#372.

WLB Pat Bennett Sr. 6-0 229 PS#73. 11 tkls as true. 5 sts in '02, 44 tkls, 3 tfl. 17 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Steve Dildine (6-1 212 So) PS#230RB. 1 st 16 tkls LY. Alex Hamill is PS#117.

MLB WILL DERTING JR. 6-0 237 6 sts as rFr, 46 tkls, 6.5 tfl. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm Pac 10**. 86 tkls, **7.5 sks**, 5 tfl. Brian Hall (6-2 243 So) PS#296, 13 tkls LY, Paul Stevens (6-2 254 rFr).

SLB Scott Davis So. 5-10 225 PS#127RB. 2 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 4 tfl. Jed Collins is **PS#56**. Jon Conlin (6-2 240 rFr) PS#234. Knee inj last year. Brian Winter (6-1 209 Sr) 2 tkls.

CB KARL PAYMAH SR. 6-0 198 PS#288. 14 tkls in '01. 3 sts in '02, 25 tkls, 3 pbu. 13 sts LY, 55 tkls, 10 pbu. Omowale Dada (5-10 195 Jr) 2 tkls in 7 games last year.

CB Tyron Brackenridge Jr. 5-11 180 **PS#61JC**. Don Turner (6-0 177 So) PS#181WR. 16 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Alex Teems (5-11 181 Jr). 17 tkls 2 years. Husain Abdullah (5-11 178 rFr).

SS Jeremy Bohannon Sr. 5-10 203 PS#166. 13 tkls in '01. 24 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 20 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Eric Frampton (5-11 198 So) PS#176, 8 tkls. Christian Bass (6-2 204 rFr) #91WR.

FS Hamza Abdullah Sr. 6-3 209 PS#172. 4 tkls in '01. 9 tkls in '02. 21 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. **Randy Estes** is **PS#8**. Aaron Joseph (6-2 200 Jr) PS#193, 8 tkls in 9 games in '02.

P KYLE BASLER JR. 6-3 235 PS#57TE. **HM Pac 10 last 2 yrs**. 50 punts in '02. 41.1 avg, net of 35.3. 77 punts in '03, 43.5 avg. **Net of 39.8**. Ray Guy Sems. Bowl Def MVP.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Michael Bumpus	6-0 190 PS#8
DB	Randy Estes	6-2 205 PS#8
QB	Gary Rogers	6-5 220 PS#28
OL	Andy Roof	6-4 305 PS#55
RB	Jerome Harrison	5-11 190 PS#21JC
LB	Jed Collins	6-2 220 PS#56
DL	Matt Eichelberger	6-4 320 PS#87
RB	Ian Bell	5-10 180 PS#80
DB	Tyron Brackenridge	5-11 180 PS#61JC
RB	J.T. Diederichs	6-2 215 PS#82
OL	Daniel Rowlands	6-4 270 PS#112
DL	Jason Roberts	6-4 225 PS#129
LB	Alex Hamill	6-1 200 PS#117
WR	Michael Willis	6-3 205 PS#113

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#48

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Washington St is 6-0 ATS the last 6 games off a SU loss. The Cougars are 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS vs current MWC teams since 1996. Washington St plays Washington every year for the Apple Cup.
Sep. 3	at New Mexico (Fri)	G						WSU is 7-3 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1994. The Cougars are 12-4 ATS on grass the last 4 years.
Sep. 11	† Colorado (Seattle)	A						WSU is 2-0 SU winning by a 28-4 average in Seattle but is 0-2 ATS. The Cougars are 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs the Big 12 since 1981.
Sep. 18	Idaho	A						This series started in 1894, WSU leads all-time 66-17-3 SU. Their campuses are just 8 miles apart. UI used Martin Stadium as their home stadium for 3 yrs.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Arizona	G						The visitor in this matchup is 8-3-1 ATS since 1992. The Cougars are 2-5 ATS the week after a bye the last 6 years.
Oct. 9	Oregon	A						Washington St is 12-3 ATS in Pac 10 home openers since 1989. The underdog is 3-1 ATS pulling off 2 outright upsets the last 4 years.
Oct. 16	Stanford (HC)	A						Wash St is 3-1 SU but 1-3 ATS for Homecoming games the last 4 years. The Cougars are 4-8 SU & 2-10 ATS vs the Cardinal their L/12 meetings.
Oct. 23	at Oregon St	A						The favorite in this series is 9-3 ATS (0-2 last 2 meetings) since 1989. Pending earlier results the Cougars are 8-3 ATS as an away dog L4Y.
Oct. 30	USC	A						Washington St is 7-4 ATS as a Pac 10 home dog the last 11 games. The Cougars are 4-2 ATS vs the Trojans since 1997.
Nov. 6	at UCLA	G						The home team is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1995. WSU is 7-3-2 ATS in the 1st game of a 2 game road trip since 1994.
Nov. 13	at Arizona St	G						Cougars are 5-0 ATS the L5Y the week prior to their Apple Cup Battle. The favorite is 8-0-1 ATS the last 9 matchups.
Nov. 20	Washington	A						Cougars have lost 6 straight to the Huskies S/'98, droppin the L/4 ATS. Those 6 games have only averaged a total of 43 pts per game.
Nov. 27								

BILL DOBA (Career 10-3)
2nd Year at Washington State

Doba's records AT WASHINGTON ST

10-3	Straight Up	2-4	Home Favorite
5-7	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
2-0	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	3-1	Away Underdog
	2-2 Vs Non-Conference		

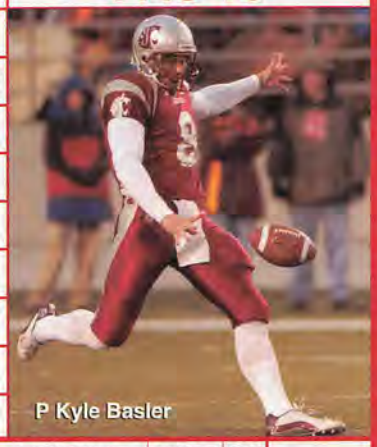
2003 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (25,21,2)
Lost: 25 (13,11,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,331

PAC 10


P Kyle Basler

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	3-8	3-9	4-7	9-2	10-2	9-3	48-32
ATS	8-3	2-9	6-6	6-5	7-3	7-4	5-7	41-37
Home Fav	4-2	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-2	3-2	2-4	11-14
Home Dog	0-0	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-0	1-0	0-0	8-8
Away Fav	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-1	3-1	0-2	10-4
Away Dog	2-1	0-4	2-3	4-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	12-11
Favorite	6-2	1-2	1-1	0-1	5-3	6-3	2-6	21-18
Dog	2-1	1-7	5-5	6-4	2-0	1-1	3-1	20-19
Grass	1-1	0-4	0-2	4-0	3-0	3-2	2-2	13-11
Artificial	7-2	2-5	6-4	2-5	4-3	4-2	3-5	28-26
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	28-28
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	13-9
Off SU Win	6-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	5-3	6-3	3-6	24-20
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-6	5-4	4-2	1-0	1-0	2-0	15-12

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Smith	224	1023	62	961	10	4.3
Chris Bruhn	**78**	**384**	**31**	**353**	**0**	**4.5**
Jermaine Green	82	321	36	285	4	3.5
Josh Swogger	**18**	**57**	**45**	**12**	**0**	**0.7**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Kegel	394	218	55.3	2947	21	15
Josh Swogger	**81**	**41**	**50.6**	**548**	**1**	**5**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Devard Darling	50	830	16.6	7	84	
Scott Lunde	42	610	14.5	3	77	
Sammy Moore	23	533	23.2	6	74	
Jonathan Smith	33	349	10.6	1	47	
Chris Jordan	**28**	**341**	**12.2**	**2**	**50**	
Troy Bienemann	**29**	**273**	**9.4**	**2**	**32**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Basler	**77**	**3351**	**43.5**	**5**	**39.8**	**1**	**30**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Drew Dunning	35-40	9-9	10-11	8-11	0-0	27-31	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Donnie Jackson	101	4	6	2	1
Erik Coleman	90	1	1	8	7
Will Derting	**86**	**7.5**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Virgil Williams	64	2	4	7	4
Karl Paymah	**55**	**0**	**1**	**10**	**1**
Jason David	52	0	4	13	6
DD Acholonu	52	16.5	5	3	0
Al Genatone	43	0	2	1	0
Jeremey Williams	40	4	6	1	0
Isaac Brown	34	3	3	5	0
Scott Davis	**29**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Tai Tupai	25	2.5	3	0	0
Hamza Abdullah	**21**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jeremy Bohannon	**20**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Sammy Moore	43	405	9.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Sammy Moore	33	715	21.7	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Alamo	-5'	Baylor	10-3	W
97	Rose	+7	Michigan	16-21	W
01	Sun	-6'	Purdue	33-27	L
02	Rose	-6'	Oklahoma	14-34	L
03	Holiday	+9'	Texas	28-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WASHINGTON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	30.3	19	115	3.1	271	54.4	12.7	+8	2003	7	19.8	18	91	2.7	228	48.1	16.1
7*	33.2	20	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	-4	2002	6	22.8	21	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0
8*	35.0	22	133	3.4	299	52.8	12.4	+12	2001	7	22.4	19	121	3.6	252	49.5	16.6
6	25.5	18	121	3.2	241	50.4	14.2	-1	2000	4	32.2	21	174	4.3	238	51.8	12.8
5*	20.7	19	114	3.4	228	55.1	16.5	-4	1999	6	27.3	20	168	3.9	211	52.0	13.9
2	20.3	18	127	3.7	247	47.2	18.4	-17	1998	4	31.7	19	183	4.3	205	52.8	12.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Idaho	23	50 - 339	6.8	13 - 23	127	0	14	26 - 83	3.2	16 - 36	167	3	+1
at Notre Dame	15	31 - 55	1.8	22 - 39	274	2	19	45 - 167	3.7	21 - 34	149	6	+1
at Colorado	16	33 - 153	4.6	17 - 33	310	0	21	34 - 97	2.9	32 - 55	348	2	+4
New Mexico	27	44 - 87	2.0	29 - 42	346	5	12	23 - 22	1.0	17 - 33	235	4	+1
at Oregon	18	40 - 84	2.1	15 - 35	315	2	23	29 - 54	1.9	24 - 58	360	4	+7
Arizona	24	42 - 161	3.8	22 - 37	352	3	9	21 - 65	3.1	19 - 36	133	1	-1
at Stanford	18	29 - 70	2.4	26 - 52	331	1	18	34 - 42	1.2	20 - 50	217	4	+1
Oregon St	17	31 - 3	0.1	21 - 40	305	5	15	42 - 15	0.4	16 - 42	276	7	-2
at USC	22	30 - (-25)	-0.8	34 - 57	345	5	20	31 - 222	7.2	18 - 32	214	1	-4
UCLA	14	49 - 146	3.0	8 - 22	177	1	18	42 - 145	3.5	18 - 42	220	4	0
Arizona St	20	39 - 118	3.0	19 - 31	284	1	17	32 - 60	1.9	19 - 35	262	3	+1
at Washington	16	33 - 147	4.5	16 - 35	157	3	23	42 - 78	1.9	23 - 45	183	4	-2
† Texas	19	33 - 157	4.8	18 - 32	203	0	22	40 - 131	3.3	20 - 49	196	7	+1
TOTALS	249	484 - 1495	3.1	260 - 478	3526	28	231	441 - 1181	2.7	263 - 547	2960	50	+8
AVERAGES	19.2	37 - 115	3.1	20 - 37	271	2.2	17.8	34 - 91	2.7	20 - 42	228	3.8	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	-2	7-27	L
at Stanford	+6'	17-54	L
at Idaho	+3	17-28	L
Arizona	+13'	24-30	W
California	+4	31-7	W
Louisiana-Lft	-21	44-0	W
at Arizona St	+7'	21-33	L
Oregon St	+4'	13-27	L
at Oregon	+15'	10-52	L
USC	+8'	28-31	W
at Washington	+14	14-24	W
at Hawaii	+5	22-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Stanford	+2	10-24	L
at Utah	+11	38-21	W
Idaho	-10'	34-38	L
at California	+6'	21-17	W
Boise St	+2'	42-35	W
at Arizona	+12'	47-53 3OT	W
Arizona St	+1'	20-23 OT	L
at Oregon St	+13	9-38	L
Oregon	+9'	24-27 OT	W
at USC	+11'	33-27	W
Washington	+8	3-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-9	36-7	W
at Boise St	-5	41-20	W
California	-14	51-20	W
at Arizona	-2	48-21	W
Oregon St	-11'	34-27	L
at Stanford	+3'	45-39	W
Montana St	NL	53-28	–
Oregon	-2	17-24	L
UCLA	+3	20-14	W
at Arizona St	-2'	28-16	W
at Washington	-1'	14-26	L

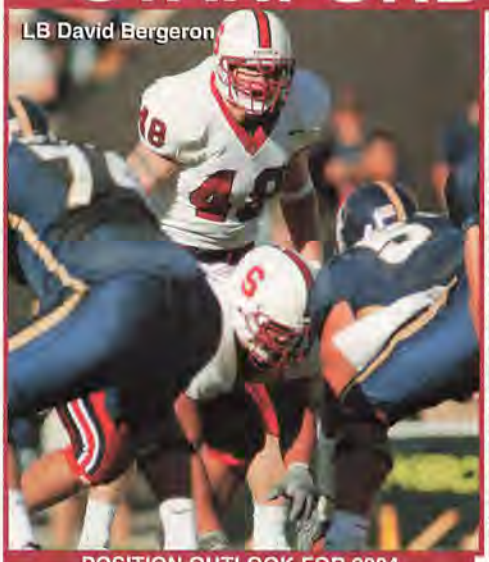
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-27	31-7	L
Idaho	-27	49-14	W
at Ohio St	+7	7-25	L
Montana St	NL	45-28	–
at California	-2'	48-38	W
USC	+3	30-27 OT	W
at Stanford	-8'	36-11	W
at Arizona	-12	21-13	L
Arizona St	-7	44-22	W
Oregon	-3'	32-21	W
Washington	-8	26-29	L
at UCLA	-1'	48-27	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Idaho	-28	25-0	L
at Notre Dame	+6	26-29 OT	W
at Colorado	+4'	47-26	W
New Mexico	-15	23-13	L
at Oregon	+4	55-16	W
Arizona	-28'	30-7	L
at Stanford	-10'	24-14	L
Oregon St	-7'	36-30	L
at USC	+11'	16-43	L
UCLA	-10	31-13	W
Arizona St	-13	34-19	W
at Washington	-7	19-27	L

STANFORD CARDINAL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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Chris Lewis (PS#2) had 7 career starts heading into 2002 but suffered a shoulder injury at midseason and did not play in the final five games after hitting 48.9% with a 5-9 ratio (712 yards). Kyle Matter (PS#17) threw for 1,219 yards (54%) with an 8-10 ratio in six starts as a rFr in 2002. Coaches like their own recruits and because Lewis and Matter weren't recruited by Teevens, I noted last year that Trent Edwards (PS#5) had a shot at stealing the starting job. Nine plays into the season opener, he did just that and in a great debut he had 19, 27 and 25 yard completions on his first 3 att and led Stanford back from a 10-0 deficit vs San Jose St to a 31-10 victory. He started in the upset win of BYU but was hardly responsible for it hitting just 10 of 23 for 25 yards with 2 int. He struggled the next two weeks including 8 of 19 for 67 yards vs USC and a lot of alumni called for Lewis to win back his job. Lewis would start the rest of the season throwing for 1,178 yards (48.3%) with an 8-9 ratio while Edwards threw for 750 yards (45.3%) with a 4-9 ratio. Matter saw action in three games including 8 of 10 in the season finale vs ND when Edwards was out due to injury. Lewis departs but Matter and Edwards are both back. Also in the mix are Ryan Eklund (6-8 215 Sr, PS#107) who hit 5 of 13 for 37 yards in 2002 and TC Ostrander (6-3 210 rFr, PS#21) as well as David Lofton (6-4 210 So) who was PS#57 and had 2 rec as a WR last year. The numbers put up by the Cardinal QB's were poor last year and with all of the talent on hand in the third year of the Teevens' "Fun & Gun" system, I expect significant improvement, no matter who wins the starting job.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the team had to replace their top two rushers and the leading returnee, Kenneth Tolon II, who had just 346 yards (5.2). Teevens brought in an outstanding class of VHT's but most of them redshirted. Tolon led the team in rushing with 522 yards (3.5) in 8 starts. JR Lemon (PS#20) had 467 yards (4.0) starting 3 games. True frosh David Marrero (PS#25) had 115 yards (3.1). Gerald Commissiong (6-0 212 So, PS#121) played in six games prior to injury (31 yds). Stanford averaged their lowest rushing total since 1998, but basically has everyone back and I list the 2 deep below. The Cardinal did not use a FB last year but with the depth at RB they will this season. The Cards have four players who were rated in the Top 25 RB's coming out of HS. This unit has pretty good talent and I look for good sized improvement in the rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - When Buddy Teevens took over, he inherited a veteran receiving corps which he called very deep. WR Luke Powell had 45 rec (19.6) in 2001 but suffered through an injury plagued 2002 season (25 rec). Their leading receiver in 2002 was TE Teyo Johnson who left early for the NFL. They also lost one starting WR last year but luckily for Stanford, Powell returned and led the team with 45 rec (11.6). True frosh Mark Bradford (PS#13) got in 8 starts and was #2 with 37 rec (15.9). They had their starting TE from 2001, Brett Pierce (PS#9) and TE Alex Smith who started 11 in 2002 after Pierce was injured both were back last year. Smith was #3 with 24 rec (7.7) while Pierce had 11 rec (both HM P10). True frosh Evan Moore injured his shoulder on a TD catch and played in just six games, but avg a team high 18.8 ypc. This year they must replace Powell as well as Pierce, but everyone else is back. Not listed in the 2 deep below are TE Michael Horgan (6-6 240 rFr, PS#146DL) and WR's Matt Buchanan (6-2 185 rFr, PS#186), Chris Ryan (6-1 185 So) and Mike Miller (6-1 185 rFr). Despite the loss of their top WR and starting TE, this unit could put up better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 a veteran Cardinal OL paved the way for 195 ypg rushing (Pac 10's best), 4.3 ypc and allowed 27 sacks. They had to replace two starters in 2002 but lost another to a season ending knee injury midyear. They only avgd 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 38 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace four starters including RT Kwame Harris (#1 DC) who won the Morris Trophy. They lost starting C Brian Head to injury after four games and the very inexperienced group paved the way for just 2.5 ypc allowing 33 sacks (8.3%). They also lost starting RG Jeff Edwards to an injury after 8 starts. This year they lose 3 starters in LT Kirk Chambers (11 sts, 2nd Tm Pac 10, 4 year starter, #6DC CLE), C Drew Caylor (L/7 sts, #6DC PIT), and RT Mike Sullivan (9 sts). Of the Cardinal's 13 OL on this year's spring roster, six were rFr, six soph's, one junior, with no seniors. Four rFr started games last year. Seven of the top 10 are back, so this unit is more experienced and there are plenty of VHT's in the 3 deep that I list below.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Stanford had basically two starters returning to the D-line and allowed a respectable 3.7 ypc rushing but the D had just 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have six of the top 8 back. Even with a veteran LB corps, surprisingly the defensive numbers slipped as the Cards allowed 4.0 ypc with just 22 sacks. For the third straight season two starters depart. Gone are DE Louis Hobson (11 sts, 20 tkls pss, 2 yr st'r) and DT Amon Gordon (11 sts, 33 tkls, 7 tfl, #5DC CLE). Six of the top 8 return. Teevens did say this spring that putting pressure on the QB is one of his major points of emphasis for this season. Despite the losses, this unit should improve some in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Stanford had a very experienced LB corps last year with six players returning with starting experience. Michael Craven (PS#1) has not fully lived up to his potential. He started the first four games in 2002, but lost his starting job. Last year he did start the last 5 games after struggling with injuries early. He wasn't on the roster this spring and needs to get his grades in order, but I still list him in the 2 deep below. The LB corps is extremely experienced with or without Craven. The only losses are MLB's Jake Covault (9 tkl) who was a 9 game starter in 2002 and Brian Gaffney (29 tkl). Not listed below are Mike Silva (6-3 225 So) and Landon Johnson (6-1 225 rFr). I feel the front 7 underperformed last year and expect a much stronger performance this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This unit was extremely inexperienced in 2002 but possessed outstanding speed with four of the DB's also on the Stanford track team. After finishing #117 in my pass D rankings in 2001 they rose all the way to #37 in 2002. Last year they had 3 starters returning but did have to replace a 4th round DC and 2 backups. Surprisingly they only moved up 1 spot to #36 allowing 54.5% with a 23-9 ratio. The good news is that everyone returns with five players having starting experience and all 4 projected starters are 6 feet or taller. While the unit possesses solid size and speed, it may be underrated due to the lack of VHT's in the 2 deep, but still should form one of the Pac 10's stronger secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Willingham's last four years at Stanford the special teams were not a strength and their best finish was #82 and in his final year they were #112. Teevens could only bring the unit up to #107 in his 1st year despite the presence of a pair of VHT's at K&P and outstanding returnman Luke Powell. Last year Powell led the team in PR's (9.0) and WR Nick Sebes was the top KR (22.1). P Eric Johnson made substantial improvement. In his first year as a starter they had a net of just 28.8, in 2002 33.0 but last season it was an outstanding 37.1. K Michael Sgroi (PS#10) hit 9 of 15 FG's with a long of 45 in 2002 but hit just 7 of 13 with a long of 38 last year. I look for big-time improvement from him. They must replace Powell and Johnson (both 2nd Tm Pac 10) along with Sebes this year. Overall last year they rose to #22 in my special teams rankings thanks to allowing just 14.1 per KR. With the losses I look for a little drop in the rankings this season.

COACHES - Buddy Teevens was the head coach at Maine ('85-'86), Dartmouth ('87-'91), Tulane ('92-'96) and most recently an assistant at Florida from 1999 to 2001 before taking over as the head man here. Teevens has appointed the team's 3rd OC in 3 years promoting QB Coach Bill Cubit. Cubit was the OC at Rutgers from 2001-'02 although the Scarlet Knights finished last nationally in total offense both seasons. They have co-DC's in Tom Williams and AJ Christoff. Christoff was Cincinnati's DC in '02 and Williams was the co-DC in '02 after coming over from Washington where he was the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ty Willingham was a conservative, low key coach who guided Stanford to four bowls during his tenure and had a 9-3 record in 2001 with an outstanding rushing attack (195 ypg). They knocked off Top 5 teams in back-to-back weeks for the first time in school history and were ranked as high as 10th in the polls. When Willingham left for ND the AD wanted a different type of coach bringing in the energetic Buddy Teevens. Teevens' schemes were "more aggressive" and the offensive players were excited with the "wide open attack". Willingham's "stodgy", run-based offense of 2001 produced 443 ypg and 35.2 ppg. With seven offensive starters back in 2002, Teevens' wide-open, full throttle offense averaged just 311 ypg and a paltry 20.5 ppg and a great majority of that was gained vs SJ St when the team put up 63 points & 563 yds. They went through a stretch of six games failing to top 18 points for the first time since 1962. Teevens did inherit just 9 returning starters overall in 2002 and the team plummeted to 2-9. The 2002 offense was 7th worst in the NCAA. They were outgained by 119.1 ypg in Pac 10 play and outscored by 19.8 ppg, both the worst in the league. Their overall finish was their worst since 1983. Last year Stanford, with just 3 starters back on offense finished #116 in the NCAA in yards per play averaging just 3.84 with Army finishing last with 3.78. They trailed BYU 14-12 but got a TD late for that win and then vs UCLA were outFD'd 24-10 but managed to come away with a win. While SU doubled its win total in 2003, some things did not improve. In Pac 10 play, SU was outgained by 185 ypg, once again the worst mark in the conference despite escaping the cellar at 2-6. Last year's offense was even worse than 2002 as they totalled just 16.9 ppg and 283 ypg overall. They have to improve upon those totals with 5 starters back but should get improved play at QB. The defense could surprise some foes this year with 9 starters back from a decent unit. For the second consecutive season, SU does not play Arizona making their schedule the toughest in the Pac 10 (along with the Wildcats). One of my sets of power ratings actually show the Cardinal going 5-3 in Pac 10 play showing the team's potential, but I will also note that the other six clearly call for a losing record and a finish near the basement. This appears to be another rebuilding year for Stanford.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Trent Edwards So. 6-4 210 **PS#5**. 4 sts as rFr. 750 yds (45%), 4-9 ratio, 86 rush. Kyle Matter (6-2 195 Jr) **PS#17**. 6 sts, 1319 yds pass in 2 yrs. TC Ostrander **PS#21 LY**.
RB J.R. LEMON JR. 6-1 225 **PS#20**. 4 sts, 552 yds (3.7). Kenneth Tolon (6-1 210 Sr) 692 yds (5.8) in '01 & '02. 8 sts LY, 522 yds (3.5). **David Marrero** (5-10 190 So) **PS#25**.
FB Emeka Nnoli rFr. 6-1 230 **PS#13**. Capp Culver (6-2 225 Jr) PS#70LB. Kris Bonifas (6-1 235 Jr) **TB Jason Evans** (6-1 190 rFr) **PS#18**. Gerald Commissiong (6-0 212 So).
WR Evan Moore So. 6-7 235 PS#31TE. Basketball Tm. 8 rec (18.8) as true. Greg Camarillo (6-2 195 Sr) 1 st, 26 rec (12.2) 2Y. Marcus McCutcheon (6-0 200 So) **PS#22DB**.
WR MARK BRADFORD SO. 6-2 190 **PS#13**. L/8 sts as true, 37 rec (15.9). Gerren Crochet (6-0 170 Jr) PS#63. 400m track team. 3 sts, 10 rec. Justin McCullum (6-4 220 Jr) PS#49.
TE ALEX SMITH SR. 6-5 255 PS#34. 10 sts, 30 rec (12.7) in '02. 11 sts, 24 rec (7.7) LY **HM P10**. Matt Traverso (6-5 250 So) PS#25. Patrick Danahy (6-5 240 So) PS#25.
C Brian Head Jr. 6-4 295 PS#121. 10 games as rFr. 4 sts at C in '03 until injury. **Josiah Vinson** (6-4 310 So) **PS#34**. Last 3 sts at RG. Tim Mattran (6-5 295 So) 3 gms.
RG JEFF EDWARDS SO. 6-7 290 **PS#42**. First 8 sts at RG as rFr until knee inj. Mikal Brewer (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#40** Hvy wrestling champ in HS. Marlin Brittenham (6-4 280 rFr).
LG ISMAIL SIMPSON SO. 6-4 290 PS#128. 11 sts at LG as rFr. David Beall (6-5 300 So) **PS#60**. 11 games. 2nd string as rFr. Preston Clover (6-4 275 rFr) PS#160.
RT Jon Cochran So. 6-6 315 **PS#68**. 10 games as rFr, 2 starts at RT. Lettered. David Long (6-9 315 rFr) PS#453OL. Ben Muth (6-6 285 Fr) is **PS#78**.
LT Michael Macellari rFr. 6-5 290 PS#68DL. #1 LT in spring. Moved to OL from DL in spring. Amir Malayery (6-4 275 rFr) PS#323OL. Allen Smith is **PS#34**.
K MICHAEL SGROI JR. 5-11 200 **PS#10**. Hit 9 of 15 in '02, long of 45. 7 of 13 FG's in '03, long of 38. Derrick Belch (6-0 185 rFr) walk-on that will contend.

DE Michael Lovelady Jr. 6-5 250 **PS#131**. 12 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 pbu in 2003. **Julian Jenkins** (6-4 260 Jr) **PS#7**. 1 st, 33 tkls, 4 sks, 2 yrs. Udeme Udofia (6-4 225 rFr) PS#216.
DT BABATUNDE OSHINOWO JR. 6-2 320 **PS#45**. 1 st, 23 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl in '02. 11 sts LY, **HM P10**, 25 tkls, 4 sks. Nick Frank (6-2 270 So) PS#157, 7 tkls, 1 sk as true. Matt McClernan (6-5 285 So).
DT Casey Carroll Jr. 6-2 280 PS#95. 21 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 yrs. Scott Scharff (6-5 275 Sr) **PS#92OL**. 18 tkls, 20 games, 3 yrs, will miss spg-inj. Chris Horn (6-5 260 rFr) PS#58TE.
DE WILL SVITEK SR. 6-7 280 PS#17TE. 3 sts, 11 tkls in '01 & '02. 11 sts, 20 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Emmanuel Awofadeju (6-4 240 rFr) PS#162. Taualai Fonoti (6-2 250 So) PS#189LB.
OLB JARED NEWBERRY SR. 6-2 235 PS#118. 3 sts in '02, 45 tkls, 3 sks. 11 sts in '03. **HM Pac 10**, 67 tkls, 10 tfl. Jon Alston (6-1 215 Jr) PS#126. 51 tkls, 5 sks, 5 sts in 2 years.
MLB DAVID BERGERON SR. 6-4 245 **PS#36**. 10 sts, 38 tkls, 6.5 tfl at OLB in '02. 11 sts, **HM P10**, 66 tkls, 5 tfl LY. **Michael Okwo** (6-0 215 So) **PS#23** 13 tkls, 1 tfl as a true.
OLB MICHAEL CRAVEN JR. 6-1 230 **PS#1**. 9 sts, 66 tkls, 7 tfl, 2 yrs. Questionable for fall '04. **Kevin Schimmelmann** (6-3 215 Jr) PS#97WR. 6 sts, 49 tkls, 8 tfl last year.
CB LEIGH TORRENCE SR. 6-0 183 Sprinter on track tm. 11 sts in '02, 38 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 9 sts, **HM Pac 10**, 64 tkls, 11 pbu LY. Tim Sims (6-0 180 rFr). Nick Sanchez (6-0 180 rFr).
CB STANLEY WILSON SR. 6-0 189 PS#149RB, Track team. 11 sts in '02, 32 tkls, 2 int. 7 sts, 27 tkls, 6 pbu LY. TJ Rushing (5-11 175 Jr) PS#128RB. 6 sts LY, 42 tkls, 5 pbu. Track tm.
SS TREVOR HOOPER SO. 6-1 205 PS#185RB. 11 sts as rFr. 60 tkls, 2.5 tfl, 3 int, 1 pbu. Bryan Bentrott (6-1 180 So) PS#425. Brandon Harrison (6-2 205 So) PS#308WR.
FS OSHIOMOGHO ATOGWE SR. 6-0 205 Track. 11 sts, 71 tkls, 3 int in '02. 11 sts, 90 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu LY. **2nd Tm P10**. Timi Wusu (6-3 210 Jr) track. Calvin Armstrong (6-1 195 Jr) PS#118.
P Jay Ottovegio rFr. 6-0 190 PS#3K. 17 of 25 FG's in HS, long 48. 68 of 79 KO's into the EZ. 42.0 punt avg as HS senior, 12 inside 20. Greg Camarillo (6-2 195 Sr) also WR.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Alex Fletcher 6-4 290 PS#16	
OL	Allen Smith 6-5 315 PS#34	
OL	Bobby Dockter 6-5 290 PS#60	
RB	Ray Jones 6-0 210 PS#59	
OL	Ben Muth 6-6 285 PS#78	
RB	Jerod Arlich 6-4 250 PS#88	
DB	Wopamo Osasai 6-0 190 PS#136	
DL	Pat Maynor 6-2 208 PS#168	
DB	Carlos McFall 6-0 195 PS#164	
TE	Austin Gunder 6-4 235 PS#65	
WR	Anthony Kimble 6-1 185 PS#384	
TE	Pannel Egboh 6-6 240 PS#214	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4								
Sep. 11	San Jose St	G						Stanford is 4-1 SU & ATS their last 5 home openers. Spartans were 8-2 ATS from 1990-2000, but Cardinal have won L/3 ATS.
Sep. 18	BYU	G						Stanford is 10-3 ATS the game prior to their Pac 10 opener since 1985. Cardinal are 11-6 SU & 3-5 ATS vs current Mountain West opponents.
Sep. 25	USC	G						The straight up winner has covered 8 straight. The Cardinal are 0-11 SU & 3-7-1 as double digit dogs under Teevens.
Oct. 2	Washington	G						Stanford is 3-20 SU & 6-16-1 ATS vs Washington since 1976. Pending LW Cardinal are 14-7 ATS the L/21 gms at home vs Pac 10 foes.
Oct. 9	at Notre Dame	G						Stanford is 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS vs Notre Dame since 1993. The Cardinal are 3-7-1 ATS as away dogs under Teevens.
Oct. 16	at Washington St	A						Stanford is 5-11 ATS on artificial turf since 1996. Cardinal are 12-7 (0-3 L3Y) SU & 13-6 (1-2 L3Y) ATS vs the Cougars S/'80.
Oct. 23	Oregon	G						Pending earlier results, Stanford is 9-4 ATS as a home dog the last 5 yrs. First time since '97 this game is played at Stanford, L/3 gms at SU 78 ppg.
Oct. 30	at UCLA	G						Stanford is 7-9 SU, but 11-3-2 ATS vs UCLA S/'88 & are 9-0-2 ATS S/'82 in the Rose Bowl while 4-7 SU. Those 7 losses by a total of 31 pts.
Nov. 6	at Arizona St	G						Stanford is 5-1 ATS vs Arizona St since 1998. Cardinal are 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS their L/3 games of the season since 2001.
Nov. 13	Oregon St	G						Stanford is 6-5 SU, but 3-8 ATS vs Oregon St since 1992. Cardinal are 12-2 ATS prior to their "Big Game" vs Cal since 1990.
Nov. 20	at California	A						Stanford is 12-2 ATS the last 14 road finales. The home team is 2-10 ATS since 1992 in this series.
Nov. 27								

BUDDY TEEVENS (Career 17-61) (Div IAA 39-31-2)
3rd Year at Stanford

Teevens' records AT STANFORD

6-16	Straight Up	3-0	Home Favorite
10-11-1	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Underdog
5-9	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
6-9-1	Vs Conference	3-7-1	Away Underdog
		4-2	Vs Non-Conference

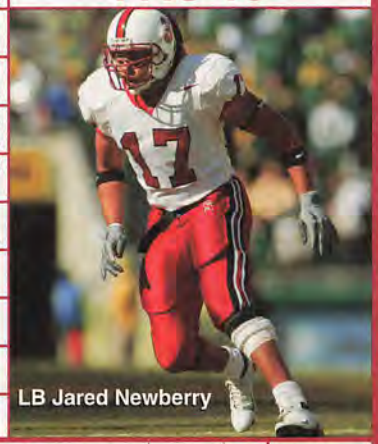
2003 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,21,1)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,870

PAC 10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STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (85,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	8-3	5-6	9-2	2-9	4-7	36-41
ATS	4-7	5-6	6-5	8-3	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	40-36-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-0	1-0	10-12
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-2	3-2	11-8
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	3-3
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	2-3	16-13-1
Favorite	1-5	1-1	2-3	2-2	4-4	2-0	1-0	13-15
Dog	3-2	4-5	4-2	6-1	3-0	2-6-1	5-5	27-21-1
Grass	3-6	5-5	6-4	7-2	6-3	3-5-1	5-3	35-28-1
Artificial	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	5-8
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	6-2	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	11-10
Off SU Win	3-1	1-1	4-3	2-2	4-4	0-1-1	3-1	17-13-1
Off SU Loss	1-5	4-4	2-1	5-1	2-0	3-5	2-4	19-20

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenneth Tolon II	150	555	33	522	2	3.5
JR Lemon	118	501	34	467	4	4.0
David Marrero	37	133	18	115	1	3.1
Gerald Commissiong	17	38	7	31	0	1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Lewis	207	100	48.3	1178	8	9
Trent Edwards	170	77	45.3	750	4	9
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Mark Bradford	37	587	15.9	3	71
Luke Powell	45	520	11.6	3	33
Greg Camarillo	18	225	12.5	0	27
Alex Smith	24	185	7.7	3	18
Evan Moore	8	150	18.8	1	46
Gerren Crochet	10	126	12.6	0	36
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Eric Johnson	86	3687	42.9	9	37.1	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Sgroi	21-22	4-5	3-7	0-1	0-0	7-13	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Oshiomogho Atogwe	90	0	5	8	2
Jared Newberry	67	3	7	7	1
David Bergeron	66	0	5	3	1
Leigh Torrence	64	0	1	11	0
Trevor Hooper	60	0.5	3	1	3
Kevin Schimmelmann	49	1	7	2	0
TJ Rushing	42	1	2	5	0
Michael Craven	38	2	2	0	0
Amon Gordon	33	2	5	4	0
Brian Gaffney	29	1	0	1	0
Stanley Wilson	27	0	0	6	1
Babatunde Oshinowo	25	4	4	1	0
Jon Alston	21	3	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Luke Powell	36	325	9.0	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nick Sebes	19	420	22.1	0
Kenneth Tolon II	9	187	20.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Blockbuster	-1	Penn St	24-3	W
95	Liberty	-3'	E Carolina	13-19	L
96	Sun	+7	Michigan St	38-0	W
99	Rose	+14	Wisconsin	9-17	W
01	Seattle	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	16.9	17	96	2.5	187	47.6	16.7	+1	2003	8	29.5	21	138	4.0	296	54.5	14.7
7	20.5	18	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	-5	2002	2	34.3	19	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2
9*	35.2	22	195	4.3	248	52.7	12.6	+3	2001	7	28.3	18	112	3.6	274	47.8	13.7
7	23.7	20	139	3.4	237	48.3	15.8	0	2000	6	26.7	18	147	3.9	219	52.8	13.7
8*	34.8	21	140	3.9	309	56.4	12.8	+10	1999	10	30.3	22	154	3.7	288	53.7	14.6
5	23.7	22	76	2.4	320	51.3	16.7	+2	1998	3	33.2	21	181	4.4	263	57.1	13.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
San Jose St	27	41 - 164	4.0	24 - 45	293	2	16	16 - 9	0.6	28 - 67	261	1	-1
at BYU	13	44 - 144	3.3	11 - 24	56	4	14	25 - (-5)	-0.2	23 - 46	310	5	+3
at Washington	19	40 - 129	3.2	16 - 32	159	1	21	40 - 165	4.1	20 - 34	231	2	0
at USC	18	31 - 86	2.8	19 - 40	156	3	22	41 - 220	5.4	19 - 31	273	0	-3
Washington St	18	34 - 42	1.2	20 - 50	217	4	18	29 - 70	2.4	26 - 52	331	0	-1
at Oregon	15	35 - 101	2.9	15 - 34	225	4	19	40 - 193	4.8	23 - 27	265	3	-2
UCLA	10	41 - 115	2.8	12 - 20	91	1	24	36 - 48	1.3	24 - 43	239	8	+2
Arizona St	25	53 - 188	3.5	18 - 34	279	2	20	23 - 97	4.2	23 - 53	357	1	+2
at Oregon St	8	30 - (-12)	-0.4	16 - 44	145	4	29	37 - 222	6.0	28 - 52	441	0	+1
California	14	30 - 77	2.6	16 - 35	207	1	31	38 - 174	4.6	26 - 38	359	2	+2
Notre Dame	17	35 - 20	0.6	22 - 39	231	7	20	50 - 320	6.4	10 - 16	192	0	-2
TOTALS	184	414 - 1054	2.5	189 - 397	2059	33	234	375 - 1513	4.0	250 - 459	3259	22	+1
AVERAGES	16.7	38 - 96	2.5	17 - 36	187	3.0	21.3	34 - 138	4.0	23 - 42	296	2.0	0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+10	17-69	L
Washington St	-6'	54-17	W
at Arizona	+13	50-22	W
UCLA	+1	42-32	W
San Jose St	-19	39-44	L
Oregon St	-8	21-17	L
at USC	+7'	35-31	W
at Washington	+3	30-35	L
at Arizona St	+2'	50-30	W
California	-10'	31-13	W
Notre Dame	-5'	40-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	-2	24-10	W
San Jose St	-17'	27-40	L
Texas	+13	27-24	W
Arizona	-1'	3-27	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	14-20	W
at Oregon St	+9	6-38	L
USC	+5'	32-30	W
Washington	+7	28-31	W
at UCLA	+8	35-37	W
Arizona St	-2	29-7	W
at California	+1'	36-30 OT	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston Coll	-5'	38-22	W
Arizona St	-3'	51-28	W
at USC	+1'	21-16	W
Washington St	-3'	39-45	L
at Oregon	+7'	49-42	W
UCLA	+7'	38-28	W
at Washington	-1	28-42	L
at Arizona	-7'	51-37	W
California	-24	35-28	L
Notre Dame	-7'	17-13	L
at San Jose St	-19'	41-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+8'	27-34	W
San Jose St	-18	63-26	W
at Arizona St	+1	24-65	L
at Notre Dame	+8'	7-31	L
Washington St	+8'	11-36	L
Arizona	-1'	16-6	W
at UCLA	+10	18-28	T
at Oregon	+14	14-41	L
USC	+18'	17-49	L
Oregon St	+12'	21-31	W
at California	+10'	7-30	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-12	31-10	W
at BYU	+7	18-14	W
at Washington	+12'	17-28	W
at USC	+21	21-44	L
Washington St	+10'	14-24	W
at Oregon	+10	0-35	L
UCLA	+6	21-14	W
Arizona St	+2'	38-27	W
at Oregon St	+14'	3-43	L
California	+10	16-28	L
Notre Dame	+4'	7-57	L

ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the team had to replace Jason Johnson who had set the school record for passing yards in a season (3,327). Johnson's backup Nic Costa is listed at 5-11 210 but is closer to 5-9 and he hit 7 of 19 passes for 115 yards in four games in 2002. He outplayed Ryan O'Hara (6-6 198 So, PS#22) during the spring and August to win the starting job. Last year I also called for one of the two true frosh signees to contend for starting honors. Costa struggled in his three starts and got just 20% of the practice reps prior to the Purdue game and O'Hara got his first start. O'Hara was pulled in the 3Q and true frosh Kris Heavner (PS#44) took over the duties and would start the rest of the year. Costa missed 8 straight quarters but then saw action in the final seven games.

For the season Heavner threw for 1,501 yards (51.1%) with an 8-15 ratio while rushing for 80 gross yards. O'Hara, in just five games, threw for 341 yards (42.3%) with a 2-4 ratio. Costa threw for 362 yards (39.5%) with a 4-2 ratio and was also the team's 3rd leading rusher with 163 gross yards. All three return as does Richard Kovalcheck (PS#23) who redshirted. Heavner was named #1 coming out of spring but Stoops noted that the competition would renew in the fall. Costa may move to another position if not #1 or #2. This unit is much more experienced and should benefit from a much stronger OL. I look for significant improvement on the 23 int's that were tossed last year with only 14 TD passes.

FS Darrell Brooks

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Clarence Farmer led the Pac 10 with 1,229 yards (5.9). Farmer was in Mackovic's doghouse for the next two years and while he did give some glimpses of his former greatness last year including 122 yards vs UCLA, he ended up getting kicked off the team with four games to go and finished with 326 yards (3.6). This unit suffered a lot of injuries in 2003. Backup RB Beau Carr missed the first two games, became the starter against TCU but then did not even travel to Wash St due to poor practice habits. A sprained ankle shelved him later and he played in just 5 games with 39 yards rushing (2.1). Chris Henry (PS#112) played in just 2 games with 33 yards rushing (2.4) and then missed the rest of the year with an ankle injury. Fortunately, Mike Bell (PS#9) lived up to his VHT status and nearly topped 1,000 yards as he rushed for 920 (5.5). Bell had 182 yards vs Cal and 222 vs Washington earning him Pac 10 Off POW honors. FB Gilbert Harris was ruled ineligible and kicked off the team prior to Oregon St (reinstated TY) so with the injuries there were basically just two healthy RB's for the Ariz St game with FB Jones being the backup TB and Bell getting the only carries of the RB's. This year they must replace Farmer and Carr, but basically everyone else is back. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Chris Harris (5-10 190 Sr, PS#69), Pedro Limon (6-0 244 Jr, PS#101LB) and FB Ryan Shirley (5-11 240 So). This unit has much more experience and depth, and Bell could become one of the best RB's in the Pac 10.

RECEIVERS - Last season Arizona had to replace Bobby Wade who set the school record for receptions in a season (93), was the team MVP, and a 5th round DC of CHI. Almost everyone else returned but WR Andrae Thurman who had 61 rec's (15.0) was ruled academically ineligible prior to 2003. The leading returning receiver was Lance Relford who had 20 in 2002. It was a young group and dropped passes were a problem during the course of the season. Relford injured his thumb and missed the final four games. Biren Ealy (PS#54) led the team with 42 rec's (13.7) despite being ruled ineligible for the season finale. I list the 2 deep below and basically the only loss is Relford (8 sts, 16 rec). There is good size and speed in this unit and I look for much improved play from the Cat receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Arizona's O-line was hit hard by injuries from 2000 to 2002. In 2002 Mackovic signed 5 OL's who avg'd 6-5 315 as true frosh. Three of those true frosh started games in '02 out of necessity and the injury-plagued OL paved the way for just 1.5 ypc rushing while allowing 52 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups and then lost starting RT Brandon Phillips to a season ending knee injury after 3 weeks. Projected starter John Parada (PS#55) was lost to a knee injury in August. Starting LG Keith Jackson was then ruled ineligible after 5 starts. Still 3 full-time starters returned and the unit made great strides improving to 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. This year the only losses are Reggie Sampay (8 sts, 4 yr st'r) and LG Jackson. Eight of the top 10 are back with six having four or more starts under their belt. I look for continued improvement from the UA OL.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats scrapped the Double Eagle Flex Defense last year switching to a 3-4, but then basically ran a 4-3 all season. In 2002, the last year of the Double Eagle Flex, they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing and recorded 26 sacks, the worst results at Arizona since 1991. Last year's DL had to replace one starter to graduation but moved another to ILB, so basically they had 2 starters returning. Prior to the season an amazing 6 of the top 9 were off the team due to either injuries, transfers, academics or suspensions so only two players with experience returned. With the young D-line, Arizona still allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 25 sacks, which was not as big a dropoff as expected, especially from a 2-10 team. This year they must replace NT Carl Tuitavuki (9 sts, 27 tkls) and DE Matt Molina (8 sts, 34 tkls, 4 sks). Six players return with starting experience including Brad Brittain who after being kicked off the team had 7 sacks and 10 tfl at JC last year. This unit is more experienced and stronger than the 2003 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cats had to replace all 3 starters from this unit but moved in starting DE Joe Siofele, so they had basically 1 starter returning to the 3 man unit. This year they must replace two starters in MLB Siofele (12 sts, 84 tkls, 8 tfl, Def MVP) and ROV Clay Hardt (11 sts, 87 tkls, 5 tfl). Kirk Johnson and Pat Howard split time at the WLB spot but Howard moves inside this year. They have some HT's in the 2 deep that I list below and not listed are Akin Akinniyi (6-0 230 So, PS#211), Sean Jones (5-11 230 Jr, PS#344RB) who had 100 total yards and 2 starts at FB the last two years, Justin Stewart (6-1 240 Sr) and Tim Taylor (6-2 220 Sr). This unit is just as experienced as 2003's and might be a notch stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats had two solid finishes in my pass D rankings in 2000 (#10) and 2001 (#30) with their star CB Michael Jolivette setting a single season record with 20 pbu in '01. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have two starters returning plus Jolivette who missed most of 2002 with injury. Without him in 2002 the unit dropped to #72. Last year Arizona dropped even further to #97 allowing 61.2% with a 26-7 ratio. This year they have to replace CB Jolivette (12 sts, 61 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu) and CB Gary Love (10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 pbu). They have 6 of the top 8 returning and bring in some JUCO's and freshmen as well as two transfers from the offense in Brent Bolden (PS#51RB) and Gainus Scott (PS#37RB). I list the 2 deep below and not listed are Michael Beach (6-0 181 rFr), Darius Coles (6-1 195 Jr, PS#403JC) and Matt Binford (5-10 180 Jr). Normally with the loss of their top two CB's, I would call the unit down, but last season's group underperformed and I think Arizona will move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Arizona finished #82 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and had to replace their excellent returnman Bobby Wade, but did have P Danny Baugher (PS#6) returning. Baugher struggled in '02 with a 37.7 average (31.0 net) but improved to a 42.6 average and 35.6 net last year despite being replaced for a spell by James Molina who had 19 punts (39.7). The Cats struggled in numerous areas and finished among the NCAA's worst in my overall rankings including kickers at #115. Two kickers, Bobby Gill and Nicholas Folk managed to hit just 2 of 11 FG's including crucial misses of 32 and 28 yards vs UCLA which cost them in the 3 point defeat. Another poor area was PR's as the team avg'd just 5.2 led by true frosh Syndric Steptoe (PS#68). Steptoe also led the team in KR's (17.1). The team set a school record for most punts in a season with 98 with the old record being 92, but keep in mind the record was set in 1967 when they played just 11 games and they did not surpass 92 punts until the 12th game last year. They can only move up in the rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Arizona had one of the weakest coaching staffs in the country, not due to the quality of the head coach as John Mackovic has run some quality programs, but because of the situation he was in as the player revolt the previous year left him on shaky ground. This year the new HC, Mike Stoops, comes in with the full blessing of all players, alumni and staff and has brought new enthusiasm to the team. Stoops, who was Kan St's DC from 1996-'98 and then co-DC at Oklahoma since '99, has a National Championship ring. His OC is Mike Canales who was the NYJ's WR coach last year and NCSt's passing game coordinator in 2001 & 2002. He was S Florida's OC from 1996-'99. The DC is Mike's brother, Mark Stoops, who was Miami FL's DB coach from 2001-2003 and Houston's co-DC in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. The Cats were ranked #3 in the 1999 preseason polls but have gone 22-36 overall the last five years with a 3-17 SU record at home in Pac 10 play. John Mackovic barely escaped a revolt in 2002 and not having the team's full support made things difficult last year. After opening with a 42-7 win over UTEP they were routed in 3 straight games by a 55-10 avg which made things even worse. The Wildcats played one of their best games of the year barely losing to TCU 13-10 in OT but Mackovic was fired after the game and DC Mike Hankwitz got the interim HC job. The Wildcats were never very competitive although they did pull off a home upset of Wash and they finished last in the Pac 10 for a second consecutive season. In an effort to turn things around UA hired Oklahoma DC Mike Stoops. He is a hands on type of coach unlike Mackovic who coached through his coaches and the players seem to be responding positively to his enthusiasm. Already by April UA has over 2500 new season ticket sales (the highest ever for UA in April) after they had 29% of their season ticket holders drop their seats a year ago. The Cats have 9 starters back on offense including my preseason 1st Tm Pac 10 RB Mike Bell, and will be far more potent than last year's bunch which only averaged 15.1 ppg. You can also expect great strides on the defense even with just 5 starters back to a unit that allowed 35.8 ppg because defense is Stoops forte. Overall Arizona was outgained in league play by 144.1 ypg and outscored by a league worst 22.8 ppg. The attitude change of the players alone is probably worth about 5 points per game, but there is still a lot of ground to make up. When a new coach has early season success, the team buys into the program more quickly and the Cats open with a IAA foe to build confidence. Arizona has just 4 road games this year and 7 at home which is a schedule set up for success, but talent-wise this team is at least a year away from truly contending in Pac 10 play.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KRIS HEAVNER SO. 6-2 230 PS#44. 8 sts as true. 1501 pass, 8-15 ratio. **Richard Kovalcheck** (6-2 211 rFr). **Ryan O'Hara** (6-6 198 So) **PS#22**. Nic Costa (5-11 210 Jr) **PS#15**.

RB MIKE BELL JR. 6-1 218 **PS#9**. 5 sts in '02, 341 (3.2). 10 sts LY, 920 yds (5.5). **2nd Tm Pac 10**. Chris Henry (6-0 220 rFr) PS#112. Gilbert Harris (6-2 223 Jr) 3 sts LY.

WR Mike Jefferson So. 6-2 203 **PS#39DB**. Last 4 sts as rFr. 16 rec (13.4). Anthony Johnson (6-2 200 rFr) PS#164. Gerold Rodrigues is PS#91. Aaron Anderson (6-3 210 So).

WR BIREN EALY JR. 6-3 194 PS#54. 10 sts LY, 42 rec (13.7). Syndric Steptoe (5-9 185 So) PS#68. 2 sts as true. 9 rec (8.6). Willis Morrison (6-0 180 So) PS#194DB.

WR RICKY WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 211 PS#69. 4 sts, 11 rec in '02. 6 sts LY. 36 rec (15.6). Bobby McCoy is PS#83. Juan Valentine (6-1 190 Sr) PS#95. 1 st, 5 rec in '02. RS LY inj.

TE STEVE FLEMING SR. 6-6 256 PS#117QB. 9 sts LY, 24 rec (9.2). Clarence McRae (6-2 242 Sr) 4 sts LY blk'r. Ryan Kilpatrick (6-3 232 rFr) PS#108LB. Justin Walsh is PS#27.

C KEOKI FRASER SR. 6-3 295 **PS#85**. 7 sts as rFr. 11 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03, **HM Pac 10**. Danny Espinosa is PS#177. Erick Levitre (6-1 270 So). LS Ben DalMolin (6-0 195 Sr).

RG KILI LEFOTU JR. 6-5 320 PS#156. 7 sts as true. 12 sts in '03, 2 letters. Eddie Rollman is PS#96. Sheldon Watts is PS#258. Garon McHone (6-4 270 So).

LG John Parada So. 6-7 310 **PS#55**. 1 st as true until knee injury. Knee inj in '03. 100% TY. Ismael Garcia (6-5 310 rFr) PS#334. Phillip Brown (6-3 305 rFr).

RT BRANDON PHILLIPS SR. 6-8 310 **PS#43**. 4 sts in '01. 9 sts in '02. First 3 sts LY, inj and RS. Susp 1st 3 gms TY. **Tanner Bell** (6-8 308 Jr) PS#138. 2 starts in '02, 4 starts in '03.

LT CHRIS JOHNSON SR. 6-3 315 PS#276. 8 sts in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03. Peter Graniello (6-7 293 rFr) PS#468. **John Abramo** (6-4 294 Jr) 4 sts at RT in 2003.

K Jason Bondzio Fr. 5-10 170 **PS#16**. 9 of 10 FG's L/48 in HS LY. Nicholas Folk (6-2 206 So) PS#57. 52 yd FG in HS. 0 of 3 on FG's here LY. Chad Werley is PS#423JC.

DE Marcus Smith Jr. 6-5 249 PS#82. 16 tkls as **true**. 3.5 tfl. 6 sts LY, 40 tkls, 4 sks, **HM P10**. Lionel Dotson (6-4 252 rFr) PS#93. Jason Parker (6-3 255 rFr) PS#192.

NT CARLOS WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 306 PS#57TE. 9 sts in '02, 27 tkls, 3 tfl. 7 sts in '03, 30 tkls. Clifton Stanford (6-4 302 So) PS#341. 1 st, 17 tkls, 2 sks. Yaniv Barnett is PS#119.

DT Brad Brittain Jr. 6-5 292 PS#79TE. 2 sts as rFr, 19 tkls, 1 sk. 7 sks, 10 tfl @JC LY. **Paul Philipp** (6-3 278 So) PS#119. **7 sts**, 10 tkls LY. Cedric Cofer (6-3 300 rFr) PS#131OL.

DE COPELAND BRYAN JR. 6-4 235 3 sts as rFr, 26 tkls, 5 sks. 10 sts in '03. 29 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Andre Torrey (6-4 245 Sr) 12 sks at JC in '01. RS in '02. 22 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl in 2003.

OLB KIRK JOHNSON SR. 6-1 228 PS#129. 5 sts, 33 tkls in '01. 1 st '02, 28 tkls. 6 sts LY, 49 tkls, 1 tfl. Ronnie Palmer is **PS#42**. Dane Krogstad (6-1 226 rFr) PS#166.

MLB Pat Howard Sr. 5-11 241 PS#152. 1 st, 50 tkls in '01 & '02. 5 sts at WLB LY, 48 tkls, 1.5 tfl. Marquell Stinson (6-0 241 Jr) PS#160JC, RS LY inj. James Alford PS#213.

OLB John McKinney So. 6-0 232 PS#106. 2002 Scout Tm MVP. 1 st as rFr, 23 tkls. Randy Sims (5-11 225 Jr) PS#128JC in for spg. Antoine Singfield (6-2 235 Jr) PS#94RB, 4 tkls.

CB Kiel McDonald Jr. 5-10 188 PS#155JC. Zeonte Sherman (5-11 196 Sr) PS#120JC. 1 st, 24 tkls, 4 pbu last year. **Brent Bolden** (5-11 195 rFr) PS#51RB. Moved to D in spg.

CB Luis Nunez Sr. 6-0 188 PS#125JC, 5 int, 10 pbu, JC in '01. RS in '02. 1 st LY, 11 tkls, 3 pbu. Wilrey Fontenot (5-9 170 rFr) PS#186. **Gainus Scott** (5-10 185 Jr) **PS#37RB** 78 yds, 2Y.

SS LAMON MEANS JR. 6-3 210 3 sts as true, 26 tkls, 12 sts LY, 66 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Tony Wingate (6-1 204 Sr) PS#58. 3 sts, 53 tkls, 2Y. Gary Shephard (5-10 202 So) 20 tkls LY, 1 int, 3 pbu. **HM P10 2Y**. Marcus Hollingsworth (5-10 208 So) PS#120QB. 1 st, 19 tkls, 3 tfl as true.

FS DARRELL BROOKS JR. 6-1 205 PS#132. 10 sts in '02, 50 tkls. 10 sts LY, 79 tkls,

P DANNY BAUGHER JR. 5-10 195 **PS#6**. 38 punts as **true**, 37.7 avg. 76 punts in 2003. 42.6 average and net of 35.6. #30 in NCAA average. Chad Werley (5-11 170 Jr) JUCO.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Ronnie Palmer 6-2 227 PS#42
DL	McCollins Umeh 6-3 245 PS#89
DB	Antoine Cason 6-1 180 PS#68
WR	Bobby McCoy 6-2 180 PS#83
TE	Justin Walsh 6-6 240 PS#27
OL	Eddie Rollman 6-4 282 PS#96
DL	Yaniv Barnett 6-3 285 PS#119
WR	Gerold Rodriguez 5-11 180 PS#91
DL	Chris Kolone 6-4 280 PS#146
DB	Dominic Patrick 6-0 200 PS#126
LB	Randy Sims 5-11 225 PS#128JC
OL	Daniel Espinosa 6-1 290 PS#177
CB	Kiel McDonald 5-10 188 PS#155JC
DB	B.J. Dennard 6-1 175 PS#158
DB	Michael Klyce 6-2 190 PS#165
K	Jason Bondzio 5-10 170 PS#16
DL	Chris Wilson 6-5 240 PS#201
OL	Dillon Hansen 6-5 290 PS#243
TE	Travis Bell 6-6 225 PS#68
OL	Sheldon Watts 6-3 265 PS#258
LB	Brandon Lopez 6-2 210 PS#209
DL	Brad Brittain 6-5 292 PS#327JC

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#10

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This will be the 78th meeting (59th straight) between UA & ASU & the Wildcats lead the series 43-33-1 all-time. UA is 3-11 SU their L/14 conf road gms where they have covered 8 of them
Sep. 4	Northern Arizona	G						In 2002's non-lined game the Wildcats won 37-3 outgaining NA 510-202. The Lumberjacks were 9-4 LY & finished as the #9 ranked Div IAA team.
Sep. 11	Utah	G						Utah is 17-15-2 SU, but UA has won the L/8 (2-0 ATS) w/the last Utah win in '72. In '02 the Wildcats won 23-17 here as a 3 pt dog outgaining Utah 459-204.
Sep. 18	Wisconsin	G						U of A is 0-4 SU & ATS vs the Big 10 L14Y losing by an avg score of 40-10. The Wildcats are 2-8 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1998.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	Washington St	G						The Wildcats are 21-11-1 ATS L/33 games after a bye (but 1-3 ATS L2Y). The underdog is 7-3-1 ATS in this series since 1993.
Oct. 9	at UCLA	G						Arizona is only 5-11 ATS in their 1st road game of the season the L16Y. The Wildcats are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs the Bruins since 1997.
Oct. 16	at Oregon	A						UA is 1-9 SU & 2-8 ATS vs the Ducks the last 10 meetings. Arizona has lost 11 straight on artificial turf (2-4 L/6 ATS).
Oct. 23	California	G						The Wildcats are 4-12 ATS vs the Golden Bears since 1986. The last 6 meetings have averaged 75 ppg.
Oct. 30	Oregon St (HC)	G						The favorite is 7-1 ATS in this series the last 8 games. Over the last 11 games the winner has won by an average of 23 ppg.
Nov. 6	at Washington	A						The Wildcats are 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs the Huskies the L/6 meetings. The last 7 meetings have averaged 63 ppg.
Nov. 13	at USC	G						The Wildcats are 2-2 SU & 3-1 ATS in road finales the last 4 years. USC's 45-0 win LY was the 1st shutout loss for UA since 1991.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 26	Arizona St (Fri)	G						The Wildcats are 3-7 SU & 0-10 ATS in home finales since 1992. Arizona is 4-9 ATS vs their instate arch rival Arizona St since 1991.

MIKE STOOPS (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Arizona

Stoops' records AT ARIZONA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

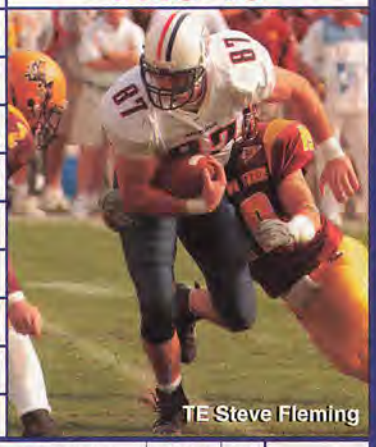
2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (24,20,3)
Lost: 14 (5,7,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,765

PAC 10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STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (56,002)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	11-1	6-6	5-6	5-6	4-8	2-10	39-42
ATS	5-6	9-3	2-10	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-7	35-45
Home Fav	1-3	4-1	1-5	0-5	1-1	0-1	1-0	8-16
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-4	2-3	3-3	6-13
Away Fav	0-1	4-1	1-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-5
Away Dog	3-1	1-0	0-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	15-11
Favorite	1-4	8-2	2-8	0-5	2-1	0-1	1-0	14-21
Dog	4-2	1-1	0-2	5-1	3-5	4-6	4-7	21-24
Grass	4-5	6-3	2-8	3-6	4-5	3-5	4-5	26-37
Artificial	1-1	3-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	9-8
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	2-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-5	24-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	4-0	0-4	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	11-13
Off SU Win	3-2	7-3	1-5	3-2	1-3	1-3	0-2	16-20
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-0	1-4	1-4	3-3	3-4	4-5	15-23

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Bell	168	992	72	920	6	5.5
Clarence Farmer	90	376	50	326	2	3.6
Nic Costa	23	163	62	101	1	4.4
Kris Heavner	31	80	47	33	0	1.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kris Heavner	237	121	51.1	1501	8	15
Ryan O'Hara	78	33	42.3	341	2	4
Nic Costa	76	30	39.5	362	4	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Biren Ealy	42	577	13.7	4	53
Ricky Williams	36	563	15.6	2	52
Steve Fleming	24	222	9.2	2	58
Lance Relford	16	218	13.6	1	79
Mike Jefferson	16	214	13.4	2	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Danny Baugher	76	3288	42.6	12	35.6	3	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bobby Gill	15-16	0-0	1-5	1-1	0-2	2-8	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Clay Hardt	87	1	4	5	1
Joe Siofele	84	4	4	2	0
Darrell Brooks	79	0	4	3	1
Lamon Means	66	1	1	4	1
Michael Jolivette	61	0	1	6	2
Gary Love	49	0	0	4	0
Kirk Johnson	49	0	1	1	0
Pat Howard	48	0.5	1	2	1
Tony Wingate	43	0	1	0	1
Marcus Smith	40	4	2	0	0
Matt Molina	34	4	4	2	0
Carlos Williams	30	0.5	0	1	0
Copeland Bryan	29	0.5	2	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	15	69	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	28	480	17.1	0
Marcus Hollingsworth	9	149	16.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	John Hancock	-6'	Baylor	15-20	L
93	Fiesta	+6	Miami, Fl	29-0	W
94	Freedom	-3'	Utah	13-16	L
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14	L
98	Holiday	+3	Nebraska	23-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	15.1	14	124	3.9	184	46.8	20.4	-5	2003	5	35.8	24	181	3.9	279	61.2	12.9
7*	18.9	18	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	-7	2002	6	25.8	20	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9
6	29.1	21	142	4.0	250	54.3	13.5	-7	2001	7	34.3	22	140	3.5	258	51.0	11.6
7	23.1	16	154	3.6	154	46.5	13.4	+10	2000	6	21.5	17	88	2.5	229	49.2	14.7
7*	28.3	21	219	5.2	253	57.9	16.7	-12	1999	9	30.3	20	143	3.7	235	55.2	12.5
7*	33.8	20	205	4.7	226	59.3	12.8	+11	1998	4	18.2	18	102	2.9	229	47.4	18.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
UTEP	18	43-217	5.0	14-26	229	0	18	33-71	2.2	21-43	204	4	+1
LSU	10	27-91	3.4	10-32	91	2	28	56-182	3.3	19-25	299	3	+1
Oregon	11	25-34	1.4	16-36	146	3	26	56-210	3.8	22-32	283	0	0
at Purdue	12	31-66	2.1	13-31	108	3	28	52-292	5.6	19-31	288	0	-2
TCU	10	29-33	1.1	14-30	276	4	19	56-206	3.7	12-24	246	5	-3
at Washington St	9	21-65	3.1	19-36	133	0	24	42-161	3.8	22-37	352	3	+1
UCLA	21	42-276	6.6	17-31	243	0	16	34-103	3.0	19-30	230	0	-1
at California	19	28-201	7.2	18-34	201	1	25	59-327	5.5	11-18	117	2	-2
at Oregon St	14	36-90	2.5	13-31	142	2	26	44-93	2.1	23-40	333	2	+1
Washington	11	37-250	6.8	11-26	151	1	24	35-101	2.9	31-51	351	4	+1
USC	10	26-50	1.9	12-34	145	1	32	48-220	4.6	26-37	367	1	-2
at Arizona St	24	35-113	3.2	28-48	339	2	18	37-203	5.5	16-26	281	1	0
TOTALS	169	380-1486	3.9	185-395	2204	19	284	552-2169	3.9	241-394	3351	25	-5
AVERAGES	14.1	32-124	3.9	15-33	184	1.6	23.7	46-181	3.9	20-33	279	2.1	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+4'	7-41	L
at TCU	-13	35-31	L
Middle Tenn	-44	34-19	L
Stanford	-13	22-50	L
at Washington St	-13'	30-24	L
USC	-1	31-24	W
UTEP	-22	34-21	L
Oregon	-3	41-44	L
at UCLA	-3'	33-7	W
Washington	-5'	25-33	L
at Oregon St	+3	20-28	L
at Arizona St	-1'	27-42	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+3	17-3	W
Ohio St	+5'	17-27	L
San Diego St	-19'	17-3	L
at Stanford	+1'	27-3	W
at USC	+7	31-15	W
Washington St	-12'	53-47 3OT	L
at Oregon	+9	10-14	W
UCLA	-5'	24-27	L
at Washington	+7	32-35	W
Oregon St	-1	9-33	L
Arizona St	-6'	17-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	+2	23-10	W
Idaho	-19	36-29	L
UNLV	-2'	38-21	W
Washington St	+2	21-48	L
Oregon	+5	28-63	L
at Oregon St	+7	3-38	L
at Washington	+16	28-31	W
USC	+6'	34-41	L
at California	-3'	38-24	W
Stanford	+7'	37-51	L
at Arizona St	+7'	34-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	37-3	–
Utah	+3	23-17	W
at Wisconsin	+4'	10-31	L
N Texas	-14'	14-9	L
Oregon	+8	14-31	L
at Washington	+13'	28-32	W
at Stanford	+1'	6-16	L
Washington St	+12	13-21	W
at Oregon St	+15'	3-38	L
UCLA	+11	7-37	L
at California	+16'	52-41	W
Arizona St	+6'	20-34	L

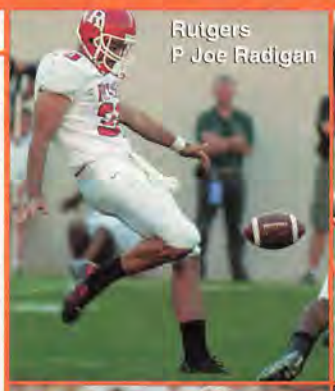
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-21'	42-7	W
LSU	+11'	13-59	L
Oregon	+11'	10-48	L
at Purdue	+27'	7-59	L
TCU	+14	10-13 OT	W
at Washington St	+28'	7-30	W
UCLA	+17	21-24	W
at California	+17	14-42	L
at Oregon St	+22'	23-52	L
Washington	+16'	27-22	W
USC	+28'	0-45	L
at Arizona St	+15	7-28	L

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team
QB	Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut	Walter Washington, Temple	Rasheed Marshall, W Virginia
RB	Walter Reyes, Syracuse	Terry Caulley, Connecticut	Damien Rhodes, Syracuse
RB	Kay-Jay Harris, W Virginia	Andre Callender, Boston Coll	Tim Brown, Temple
WR	Chris Henry, West Virginia	Grant Adams, Boston College	Steve Gregory, Syracuse
WR	Phil Goodman, Temple	Princell Brockenbrough, Pitt	Keron Henry, Connecticut
TE	David Kashetta, Boston Coll	Erik Gill, Pittsburgh	Clark Harris, Rutgers
C	Matt Tarullo, Syracuse	Pat Ross, Boston College	Jeremy Hines, West Virginia
G	John Glass, Rutgers	Chris Harris, Temple	Jeff Berk, West Virginia
G	John Simonitis, Pittsburgh	Steve Franklin, Syracuse	Josh Beekman, Boston Coll
T	Jeremy Trueblood, Boston Coll	John Gross, Temple	Ryan Krug, Connecticut
T	Rob Petitti, Pittsburgh	Adam Terry, Syracuse	Tim Brown, West Virginia
DL	Mathias Kiwanuka, BC	Thomas Smith, Pittsburgh	Antwon Burton, Temple
DL	Vince Crochunis, Pittsburgh	Tim Bulman, Boston College	Dan Stephens, Pittsburgh
DL	Tyler King, Connecticut	Nate Robinson, Rutgers	Ben Lynch, West Virginia
DL	James Wyche, Syracuse	Ernest Hunter, West Virginia	Jason Hardee, West Virginia
LB	Rian Wallace, Temple	William Beckford, Rutgers	Kellen Pruitt, Syracuse
LB	Adam Lehnortt, W Virginia	Troy Bennett, Temple	William Gilkison, Rutgers
LB	Brian Bennett, Pittsburgh	Ray Henderson, Boston Coll	HB Blades, Pittsburgh
CB	Adam Jones, West Virginia	Justin Perkins, Connecticut	Thomas Whitfield, Syracuse
CB	Will Blackmon, Boston Coll	Pete McBride, Temple	Peter Shean, Boston College
SS	Diamond Ferri, Syracuse	Jarvis Johnson, Rutgers	Sadeke Konte, Temple
FS	Jahmile Addae, W Virginia	Anthony Smith, Syracuse	TJ Stancil, Boston College
K	Ryan Lux, Temple	Collin Barber, Syracuse	David Abdul, Pittsburgh
P	Brendan Carney, Syracuse	Joe Radigan, Rutgers	Adam Graessle, Pittsburgh
KR	Adam Jones, West Virginia	Will Blackmon, Boston College	Jamil Porter, Temple
PR	Tres Moses, Rutgers	Nate Hasselbeck, Boston Coll	Marcus Clayton, Syracuse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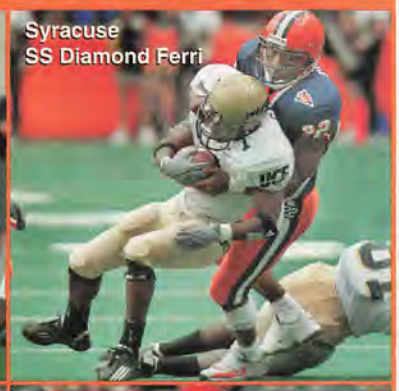
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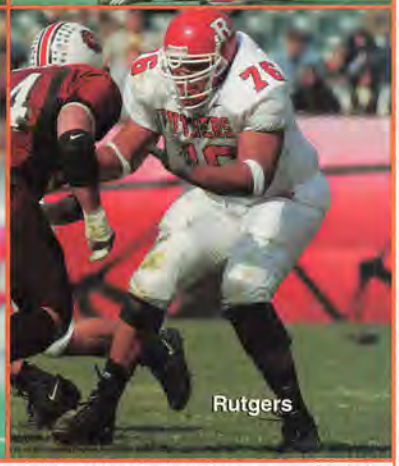
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PHIL STEELE'S 2004 BIG EAST FORECAST

West Virginia
QB Rasheed Marshall

1. WEST VIRGINIA - WV tied for the Big East Title last year with an outstanding 6-1 record, benefiting from +16 turnovers. They narrowly missed an upset of Miami on the road which would have given them a perfect record and BCS bowl bid. Rich Rodriguez enters his fourth year with the team poised to repeat as Big East champs, as they have 15 starters and 49 lettermen returning. With veteran QB Marshall, the Big East's best receiving corps and a top-notch O-line, they have the most explosive offense. The defense is not far behind with a lot of talent, especially in the front seven. WV gets its toughest foe (BC) at home and rate as my favorite to win the Big East Title.

2. BOSTON COLLEGE- BC outgained their BE foes by 55.3 ypg LY, which is more than any of the other BE teams returning TY. They had the top offense and 2nd best defense LY of the BE holdovers. This year they suffer some heavy losses with 11 starters departing including Derrick Knight who had 1,721 rushing yards, two 1st Tm Big East OL's and five key starters on the defense including their top two tacklers. BC's 14 players on my Big East squad is tied with Syracuse for the most in the conference and they have two experienced QB's although the loser of the battle this year will likely redshirt. BC must face both Pitt and W Virginia on the road and every team in the Big East will gear up for them since they are leaving after this season. Last year BC felt that they got unfair officiating from the Big East officials once the announcement was made. One reason I give BC a solid shot at the title is that last year they had a 30-15 FD edge and 475-311 yd edge vs W Virginia in their 35-28 loss and could have easily won that game.

3. PITTSBURGH - Last year I called for Pitt to win the Big East and they had fate in their own hands hosting Miami at home in the cold for a trip to a BCS bowl. They came up short and ended up losing their bowl game as well. Pitt was without starting RB Miree for a good portion of last year but this year must replace QB Rutherford, WR Fitzgerald, RB Miree and other key players. They also have the fewest amount of returning starters in the Big East. Despite finishing 5-2 in league play, they were actually outgained by 3.8 ypg. Many times a team that underachieves one year ends up overachieving the next. Harris' squad has an excellent shot at finishing in the top of the Big East standings despite the losses.

4. SYRACUSE - SU has just 11 starters returning which ties them for 2nd lowest in the conference and last year was outgained by an average of 40.3 ypg in BE play, 2nd worst in the conf. They were 5-3 at one point but for the second straight season finished 2-5 (2nd last) in the Big East and 6-6 overall. The Orangemen have five players that make my 1st Tm Big East team. The whole key to SU this year will be effective QB play and they may have a brand-new one depending on who wins the job in August. Solid weapons will help the new QB including RB Walter Reyes and a top-notch O-line. The QB's performance will determine whether the Orangemen get back to a bowl for the first time in three years.

5. RUTGERS - Rutgers has made remarkable strides the last three years after being outscored by an average of 41.3 ppg in league play in 2001. They chopped that to 24.3 in 2002 and 7.5 last year. Even more impressively, they were outgained by an average of 297.9 ypg in 2001, 239.7 in 2002 but just 27.6 ypg in Big East play LY. Rutgers has the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the Big East and have seen their turnover margin go from -22 to -13 to -6 last year and hopefully will be on the plus side this season. Four or five teams from the Big East will make it to a bowl, and I give Rutgers a solid shot at being one of those teams and topping .500.

6. TEMPLE - Last year a lot of TU's JUCO's did not enroll until August and it took time for them to get acclimated including QB Walter Washington. Temple, which had just 9 starters returning last season, was dead last in my rankings in both offense and defense in the Big East in '03. This year they are one of the most improved teams in the country. They do have a lot to overcome as last season they were outgained by an average of 149.2 ypg in BE play with the next worst total being Syracuse's (-40.3). They were also outscored by 19.2 ppg. Temple has finished in the Big East basement just once since joining the league. They have had a lot of success vs Rutgers and Connecticut prior to last season beating them over the previous four years by an average of 25.5 ppg. Temple should thrive on the "us vs them" philosophy once the Big East season rolls around and provided Washington stays healthy, they have a shot at contending for one of the Big East bowl bids.

7. CONNECTICUT - UC is now in their 5th year of IA ball and join a BCS conference. They have 15 starters back from an impressive 2002 team that went 9-3 and was deserving of a bowl bid. Led by senior QB Dan Orlovsky, UC has my #2 rated offense in the Big East but the defense is a bit of a question mark despite the fact that they allowed just 340 ypg last year and have 7 starters back on that side of the ball. UC is just 2-8 vs Big East teams (since joining IA ball) with most of them blowout losses. Last year in their win vs Rutgers, the Knights had a 24-14 FD edge and 455-321 yard edge. Tough to pick last year's 9-3 Huskies for the basement, as they are a team capable of finishing on the plus side of the ledger overall.

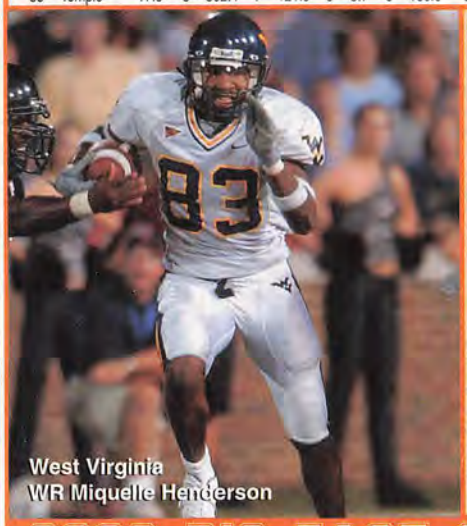
Big East Notes: The Big East was hit hard by conference realignment losing its top two teams in Miami and VT this year and BC next season. It helps that Big East commissioner Michael Tranghese was also the BCS commissioner as it is amazing that the Big East managed to maintain its automatic BCS berth including this season when there are just 7 schools competing for the conference title. Connecticut joins the conference this year and next season USF, Cincinnati and Louisville join for football while Temple departs. The BE was just 2-3 in bowls in 2003 finishing with just one ranked team (Miami). The previous 3 years they were 11-3. They have bowl tie-ins with the BCS, Continental Tire, Gator and Insight Bowls but lost their bid with the San Francisco Bowl. Miami was 27-1 in conference play the last 4 years and while they depart, the next best in that span was Pitt who is 18-10 and they stay. I am very surprised that the Big East has not tried to retain Temple with their large Philadelphia media market. Temple has potential and should be considered for continued participation in league play. During the regular season, the BE was 25-15 (tied for 4th) in non-conf games but a disappointing 6-7 vs BCS conf teams (5th best). While I think the conference switch hurt the Big East in recruiting this year, the continued affiliation with the BCS will help them recapture their recruiting prowess in the future seasons. West Virginia has 6 players on my 1st Tm Big East list which is the most in the league. Boston College has seven 2nd teamers, however, and is tied with Syracuse with 14 members on my All-Conf Team with W Virginia close behind (13) and surprisingly Temple has 12.

2003 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
18	Virginia Tech	30.9	2	369.1	5	206.3	2	5.2	1	162.9	8	53.6	6	12.0	2	20.0	8	12.0	4
22	Boston Coll	25.1	5	415.7	1	176.9	4	4.3	4	238.9	2	55.0	5	16.5	7	15.0	5	17.0	6
23	Miami, Fl	27.6	4	393.7	4	193.1	3	4.7	2	200.6	4	61.4	1	14.3	4	16.0	6	11.0	3
31	Pittsburgh	29.4	3	406.1	2	101.9	8	2.8	8	304.3	1	60.5	2	13.8	3	14.0	4	23.0	8
35	W Virginia	35.4	1	405.3	3	220.4	1	4.4	3	184.9	5	53.5	7	11.4	1	11.0	1	5.0	1
50	Syracuse	20.1	7	302.3	8	136.9	5	3.5	6	165.4	7	56.2	4	15.0	5	11.0	1	9.0	2
69	Rutgers	23.1	6	352.4	6	116.7	7	2.9	7	235.7	3	58.7	3	15.2	6	18.0	7	16.0	5
88	Temple	17.9	8	302.4	7	121.9	6	3.7	5	180.6	6	52.7	8	16.9	8	12.0	3	20.0	7

2003 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
3	Miami, Fl	16.1	1	248.6	1	125.3	2	3.4	2	123.3	1	47.0	1	15.4	4	15.0	4	21.0	1
38	Syracuse	27.3	5	342.6	2	154.0	5	3.7	4	188.6	2	56.1	5	12.6	6	13.0	5	16.0	3
41	Virginia Tech	21.7	2	369.4	4	171.3	6	4.0	6	198.1	3	55.3	4	17.0	2	17.0	2	20.0	2
42	Boston Coll	28.0	6	360.4	3	137.9	3	3.5	3	222.6	5	62.5	7	12.9	5	9.0	8	8.0	7
49	W Virignia	22.6	3	384.7	6	110.6	1	3.3	1	274.1	8	59.2	6	17.0	1	22.0	1	11.0	6
52	Pittsburgh	26.1	4	409.9	7	196.4	7	4.6	7	213.4	4	53.5	3	15.7	3	17.0	2	15.0	4
67	Rutgers	30.6	7	380.0	5	152.0	4	4.0	5	228.0	7	53.3	2	12.4	7	12.0	6	15.0	4
87	Temple	37.1	8	451.6	8	226.6	8	5.1	8	225.0	6	64.7	8	12.2	8	12.0	6	8.0	7



2003 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami (FL)	6	1	193	113	11	2	361	196
West Virginia	6	1	248	158	8	5	376	297
Pittsburgh	5	2	206	183	8	5	389	311
Virginia Tech	4	3	216	152	8	5	460	299
Boston College	3	4	176	196	8	5	370	331
Syracuse	2	5	141	191	6	6	320	301
Rutgers	2	5	162	214	5	7	329	354
Temple	0	7	125	260	1	11	235	393

Coach of the Year: Rich Rodriguez, W Virginia

2002 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami, Fl	7	0	297	140	12	1	527	248
West Virginia	6	1	212	116	9	4	396	302
Pittsburgh	5	2	185	138	9	4	331	232
Virginia Tech	3	4	209	202	10	4	429	263
Boston College	3	4	180	157	9	4	392	253
Temple	2	5	124	208	4	8	242	351
Syracuse	2	5	169	245	4	8	347	406
Rutgers	0	7	79	249	1	11	167	397

Coach of the Year: Larry Coker, Miami Fla

2001 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Miami, Fl	7	0	290	55	11	0	475	103
Syracuse	6	1	196	144	9	3	308	244
Virginia Tech	4	3	199	106	8	3	359	147
Boston College	4	3	205	125	7	4	317	211
Pittsburgh	4	3	174	161	6	5	262	226
Temple	2	5	67	203	4	7	198	311
West Virginia	1	6	137	185	3	8	235	268
Rutgers	0	7	36	325	2	9	119	397

Coach of the Year: Larry Coker, Miami Fla

2003 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Rod Rutherford, Pittsburgh	413	247	59.8	14	3679	8.9	37	157.4
Bryan Randall, Virg Tech	**245**	**150**	**61.2**	**10**	**1996**	**8.1**	**15**	**141.7**
Paul Peterson, Boston Coll	**147**	**84**	**57.1**	**7**	**1120**	**7.7**	**10**	**134.5**
Rasheed Marshall, W Virg	**215**	**109**	**50.7**	**8**	**1729**	**8.0**	**15**	**133.8**
Quinton Porter, BC	**250**	**140**	**56.0**	**6**	**1764**	**7.1**	**14**	**129.0**
RJ Anderson, Syracuse	310	186	60.0	8	2164	7.0	10	124.1
Brock Berlin, Miami	**352**	**211**	**59.9**	**17**	**2419**	**6.9**	**12**	**119.3**
Ryan Hart, Rutgers	**398**	**234**	**58.8**	**19**	**2714**	**6.8**	**15**	**119.0**
Walter Washington, Temple	**207**	**110**	**53.1**	**6**	**1265**	**6.1**	**8**	**111.4**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Derrick Knight, Boston College	13	321	1721	5.4	11	132.4
Kevin Jones, Virginia Tech	13	281	1647	5.9	21	126.7
Quincy Wilson, West Virginia	12	282	1380	4.9	12	115.0
Walter Reyes, Syracuse	**12**	**253**	**1347**	**5.3**	**20**	**112.2**
Jarrett Payton, Miami	13	182	985	5.4	7	75.8
Brian Leonard, Rutgers	**12**	**213**	**880**	**4.1**	**9**	**73.3**
Walter Washington, Temple	**12**	**156**	**579**	**3.7**	**6**	**48.2**
Tyrone Moss, Miami	**11**	**107**	**511**	**4.8**	**5**	**46.5**
Kay-Jay Harris, West Virginia	**12**	**91**	**524**	**5.8**	**4**	**43.7**
Makonnen Fenton, Temple	9	81	342	4.2	2	38.0

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Larry Fitzgerald, Pittsburgh	13	92	1672	22	128.6	7.1	18.2
Chris Henry, W Virginia	**12**	**41**	**1006**	**10**	**83.8**	**3.4**	**24.5**
Zamir Cobb, Temple	12	74	866	5	72.2	6.2	11.7
Ernest Wilford, Virginia Tech	13	55	886	3	68.2	4.2	16.1
Johnnie Morant, Syracuse	12	46	799	5	66.6	3.8	17.4
Phil Goodman, Temple	**11**	**47**	**678**	**5**	**61.6**	**4.3**	**14.4**
Shawn Tucker, Rutgers	**12**	**50**	**726**	**2**	**60.5**	**4.2**	**14.5**
Grant Adams, Boston Coll	**13**	**46**	**720**	**5**	**55.4**	**3.5**	**15.7**
Princell Brockenbrough, Pitt	**12**	**35**	**616**	**4**	**51.3**	**2.9**	**17.6**
Kris Wilson, Pittsburgh	13	44	643	9	49.5	3.4	14.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Rod Rutherford, Pitt	13	136	150	413	3679	3829	294.5
Ryan Hart, Rutgers	**12**	**40**	**-176**	**398**	**2714**	**2538**	**211.5**
RJ Anderson, Syracuse	12	99	262	310	2164	2426	202.2
Quinton Porter, Boston Coll	**10**	**78**	**159**	**250**	**1764**	**1923**	**192.3**
Bryan Randall, Virg Tech	**13**	**82**	**404**	**245**	**1996**	**2400**	**184.6**
Brock Berlin, Miami	**13**	**32**	**-62**	**352**	**2419**	**2357**	**181.3**
Rasheed Marshall, W Virg	**12**	**71**	**303**	**245**	**1729**	**2032**	**169.3**
Walter Washington, Temple	**12**	**156**	**579**	**207**	**1265**	**1844**	**153.7**
Derrick Knight, Boston Coll	13	321	1721	0	0	1721	132.4
Kevin Jones, Virg Tech	13	281	1647	0	0	1647	126.7

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Andy Lee, Pittsburgh	13	77	3399	44.1
Brendan Carney, Syracuse	**12**	**60**	**2581**	**43.0**
Todd James, W Virginia	13	74	3056	41.3
Mike McLaughlin, Temple	**12**	**51**	**2035**	**39.9**
Jeff Gomulinski, Boston College	13	66	2630	39.8
Vinnie Burns, Virg Tech	**13**	**57**	**2267**	**39.8**
Joe Radigan, Rutgers	**12**	**60**	**2360**	**39.3**
Brian Monroe, Miami	**13**	**49**	**1749**	**35.7**

PUNT RETURNS

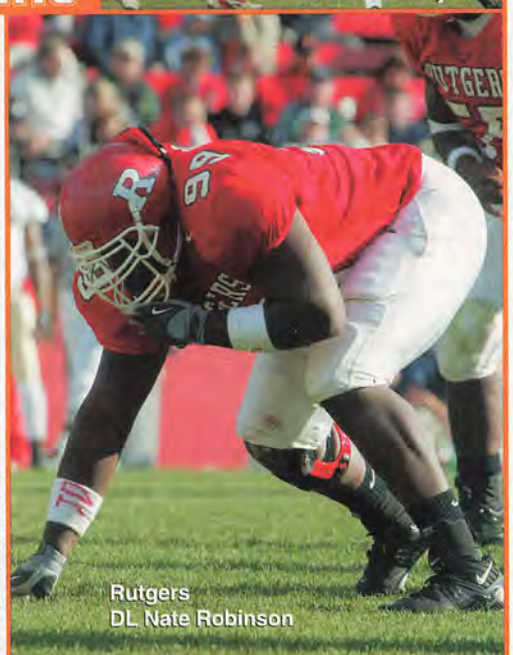
	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Hall, Virg Tech	33	487	3	14.8
Tres Moses, Rutgers	**22**	**250**	**1**	**11.4**
Nathanael Hasselbeck, BC	**14**	**155**	**0**	**11.1**
Zamir Cobb, Temple	21	227	0	10.8
Roscoe Parrish, Miami	**23**	**240**	**1**	**10.4**
William Ferguson, Pitt	32	327	0	10.2
Marcus Clayton, Syracuse	**27**	**273**	**1**	**10.1**
Adam Jones, W Virginia	**16**	**98**	**0**	**6.1**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jon Peattie, Miami	**13**	**22**	**28**	**78.6**	**51**
Collin Barber, Syracuse	**11**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**43**
Carter Warley, Virg Tech	13	12	18	66.7	43
Sandro Sciortino, BC	11	11	18	61.1	40
Brad Cooper, W Virginia	**13**	**11**	**18**	**61.1**	**43**
Ryan Sands, Rutgers	**10**	**12**	**21**	**57.1**	**49**
David Abdul, Pittsburgh	**13**	**9**	**18**	**50.0**	**47**
Mike Cortese, Rutgers	**12**	**1**	**2**	**50.0**	**36**
Jared Davis, Temple	12	10	22	45.5	42

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Mike Imoh, Virginia Tech	**18**	**549**	**1**	**30.5**
Devin Hester, Miami	**18**	**517**	**1**	**28.7**
Adam Jones, W Virginia	**33**	**867**	**1**	**26.3**
Nate Jones, Rutgers	19	489	1	25.7
Will Blackmon, Boston Coll	**36**	**922**	**0**	**25.6**
Jamil Porter, Temple	**22**	**560**	**0**	**25.5**



TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Grant Wiley, West Virginia	13	99	68	167	12.8
Rian Wallace, Temple	**12**	**97**	**51**	**148**	**12.3**
Rich Scanlon, Syracuse	12	94	53	147	12.2
Adam Lehnortt, W Virginia	**13**	**74**	**65**	**139**	**10.7**
Lewis Moore, Pittsburgh	13	94	43	137	10.5
Diamond Ferri, Syracuse	**12**	**75**	**45**	**120**	**10.0**
M Crawford, Virginia Tech	13	71	58	129	9.9
Josh Ott, Boston College	13	70	58	128	9.8
Brian Bennett, Pittsburgh	**12**	**79**	**39**	**118**	**9.8**
Jon Vilma, Miami	12	53	57	110	9.2
Scott Gyorko, West Virginia	**13**	**67**	**52**	**119**	**9.2**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Rian Wallace, Temple	**20.0**	**52**
Raheem Orr, Rutgers	19.5	88
Christian Ferrara, Syracuse	17.0	43
Mathias Kiwanuka, BC	**16.0**	**73**
Grant Wiley, W Virginia	14.0	26
Ben Lynch, W Virginia	**13.0**	**64**
Mike Lorello, W Virginia	**13.0**	**35**
Adam Lehnortt, W Virg	**13.0**	**40**
Cols Colas, Virginia Tech	13.0	52
Louis Gachelin, Syracuse	12.5	57

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Mathias Kiwanuka, BC	**13.0**	**55**
Raheem Orr, Rutgers	8.5	56
Cols Colas, Virginia Tech	6.5	37
Jason Hardee, W Virginia	**6.0**	**21**
Nathaniel Adibi, Virg Tech	5.5	39
Louis Gachelin, Syracuse	5.5	35
Javon Nanton, Miami	**5.5**	**34**
Phillip Mettling, BC	**5.0**	**35**
Adam Lehnortt, W Virg	**5.0**	**26**
Lewis Moore, Pittsburgh	4.5	36
Piana Lukabu, Rutgers	**4.5**	**24**

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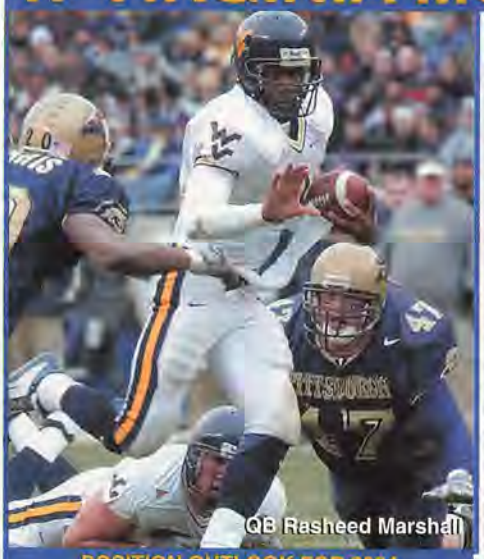
QB Rasheed Marshall

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Rich Rodriguez likes to use a QB that is not only an effective passer, but also a dangerous runner like Shaun King or Woodrow Dantzler. In his first year here, he didn't have that type of QB after Rasheed Marshall (PS#119) broke a bone in his wrist and missed most of the year. Marshall was still the team's second leading rusher that season and passed for 327 yards in limited play. Marshall easily won the starting job in 2002, and did not throw an interception in his first 103 passes. For the season he rushed for 833 yards and passed for 1,616 (53.7%) with a 9-5 ratio. Charles Hales (6-0 200 Sr) led his JUCO team to the MS Championship in '01 and redshirted here in 2002. Both returned last year. Marshall was injured vs Wisconsin and Hales played 2Q's. Later Marshall was pulled vs Maryland after hitting just 2 of 7 for 25 yards but Hales hit just 1 of 5 for 11 yards in his place. Marshall suffered a concussion vs UCF and Hales played the 2H and then started the next game vs BC, hitting 11 of 16 for 167 yards with 3 TD's guiding the victory. Marshall reclaimed his starting job for the final four games and for the season threw for 1,729 yards (50.7%) with a 15-8 ratio while rushing for 424 yards. Hales, who is not as fast as Marshall, rushed for 86 yards but completed 57.1% for 305 yards with a 4-0 ratio. Despite Marshall's injuries, they were able to redshirt Adam Bednarik (cousin to Hall of Famer Chuck) who is a 6-2 220 rFr (PS#72). Dwayne Thompson (6-2 190 rFr, PS#267) was a PQ in 2003. Rodriguez is also very high on both of this year's true frosh signees calling Pat White the fastest QB he's ever recruited and TJ Mitchell (PS#124) ran a shotgun no-huddle offense in high school. With everyone back and some added talent, this unit should be improved.

RUNNING BACKS - Avon Cobourne topped 1,000 yards in all four of his seasons, just the 5th back to do that in NCAA history. Cobourne left as WV's career rushing leader after a 2002 season in which he rushed for 1,710 yards (5.1) and 17 TD's. Quincy Wilson (PS#33) was solid enough to wrestle away playing time from Cobourne and had 901 yards with an impressive 6.4 ypc in '02. Last year Wilson returned and they added Kay-Jay Harris (PS#29JC) who played 3 years in minor league baseball and had 2,087 yards rushing in two years at JC. Erick Phillips (PS#85) was the #2 TB in the opener but played in just six games before tearing an ACL. Wilson opened with 246 yards in the first two games but fumbled three times vs Cincinnati and had just 39 yards. He had a highlight film run on a 33 yd TD rec vs Miami and then had 177 and 178 the next two weeks. His best game was a 208 yard effort vs Pitt but he missed 1.5 games with an injury. Wilson finished with 1,380 yards (4.9). Harris averaged a team high 5.8 ypc with 524 yards. Jason Colson (PS#361) rushed for 235 yards (4.2) with one start. Bryan Wright (5-6 195 So) got in 5 rush attempts. The only losses this year besides Wilson (#7DC ATL) are FB Moe Fofana (1 st, 1 rec) and FB Adam King. When the team uses a FB it will be Hikee Johnson (5-11 200 Sr, PS#86) who has 101 yards or Curtis Holden (5-11 205 So). This has the makings of a pretty solid unit, but it is not quite as deep as last year. I expect Harris to be the team's ninth consecutive 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Miquelle Henderson led WV in 2002 with 40 rec (12.4) and returned last year but the team did have to replace its #2 and #3 receivers. It was surprising that Chris Henry who is 6-4 200, has blazing 4.31 speed and excellent hands, did not earn significant playing time prior to Wk 6. In the first four games, Henry had just 3 catches and all were for TD's. He finished by far the team's leader with 41 rec for 1,006 yards, 10 TD's and a super 24.5 ypc. He will be the star receiver in the Big East. Henderson saw his numbers drop to 18 rec (11.6) after recovering from a broken leg. He should be healthier this year. The big news could be JUCO Eddie Jackson who originally signed at Washington (16 rec in '02) and was very impressive on the scout team. The only losses are TE Tory Johnson (11 sts, 3 rec), WR Travis Garvin (5 sts, 17 rec, 18.0, 127 yds rush) and WR Aaron Neal (7 rec). Another huge addition is VHT true frosh Brandon Barrett (PS#12) who could snag a starting spot. Also JUCO TE Louis Davis (PS#104JC) will contend. I list the 2 deep below and Henry, Jackson, Barrett and Henderson make an excellent combo of WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Rodriguez's first years at Clemson, Tulane and W Virginia he had very inexperienced O-lines. He inherited a large, bulky group here and had them lose weight to become more mobile. He then had the unit bulk up a little in his 2nd year and they paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks and finished #2 in the NCAA with 283.6 ypg rushing in 2002. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including an NFL DC and then lost starting RT Tim Brown to injury prior to the season. C Ben Timmons went down after six starts due to injury. Three frosh started at times but they still managed 4.6 ypc rushing with just 14 sacks allowed, partly due to the mobility of their QB's. This year practically everyone returns. The only losses are C Ben Timmons (6 sts) and RG Geoff Lewis (1 st). With Brown being granted a 6th year of eligibility, they basically have six full-time starters returning and nine players overall with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 WV switched to a 3-man defensive front and basically had 2 starters return. They allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing but the defense, had just 15 sacks. Last year 5 of the top 6 DL tacklers departed, so the unit was inexperienced. They then lost starting DT Fred Blueford to a torn ACL after 9 starts. Surprisingly the Mountaineers still allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing but once again put little pressure on the QB (17 sacks). This year Rodriguez is very high on the D-line and they are a lot more experienced. The only loss is Blueford (PS#11JC, 9 sts, 21 tkls). Basically the top six return from the year end 2 deep and they add three HT rFr. Not listed below are DE Brad Palmer (6-2 215 So), Mike Villagrana (6-2 260 rFr, PS#54TE) and this year's true frosh. The Mounties should be much tougher up front on defense.

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3 stack defense, but I must limit the secondary outlook to four positions, so I list one of the safeties here even though they do have three true safety positions. Last year they had to replace 3 starters from the 4 positions but returned their star, Grant Wiley. Wiley simply earned 1st Tm AA honors, was a Nagurski finalist and leaves as WV's all-time leading tackler. Last season he had 167 tackles and 14 tfl and will be tough to replace. Three of the four starters do return, so the unit has more overall experience. Joe Sykes (PS#44JC), who could play DE or LB is another nice addition. Despite the loss of their star, this group has more overall experience and should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 WV had two starters returning and finished #47 in my pass D rankings. Last year they returned 3 starters but FS Jahmile Addae was lost for the season after 2 games so basically just two starters returned. WV finished #55 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.1% with an 18-21 ratio and that was with 2 experienced starting CB's. CB Brian King (1st Tm BE, 119 tkls, 21 pbu, 6 int) moved to FS for the second half of 2003 and along with CB Lance Frazier (13 sts, 67 tkls, 5 int, 14 pbu) leave as the top two players in WV history in career pbu. Also departing is SS Leandre Washington (12 sts, 70 tkls, 6 tfl) and safety James Woodruff (12 tkl). They do get back Addae at FS and CB Adam "Pac Man" Jones, who started the last 9 at CB, has 4.31 speed, benches 225 lbs 10x's, and is also a dangerous returnman. Not listed below are Jamil Tyson (5-11 190 Jr, PS#108), Jermaine Moye (6-2 200 Jr, PS#236), Jerry White (6-0 185 Sr, 17 tkl), Dwayne Mundle (6-1 210 So), Marcus Law (5-10 190 So, PS#461) and this year's newcomers. Despite the loss of 3 starters, this group is basically just as experienced as 2003's version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Rodriguez's first season the team finished a solid #48 in my special teams rankings but in 2002 dropped to #103. Their net punting was just 29.7 and last year they had to replace their punter and top KR. Kicker Todd James lost his starting job to Middle Tenn transfer Brad Cooper who has a very strong leg. Cooper took over the FG and KO duties, and 29 of his 69 KO's went for TB's. James concentrated on punting and dramatically improved with the net rising to 34.3. They did have some dangerous returnmen and Lance Frazier got WV's first PR for a TD since 1999, and the team also got their first score off a blocked punt since 1984. Frazier's 20.8 PR average helped the team improve to 13.4 per PR. Cooper hit just one of his first 4 FG's, but finished 11 of 18 with a long of 43 and one miss from 50+. Kay-Jay Harris averaged 20.7 on KR's and had 11 KR's for TD's in his senior year in HS. Adam "Pac Man" Jones was the most dangerous KR (26.3). Overall WV made dramatic strides moving up to #38 in my special teams rankings. This year they must replace P James. This has the makings of a pretty good group.

COACHES - Rich Rodriguez was the OC at both Tulane and Clemson under Tommy Bowden and came here in 2001. After a 3-8 inaugural season, the team finished 9-4 in 2002, an increase of six wins and he was given a seven year contract extension. Last year, despite just 9 returning starters, he guided his team to a co-Big East Title and won the Big East Coach of the Year award. Rodriguez promoted RB coach Calvin McGee to the OC job in the offseason, but Rodriguez will still be heavily involved in the playcalling. In 2002, the Mountaineers had co-DC's in Jeff Casteel and Todd Graham. Graham left for Tulsa prior to 2003 so Casteel was the lone DC last year and remains at that post.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rich Rodriguez got off to a slow start going 3-8 in his first season here but the team was +19 in turnovers in 2002 and had an outstanding 9-3 regular season. Last year WV had just 9 starters returning and faced five Top 20 teams. They opened up 0-2 for the first time ever at Mountaineer Field and lost to Miami 22-20 on the road to fall to 1-4 but ironically that loss turned their season around. Two weeks later they beat #3 VT at home, which was the highest ranked team they had beaten there since #4 BC in 1993. Two games later BC had a 30-15 FD edge vs them but WV prevailed 35-28. WV will be going for their second straight Big East Title. They have 15 starters back including QB Rasheed Marshall, have the best receiving corps in the conference and perhaps one of the top RB's in Kay-Jay Harris plus a veteran O-line. The team did benefit from +16 turnovers again last year. I rank WV's offense #1 and their D #2 in the Big East and hopefully they will be just as fortunate on the turnovers this year. If so, they will take home their second consecutive Big East Title and possibly a BCS bowl bid and could be this year's surprise team (see pg 20).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RASHEED MARSHALL SR. 6-1 190 PS#119. 13 sts in '02, 1616 yds (54%) 9-5, 833 rush. 12 sts LY, 1729 (51%) 15-8, 424 rush, **2nd Tm BE**. Charles Hales (6-0 200 Sr) 305 pass yds LY.
RB Kay Jay Harris Sr. 6-1 225 **PS#29JC**. 524 yards here in '03, 5.8 ypc. Jason Colson (6-0 200 So) 235 yds (4.2). Erick Phillips (5-9 225 So) PS#85. ACL last year.
WR MIQUELLE HENDERSON SR. 6-2 205 9 sts in '02, #1 w/40 rec (12.4). 8 sts LY, 18 rec (11.6). **Brandon Barrett** is **PS#12**. Brandon Myles (6-2 185 Jr). Milo Austin (6-0 180 Jr).
WR Eddie Jackson Sr. 6-4 225 PS#107JC. 16 rec (9.5) at **Wash** in '02. Scout Tm MVP LY. Rayshawn Bolden (6-4 200 So) 4 sts, 1 rec. John Pennington (5-9 185 Sr) 7 rec.
WR CHRIS HENRY JR. 6-4 200 **4.31 spd. 2nd Tm Big East**. 7 sts LY, 41 rec, 1006 yds (24.5). Dee Alston (5-11 175 Jr) 41.5"VL. 6 sts, 8 rec LY. Darius Reynaud is PS#76.
TE JOSH BAILEY JR. 6-5 260 PS#54. 10 sts in '02, 8 rec (13.8). 7 sts LY, 1 rec. Ryan Thomas (6-7 250 Sr) 4 sts, 3 rec, 2 yrs. Adam Serena (6-2 220 So) PS#54.
C JEREMY HINES SO. 6-2 285 PS#180. L/7 sts as rFr. All Big East Frosh Team. Hampton Rose (6-2 260 rFr) PS#226. **LS** Scott Fleming (6-0 225 Sr) 4th year.
RG JEFF BERK SR. 6-5 280 **2nd Tm BE**. L/3 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03 (8 at RG, 5 at LT). Jeremy Sheffy (6-3 285 So) Moved from DE to OL LY, 2 sts as rFr.
LG DAN MOZES SO. 6-3 290 PS#154. 12 sts at LG as rFr. Travis Garrett (6-6 300 Jr) PS#134. 3 sts at RG LY. Zac Napier (6-3 295 rFr) PS#482. Scout Tm award.
RT TIM BROWN SR. 6-5 300 **PS#76**. 11 sts in '01, 13 sts in '02. Inj LY, Med RS. Garin Justice (6-7 305 Jr) PS#146. 11 sts at RT in '03. John Bradshaw is PS#75.
LT MIKE WATSON SR. 6-5 305 PS#328JC. Last 8 sts at LT here LY, Josh Stewart (6-6 300 Jr) PS#166. 2nd string in '02. 2 sts at RT LY. Chris Bassler is PS#33TE.
K BRAD COOPER SR. 6-3 180 53 yd FG in HS. Did KO's as true at Mid Tenn St. Hit 11 of 18 FG's here LY, long of 43 but 1 of 7 from 40+. **Andy Good** (5-10 170 rFr) **PS#35**.

DE ERNEST HUNTER JR. 6-3 275 PS#170. 2 sts, 8 tkls in '02. 13 sts LY, 43 tkls, 8 tfl, 12 qbh. Warren Young (6-2 285 So) PS#340. 3 tkls. Chris Malamet (6-3 265 rFr) PS#88.
DT BEN LYNCH SR. 6-4 265 1 st, 17 tkls in '01 & '02. 12 sts LY, 64 tkls, 13 tfl. Craig Wilson (6-1 275 So) PS#308OL. 18 tkls, 2 tfl. 35.5"VL. Keilen Dykes (6-3 260 rFr) **PS#70**.
DE Jason Hardee Sr. 6-3 280 PS#247JC. 3 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 6 sks, 7 pbu, 12 qbh. Pat Liebig (6-3 260 So) 1 st, 10 tkls, knee inj LY. Andrae Wright (6-3 255 rFr) is PS#374.
RLB SCOTT GYORKO SR. 6-0 210 PS#209. 47 tkls in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY, 119 tkls, 5 tfl. Marc Magro (6-2 230 rFr) PS#270. Andy Emery (6-3 210 rFr) PS#487. Brandon Lavelle (6-1 190 So).
ILB Kevin McLee So. 6-1 245 PS#72RB. 46 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl as rFr. Jay Henry (6-2 225 So) PS#217. 4.5 spd, 40"VL. 38 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Jeff Noechel (6-1 220 Jr) 26 tkls, 2 years.
MLB ADAM LEHNORTT SR. 6-3 235 PS#144. 31 tkls in '01. 63 tkls in '02. 13 sts, 139 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl LY. **Joe Sykes** (6-4 255 Jr) **PS#44JC** LY. Chad Mayse (6-3 230 Fr) PS#127.
BAN MIKE LORELLO JR. 6-1 200 PS#309DB. 1 st, 7 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 106 tkls, 13 tfl. Mike Henshaw (5-10 195 Sr) 25 tkls in 3Y. Jules Montinar (6-1 190 rFr) PS#118.
CB ADAM JONES JR. 5-10 190 PS#123. **4.31 spd.** 1 st, 36 tkls as true. 9 sts LY, 89 tkls, 4 int, 14 pbu. Thandi Smith (5-11 175 Sr) 23 tkls, 2Y. Davanzo Tate (5-10 175 rFr) PS#188.
CB Michael Meggett Fr. 6-1 215 PS#75 LY, grayshirt. Alton McCann is PS#194JUCO. Larry Williams (6-0 175 rFr) PS#100. Vaughn Rivers (5-8 165 rFr) PS#91.
SS Vince Beamer rFr. 6-1 200 **PS#53** in '03. Lawrence Audena (5-11 200 Sr) 2 sts, 25 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Akeem Jackson (6-0 195 So) PS#124. Eric Wicks (6-1 195 So) PS#164.
FS Jahmile Addae Jr. 5-11 200 13 sts, 99 tkls, 4 int, 16 pbu in '02. 2 sts, 13 tkls LY, Med RS. Anthony Mims (6-0 185 Jr) 2 sts, 43 tkls. Abraham Jones (5-11 190 So) 23 tkls LY.
P Eric Daugherty So. 5-11 195 Strong leg. #2 punter in '03. Brad Cooper is FG/KO man. Matt Daniel (5-9 185 So) is a transfer from Defiance College. Phil Brady (5-9 180 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Brandon Barrett 6-0 190 PS#12
OL	John Bradshaw 6-5 295 PS#75
RB	Pernell Williams 5-11 195 PS#67
WR	Darius Reynaud 5-10 190 PS#76
QB	Patrick White 6-1 180 PS#75
QB	Tyler Benoit 6-1 195 PS#82
TE	Louis Davis 6-6 260 PS#104JC
DB	Morty Ivy 6-2 205 PS#117
DB	Marcus Platt 6-0 185 PS#120
LB	Chad Mayse 6-3 230 PS#127
OL	Ryan Stanchek 6-4 265 PS#168
DB	Alton McCann 6-0 200 PS#194JC
QB	TJ Mitchell 6-3 190 PS#124
OL	Ben Iannacchione 6-4 290 PS#224
DL	Doug Slavonic 6-6 235 PS#203
WR	Brandon Tate 6-4 215 PS#188

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Rodriguez's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

20-17	Straight Up	5-7	Home Favorite
19-15	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
8-6	Off A SU Loss	4-0	Away Favorite
14-7	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Underdog
		5-8	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

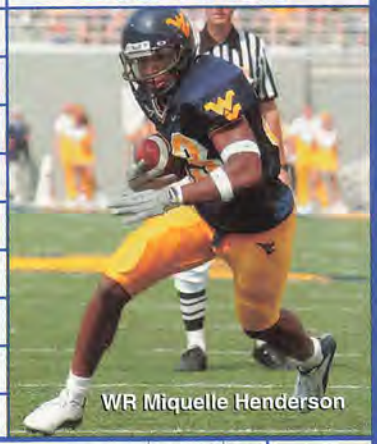
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,22,3)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,205

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#76

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	E Carolina	A						W Virginia is 17-7 SU & 15-9 ATS in November since 1998. WV is 35-8-1 SU & 15-10-3 ATS vs current CUSA teams. W Virginia is 8-3 ATS their last 11 road finales.
Sep. 11	at UCF	G						Mountaineers are 3-11 ATS in their last 14 lined season openers. WV is 2-5 ATS when hosting non-conference teams under Rodriguez.
Sep. 18	Maryland	A						Mountaineers are 12-0-1 SU, but 4-9 ATS S/'89 vs current MAC schools. West Virginia is 6-3 ATS on grass under Rodriguez.
Sep. 25	James Madison	A						WV is 4-10-1 ATS their last 15 vs the Terrapins. Including the Gator Bowl, WV has been outscored 155-51 the L3Y vs Maryland.
Oct. 2	at Virginia Tech	G						The Dukes finished 6-6 LY including a 43-0 loss to V Tech (only IA opp LY). West Virginia is 41-4-2 SU all-time vs Div IAA Atlantic 10 teams.
Oct. 9								The favorite is 7-3 ATS the last 10 in this series. The Mountaineers are 16-8-1 ATS prior to a bye since 1991.
Oct. 13	at Connecticut (Wed)	G						The Mountaineers are 14-6 SU & ATS after a bye week since 1994. WV has covered 8 straight Big East road gms (8-2 ATS under Rodriguez).
Oct. 21	Syracuse (Thur)	A						The favorite is 9-2 ATS since 1993. Last time WV played a Thurs night game they almost upset Miami, Fl in 2003.
Oct. 30	at Rutgers	A						Rodriguez is 3-0 SU (2-1 ATS) vs Schiano, 3 wins by 154-26 margin. The home team has covered 10 out of 13 games in this matchup.
Nov. 6	Temple (HC)	A						The visitor is 10-2 ATS the last 12 series meetings. West Virginia is 8-4 ATS the last 12 Homecoming games.
Nov. 13	Boston College	A						The Mountaineers are 9-2 ATS at home vs Boston College since 1982. W Virginia is 9-4 ATS since 1991 in home finales.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 25	at Pittsburgh (Thur)	G						LY's gm at Heinz Field had the largest crowd (66,731) ever for a FB game, college or pro. Mountaineers are 9-2 ATS travelling to Pittsburgh.


WR Miquelle Henderson

STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	4-7	6-5	3-8	9-3	8-4	45-34
ATS	5-5-1	7-4	5-6	3-8	4-7	9-2	6-6	39-38-1
Home Fav	2-3-1	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	0-4	14-14-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	7-7
Away Fav	1-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	8-6
Away Dog	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	10-11
Favorite	3-4-1	6-2	2-4	2-3	2-2	5-1	2-4	22-20-1
Dog	2-1	1-2	3-2	1-5	2-5	4-1	4-2	17-18
Grass	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-1	11-9
Artificial	2-5-1	6-2	4-4	3-6	3-5	6-2	4-5	28-29-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	4-3	1-6	2-5	7-0	5-2	26-23
vs Non-Conf	2-1-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	13-15-1
Off SU Win	4-2-1	5-2	2-1	2-4	1-2	6-2	4-3	24-16-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-1	4-3	0-4	3-4	3-0	2-2	15-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quincy Wilson	282	1473	93	1380	12	4.9
Kay-Jay Harris	**91**	**540**	**16**	**524**	**4**	**5.8**
Rasheed Marshall	**101**	**424**	**121**	**303**	**4**	**3.0**
Jason Colson	**56**	**249**	**14**	**235**	**3**	**4.2**
Travis Garvin	14	135	8	127	2	9.1
Charles Hales	**19**	**86**	**19**	**67**	**0**	**3.5**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Rasheed Marshall	**215**	**109**	**50.7**	**1729**	**15**	**8**
Charles Hales	**35**	**20**	**57.1**	**305**	**4**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris Henry	**41**	**1006**	**24.5**	**10**	**83**	
Travis Garvin	17	306	18.0	2	93	
Miquelle Henderson	**18**	**209**	**11.6**	**2**	**30**	
Kay-Jay Harris	**5**	**111**	**22.2**	**0**	**84**	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Todd James	74	3056	41.3	9	34.3	1	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brad Cooper	**46-48**	**8-8**	**2-3**	**1-6**	**0-1**	**11-18**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Grant Wiley	167	1	13	4	2
Adam Lehnortt	**139**	**5**	**8**	**7**	**1**
Brian King	119	1	1	21	6
Scott Gyorko	**119**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Mike Lorello	**106**	**1**	**12**	**5**	**1**
Adam Jones	**89**	**0**	**6**	**14**	**4**
Leandre Washington	70	1	5	1	1
Lance Frazier	67	0	5	14	5
Ben Lynch	**64**	**2**	**11**	**3**	**0**
Kevin McLee	**46**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Anthony Mims	**43**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Ernest Hunter	**43**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Lance Frazier	14	291	20.8	1	
Adam Jones	**16**	**98**	**6.1**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Adam Jones	**33**	**867**	**26.3**	**1**	
Kay-Jay Harris	**18**	**372**	**20.7**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Carquest	+3	Georgia Tech	30-35	L
98	Insight.com	+3'	Missouri	31-34	W
00	Music City	+3'	Mississippi	49-38	W
02	Continental Tire	-6	Virginia	22-48	L
03	Gator	+3'	Maryland	7-41	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	28.9	17	212	4.6	156	51.2	12.8	+16	2003	4	22.8	22	131	3.5	260	59.1	17.1
7	30.5	22	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	+19	2002	6	23.2	17	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4
4*	21.4	20	181	4.2	165	53.8	16.2	-8	2001	9	24.4	19	213	4.2	137	48.6	14.4
7	29.7	18	139	3.4	217	48.1	12.0	+9	2000	4	30.3	20	142	3.8	246	56.7	12.8
3*	26.6	20	144	3.8	225	59.7	13.9	-5	1999	6	26.3	19	192	4.5	218	51.7	15.6
8*	34.2	23	154	4.2	308	64.7	13.5	+6	1998	7	22.3	19	171	3.8	180	51.7	15.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wisconsin	14	38 - 162	4.3	15 - 26	138	2	26	45 - 223	5.0	20 - 34	215	0	0
at E Carolina	26	48 - 361	7.5	11 - 18	194	0	23	36 - 102	2.8	25 - 38	226	0	+5
Cincinnati	12	40 - 118	3.0	10 - 31	125	1	16	49 - 165	3.4	17 - 36	146	3	0
at Maryland	11	39 - 120	3.1	3 - 12	36	4	28	49 - 260	5.3	15 - 26	238	2	+2
at Miami, Fl	12	37 - 170	4.6	9 - 19	200	1	28	28 - 88	3.1	37 - 54	352	0	0
Rutgers	21	59 - 254	4.3	7 - 15	187	1	18	32 - 114	3.6	18 - 29	178	1	0
Virginia Tech	21	59 - 264	4.5	7 - 14	162	0	14	29 - 65	2.2	14 - 22	146	4	+3
UCF	19	57 - 303	5.3	10 - 17	161	0	14	20 - 44	2.2	27 - 45	253	0	0
at Boston Coll	15	39 - 144	3.7	11 - 16	167	1	30	36 - 158	4.4	30 - 55	317	0	+4
Pittsburgh	26	58 - 307	5.3	14 - 23	216	1	17	26 - 10	0.4	25 - 47	419	3	+1
at Syracuse	17	48 - 196	4.1	14 - 25	271	1	19	38 - 163	4.3	23 - 37	336	2	+1
Temple	16	49 - 208	4.2	7 - 17	91	0	23	49 - 176	3.6	17 - 33	171	1	+2
† Maryland	9	29 - 155	5.3	11 - 19	86	2	26	48 - 141	2.9	21 - 33	381	1	-2
TOTALS	219	600 - 2762	4.6	129 - 252	2034	14	282	485 - 1709	3.5	289 - 489	3378	17	+16
AVERAGES	16.8	46 - 212	4.6	10 - 19	156	1.1	21.7	37 - 131	3.5	22 - 38	260	1.3	1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Carolina	-6	23-30	L
Miami, Oh	-3'	43-27	W
at Maryland	-6	0-33	L
at Syracuse	+13'	7-30	L
Navy	-10	28-31	L
Rutgers	-20	62-16	W
Temple	-17	20-17	L
at Miami, Fl	+17'	20-28	W
Virginia Tech	+19	20-22	W
at Boston Coll	+3'	17-34	L
Pittsburgh	+1	52-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston Coll	-2'	34-14	W
Maryland	-10	30-17	W
Miami, Fl	+7'	10-47	L
at Temple	-6	29-24	L
Idaho	-13	28-16	L
at Virginia Tech	+22	20-48	L
Notre Dame	+3	28-42	L
Syracuse	+3	27-31	L
at Rutgers	-14'	31-24 2OT	L
E Carolina	+3	42-24	W
at Pittsburgh	+5'	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+4	10-34	L
Ohio U	-5'	20-3	W
Kent St	-27	34-14	L
at Maryland	+10	20-32	L
Virginia Tech	+15'	0-35	L
at Notre Dame	+12	24-34	W
at Miami, Fl	+35	3-45	L
Rutgers	-18	80-7	W
at Syracuse	+14'	13-24	W
Temple	-16'	14-17	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	17-23	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chat	NL	56-7	–
at Wisconsin	+10'	17-34	L
at Cincinnati	+4'	35-32	W
E Carolina	-7'	37-17	W
Maryland	-4	17-48	L
at Rutgers	-13	40-0	W
Syracuse	-7'	34-7	W
Miami, Fl	+20	23-40	W
at Temple	-7	46-20	W
Boston Coll	-3'	24-14	W
at Virginia Tech	+7'	21-18	W
at Pittsburgh	+2'	24-17	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+3	17-24	L
at E Carolina	-9'	48-7	W
Cincinnati	-7	13-15	L
at Maryland	+9'	7-34	L
at Miami, Fl	+25'	20-22	W
Rutgers	-17	34-19	L
Virginia Tech	+14	28-7	W
UCF	-20'	36-18	L
at Boston Coll	+3'	35-28	W
Pittsburgh	+1	52-31	W
at Syracuse	-2	34-23	W
Temple	-21'	45-28	L

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

CB Will Blackmon

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 BC had to replace two year starter Brian St Pierre who was the #5DC of PIT. His backup, Quinton Porter (PS#30), saw very little action appearing in 12 games in 2 years throwing for 82 yards (70%) with an 0-1 ratio while rushing for 15 yards. Porter, who has NFL size and arm strength (6-5 224), won the starting job last year despite missing half of spring with a broken collarbone and missing early August practices with a sore knee. O'Brien played his backup, Paul Peterson (PS#92JC) in the 2Q of each game early on. Peterson led the team to a TD in the loss to Wake Forest and some were calling for him to be the starter but Porter held on to his job through the WV game. Porter threw for 1,764 yards (56%) with a solid 14-6 ratio while also rushing for 317 yards. Porter has 4.6 speed and is more athletic than the usual prototypical QB. Peterson, who is 6-0, is more of a Doug Flutie-type and he was PS#125 in 1998 when he signed with BYU (2 year Mormon Mission). He was a 1st Tm JCAA in 2002 throwing for 2,982 yards (63%) with a 35-10 ratio. In his 3 starts last year he was a perfect 3-0 including their big upset of VT and the bowl win. Peterson's numbers were not spectacular as he threw for 1,124 yards (57.1%) with a 10-7 ratio but he did avg 233 ypg passing as a starter after having just 27 pass attempts in the first nine games. Both QB's return. Adding depth is Matt Ryan (6-5 215 rFr, PS#50) and Karim El Nokali (6-4 220 So, PS#69). The loser of the QB battle between Peterson and Porter will likely redshirt making Ryan the backup. This unit is more experienced so I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - BC has now had a 1,000 yard rusher for six straight seasons (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Derrick Knight (PS#144) battled Horace Dodd (PS#19), a Penn St transfer, and won the starting job in 2002 rushing for 1,432 yards (5.5). Last year almost everyone returned including solid blocking FB Greg Toal (PS#63). Knight almost set the school record for rushing yards in a season with 1,721 (5.4). Surprisingly he was only 2nd Tm Big East and leaves as the school's career leading rusher beating out Mike Cloud ('95-'98). Dodd also departs (442 yds, 5.0) along with Toal (11 sts, 97 ttl yds) and backup FB Haven Perkins (2 sts). I list the 2 deep below, and O'Brien did redshirt a couple of VHT TB's. BC always has a solid running game and has a shot at getting their 7th straight 1,000 yard rusher, but this unit is a lot less experienced.

RECEIVERS - The Eagles had to replace both starting WR's last year who were #1 and #3, but did have TE Sean Ryan back who had earned 2nd Tm Big East honors in 2002. The unit was far from overwhelming early on and they moved CB Larry Lester (PS#57DB, 11 starts in '02 on D) to the offense in Wk 6. He had a 65 yard TD reception in his first game, and finished with 17 rec (22.2). Grant Adams (PS#45) was the #2 rec in 2002 and led the team last year with 46 (15.7). Joel Hazard (PS#39) was also productive with 32 grabs (12.5). The only loss from this unit is Ryan (13 sts, 35 rec, #5DC DAL). I list the 2 deep below. Not listed are WR's Tony Gonzalez (5-11 192 So, PS#122, 7 rec), Kevin Challenger (5-8 185 rFr) and two VHT true frosh, WR Marquise Liverpool (PS#26) and TE Ryan Purvis (PS#20). With more experienced QB's and receivers this year, the passing game should be more productive in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as they send a lot of players to the NFL from this position. Every year O'Brien has been bringing in solid recruiting classes, but surprisingly only snagged one VHT this year. Last year the losses were heavy. They had to replace 3 starters including a 1st and 2nd Tm Big East player as well as two backups. O'Brien moved 3 DL's to the O-line including Keith Leavitt (PS#10) who started all 13 games. The front paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. This year once again only two starters return. They must replace RG Chris Snee (12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 3 yr st'r, #2DC NYG), LG Augie Hoffmann (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm BE) and Leavitt (13 sts). Seven of the top 10 are back and there are nine VHT's listed in the 2 deep below, but this is the first time under O'Brien that they have zero seniors on the O-line. This looks like another high quality BC line, even with the loss of three starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BC had an injury plagued defensive front in 2002 and allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while the D recorded just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters who combined for 11 of the 22 sacks, one of whom was an NFL DC. They also moved 3 backup DT's to the OL, but did have 5 returning with starting experience. Mathias Kiwanuka is nicknamed "The Freak" for his size and athletic ability (4.55 spd). He erupted as a soph, leading the Big East with 13 sacks and returns for his junior season. His cohort at DE, Phillip Mettling (5 sks), also returns. Overall the team allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. This year they must replace DT's Doug Goodwin (13 sts, 2nd Tm Big East, 25 tkls, 17 qbh) and Tom Martin (12 sts, 34 tkls, 8 tfl, 18 qbh), but six of the top 8 return and I list the 2 deep below. As long as Kiwanuka continues to improve, this unit looks even stronger in 2004 provided some new DT's step up.

LINEBACKERS - O'Brien's LB corps have been plagued by inexperience and injuries in recent years but last year returned 5 of their top 6 including two starters. This year they lose WLB Josh Ott (13 sts, #1 tkl'r, 6 tfl), SLB Brian Flores (12 sts, 106 tkls, 6 tfl) and SLB Patrick McShane (15 tkl). They bring in a pair of VHT's in true frosh Brian Toal (PS#4), rFr JoLonn Dunbar (PS#36RB) plus converted QB Dan Berglund (PS#132). I list the 2 deep below but this unit is less experienced than 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BC was #51 in my pass D rankings in 2002 although they did allow just 53.9% with a 12-15 ratio. The mediocre ranking was partially due to the fact that they faced a light slate of opposing QB's. Last year they actually replaced all 4 starters from the secondary because Larry Lester moved to WR and finished #53 in the pass D rankings with weaker numbers 57.7% with a 21-19 ratio (they took on some tougher QB's). This year they must replace only one starter SS Paul Cook (12 sts, 68 tkls) and return 7 of the top 8 including 4 players with 6 or more starts last year. O'Brien also adds some VHT's to the mix in rFr Brad Mueller (PS#39) and DeJuan Tribble (PS#49). I look for BC, despite a weaker front 7, to move up in my pass D rankings with a more experienced and talented unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This has been an area in which O'Brien has struggled with his highest finish in my special teams rankings being in 2002 at #57. Last year they had to replace their P and PR and then what appeared to be just a minor loss, turned out to be major. LS Francois Brochu was lost for the season in August (see Hardcore Fans pg 319). Overall BC was -7 in the TD/Blk category allowing 5 TD's and two blocks and that does not even include the poor punts and fumbled snaps that occurred. The lack of a consistent LS was a major factor in BC finishing #114 in my special teams rankings. Kicker Sandro Sciortino hit 23 of 32 FG's with a long of 49 in 2002 but didn't fare as well last year hitting just 11 of 18 with a long of 40 including 1 of 7 from 40-49 and one miss of 50+. He was injured for two games and Jim Fassel's son, Mike, handled the xp's hitting 9 of 10, but his KO's were a lot shorter and the team allowed 2 KR TD's in those games. Punter Jeff Gomulinski averaged 39.8 per punt and the team had a poor net of 32.8. He was benched vs Syracuse but Rob Leuffen had his only punt of the year blocked and returned for a TD. Will Blackmon fumbled an early PR which set up a WF TD and would only get 8 PR's all year (11.5) and Nate Hasselbeck avg 11.1. Blackmon was the top KR (solid 25.6). They must replace Sciortino and I list the possible candidates below including Fassel. Gomulinski was dismissed in spring which leaves the punting job to true frosh Johnny Ayers. With the key returnmen back, this should be an improved group, especially if LS Brochu returns and does a solid job like he did in 2002 when the team had zero blocks.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien enters his eighth year here after coming over from Virginia where he was OC. After a couple of losing seasons in his first two years he has now recorded five straight bowl seasons and four straight bowl victories. BC also upset #4 ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame (on the road) in 2002, their first win over a Top 5 team since 1993. OC Dana Bible enters his sixth year here and was the OC for the Philadelphia Eagles prior to his arrival. Frank Spaziani also enters his sixth year as DC here after holding that job at Virginia and with the Calgary Stampeeders (CFL). O'Brien's 40 wins the last five years are the most at this school since 1938-'42. O'Brien finally notched a win vs VT last year but fell short against Miami for the 7th straight year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

BC has been to a bowl for five straight years and does a great job beating up on the weaklings but usually struggles vs the top teams. They have only beaten three Top 25 foes since 1995. In 2002 BC was 9-4 but just 3-4 in Big East play. Last year they had just 11 starters returning and had to replace 25 lettermen. The 2003 season was tough in the beginning as BC had only beaten one team with a winning record (IA newcomer Connecticut). They did beat traditional powers Penn St and Notre Dame but both finished with losing seasons. BC also was plagued by penalties in BE play after they announced their departure. They had a 28-16 FD edge vs WF and somehow lost and later lost to WV at home despite a 30-15 FD edge and 475-311 yard edge. The team was 5-5 and needed to win their final 2 to get a postseason berth. BC trailed Rutgers 22-13 at the half but then rebounded to win and upset VT on the road to get to a bowl (VT was just the 2nd tm with a winning record BC knocked off). Then they waxed Colo St in the bowl, 35-21. They are the only IA team with 4 straight bowl wins. BC has just 11 starters back this year which is the second lowest in the conference but does have experienced QB's, a lot of talent at WR and O'Brien always builds a solid OL. BC outgained other BE foes by an avg of 55.3 ypg in 2003 which was more than any of the other BE teams returning this year, but they were outscored by 2.9 ppg in their 3-4 BE finish. With less powers in the BE, BC is one of my favorites for a shot at the title. I feel they were the third best team in the conf last year, and the top 2 are now gone.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PAUL PETERSON SR. 6-0 184 2982 yds (63%), 35-10 ratio @JC in '02. 3 sts here. 1124 yds (57%), 10-7 ratio. **Quinton Porter** (6-5 224 Sr) **PS#30.** 1764 yds (56%) 14-6 ratio LY.
RB Andre Callender rFr. 6-0 184 **PS#30RB**. 10.6 in 100m. **LV Whitworth** (6-0 215 rFr) PS#82. Jeff Ross (6-0 199 So) PS#293. 33 rush yds LY. AJ Brooks is PS#134.
FB Mark Palmer So. 6-3 239 PS#305LB. Orig signed w/Utah. Keith Willis is PS#117. Paddy Lynch (6-2 236 So) PS#256DL. Everett Lee (5-11 208 Sr). Former walk-on.
WR GRANT ADAMS SR. 6-1 200 PS#45. 2 sts, 37 rec (14.6) in '02. 13 sts LY, 46 rec (15.7). **Larry Lester** (5-7 185 Jr) PS#57DB. 11 sts at CB in '02, 9 pbu. 17 rec (22.2) in '03.
WR JOEL HAZARD SR. 5-10 185 **PS#39**. 19 rec (12.2) in '02. 13 sts, 32 rec (12.5) LY. **4.35 spd**. Jason Lilly (6-1 213 So) PS#60, 13 rec (11.9) **Brandon Robinson** is **PS#20**.
TE David Kashetta Sr. 6-4 256 PS#22. 18 rec (14.6) in '03. Chris Miller (6-5 263 Jr) PS#42. Trey Koziol (6-5 248 rFr) PS#22. Justin Hinds (6-4 271 Sr) **PS#11DL**.
C PAT ROSS JR. 6-4 294 PS#78DL. Moved from DT & 2nd string C as rFr. 13 sts LY. Kevin Sheridan (6-3 278 rFr) PS#314. **LS** Francois Brouchu (6-5 228 Jr) PS#156TE.
RG Shadu Moore So. 6-1 305 **PS#18OL**. 2nd string RG as rFr. Chris Hathy (6-4 320 Jr) **PS#76OL**. Scout Tm in '02. 2nd string LY. Tom Anevski (6-4 272 rFr) PS#116OL.
LG Josh Beekman So. 6-1 320 **PS#65**. Significant action on 2nd string, 2 starts LY. BE Frosh Team. **Ty Hall** (6-4 278 rFr) **PS#31.** Carlos Huggins (6-6 295 Fr) PS#165.
RT Gosder Cherilus rFr. 6-7 290 **PS#52OL**. 2nd string in '03 but RS. **James Marten** (6-8 312 So) **PS#52OL**. 2nd string LT LY, 4 tkls, 1 tfl. Joe Grazoise (6-4 287 So).
LT JEREMY TRUEBLOOD JR. 6-8 315 **PS#37**. 2nd string LT in '02, lettered. 13 sts at LT in '03 after adding 30 lbs. 2 letters. **Ryan Poles** (6-5 295 rFr) **PS#13OL**.
K Mike Fassel Sr. 5-11 172 Jim's son. 9 of 10 xp's in '03. William Troost (5-9 150 Jr) PS#54. James Ohliger is PS#17. 58 yd FG as Sr in high school last year.

DE MATHIAS KIWANUKA JR. 6-8 249 PS#45. 4.55 spd. 2 sts, 44 tkls, 5 sks in '02. 13 sts, **1st Tm BE**, 83 tkls, **#1 BE w/13 sks**, 24 qbh. Jake Ottolini (6-4 242 So) PS#67. 10 tkls, 3 tfl LY.
DT Tim Bulman Sr. 6-4 285 PS#81. **8 sts** '02, 56 tkls, 8 tfl, 7 pbu. 1 st LY, 33 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl. Justin Bell (6-3 275 So) PS#124. 6 tkls as true. Ryan Thompson (6-5 244 rFr) PS#138.
DT Alvin Washington Jr. 6-0 286 PS#114DL. 10 tkls as true. 18 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl in '03. Daniel Zepp (6-4 270 So) PS#150. 5 tkls as true. Robert Ziminski (6-3 251 So) PS#94DL.
DE PHILLIP METTLING SR. 6-3 261 PS#172. 1 st, 11 tkls in '01. 8 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 6 tfl. 13 sts LY, 29 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. Nick Larkin (6-4 241 rFr) PS#66. Myran Hunter (6-2 241 Sr) 2 tkls LY.
WLB Ricky Brown Jr. 6-2 238 PS#79. 18 tkls, 1 sk true. 1 st LY, 30 tkls, 1 pbu. **Brian Toal** (6-2 230 Fr) **PS#4**. 37 sks in HS career. Dan Berglund (6-3 217 So) PS#132QB.
MLB RAY HENDERSON JR. 6-3 231 **PS#41QB**. 25 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 13 sts in '03, 88 tkls, 8 tfl. Jeff Burns (6-3 235 So) PS#78WR. 1 tkl. Christopher Emper (6-0 212 Jr) PS#140DB.
SLB Jon Misiewicz Jr. 6-3 216 PS#175. 10 tkls in '02. 24 tkls in '03. **JoLonn Dunbar** (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#36RB**. Ray Lankford (6-3 225 rFr) PS#140. Tyronne Pruitt (5-11 218 rFr).
CB PETER SHEAN SR. 5-9 178 PS#88. 4 sts in '01 & '02, 58 tkls, 3 int. 7 sts LY, 54 tkls, 3 int. **Brad Mueller** (6-0 170 rFr) **PS#39. 4.31 spd.** Larry Anam (6-0 193 So) PS#116. 13 tkls.
CB WILL BLACKMON JR. 6-0 198 **PS#7RB**. 29 tkls as true, 1 int, 28 KR (22.5). 13 sts, **2nd Tm BE**, 64 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu, 1014 return yds. **DeJuan Tribble** (5-10 186 rFr) **PS#49.**
SS Jazzmen Williams Jr. 5-8 183 PS#61RB. 6 sts at CB LY, 59 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, 4 tfl. Ryan Glasper (6-0 190 So) PS#114. 52 tkls as **true**. Nathanael Hasselbeck (5-11 196 Jr) 10 tkls, 2Y.
FS TJ STANCIL SR. 6-1 212 PS#67. 17 tkls in '01, 24 tkls in '02. 13 sts in '03, 82 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. Taji Morris (5-11 186 So) PS#65RB. Jamie Silva (5-11 207 rFr) PS#115RB.
P Johnny Ayers Fr. 6-0 180 PS#74. A true frosh. Is expected to take the place of Jeff Gomulinski who was dismissed from the team in the spring (off field incident).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Brian Toal 6-2 230 PS#4
WR	Brandon Robinson 6-0 190 PS#20
WR	Marquise Liverpool 5-9180 PS#26
OL	Justin Tougas 6-7 275 PS#58
DL	Jerry Willette 6-5 250 PS#71
TE	Ryan Purvis 6-4 235 PS#20
LB	Tom Walls 6-1 237 PS#75
QB	Chris Crane 6-5 220 PS#65
LB	Robert Francois 6-3 220 PS#109
RB	Keith Willis 6-1 240 PS#117
RB	AJ Brooks 6-0 190 PS#134
OL	Carlos Huggins 6-6 295 PS#165
K	James Ohliger 5-10 180 PS#17
DL	Ron Brace 6-4 320 PS#216
DB	Kevin Akins 6-2 195 PS#217
LB	Frantz Joseph 6-2 225 PS#238
K	Johnny Ayers 6-0 180 PS#74

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#64

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at Ball St (Thur)	G						Boston College is 10-5 ATS as a double digit home favorite since 1998. The Eagles are 2-9-1 ATS since 1992 the game after playing Notre Dame. BC is 10-5-1 ATS the last 16 road games in November.
Sep. 11	Penn St	A						Boston College is 8-1 ATS their last 9 games on grass. Including bowls, BC is 9-3 SU & 3-0 ATS vs current MAC schools.
Sep. 17	Connecticut (Fri)	A						Eagles are 21-7 SU & 19-9 ATS at home the L/28 games (1-5 ATS LY). Boston College is 3-8 SU, but 8-3 ATS the last 11 vs Penn St.
Sep. 25	at Wake Forest	G						BC is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS outscoring Connecticut 34-11 in their most recent tilts. Eagles were 0-3 ATS LY in conf home games, but S/'99 are 14-3 ATS.
Oct. 2	Massachusetts	A						Eagles are 6-2 ATS on the road after a 2+ game homestand. Not including VT or Miami, BC is 7-3 ATS vs ACC opponents since 1982.
Oct. 9								Minutemen finished 10-3 LY, ranked #11 in IAA as Atlantic 10 Members. Last time UMass beat BC in Chestnut Hill was in their 1st meeting in 1901.
Oct. 16	at Pittsburgh	G						Boston College is 5-3 ATS after a bye the last 8 games. The Eagles are 13-6 ATS the last 19 in this series.
Oct. 23	at Notre Dame	G						Boston College is 7-4 ATS vs Notre Dame the last 11, 3-0 SU L3Y. Could apply: Entering 2004, the Eagles were 13-5 ATS off a SU loss.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Rutgers	A						BC has had a RB top 200 yds rushing vs Rutgers for 4 straight years. O'Brien is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS vs Rutgers with an avg score of 37-14.
Nov. 13	at West Virginia	A						The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this series. Pending 10/16: Eagles are 7-2 ATS the 1st game of a 2+ game roadtrip.
Nov. 20	at Temple	A						BC has been favored in 21 straight games vs Temple. SU winner is 7-0 ATS the last 7 meetings. Eagles are 5-1 ATS the L6Y.
Nov. 27	Syracuse	A						The favorite is 16-4 ATS the last 20 games in this series. Boston College is 7-3 ATS the last 10 home finales.

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 48-36)

8th Year at Boston College

O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

48-36	Straight Up	16-11	Home Favorite
42-35-1	Vs The Spread	8-6	Home Underdog
18-13	Off A SU Loss	8-7	Away Favorite
30-18-1	Vs Conference	10-11-1	Away Underdog
		12-17	Vs Non-Conference

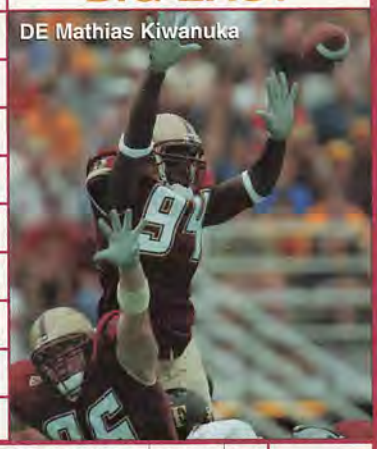
2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (13,18,3)
Lost: 21 (10,9,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,604

BIG EAST


DE Mathias Kiwanuka

STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-4	7-5	44-35
ATS	4-7	5-6	6-3-1	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-6	42-35-1
Home Fav	0-2	2-1	1-1	5-0	4-1	3-3	1-3	16-11
Home Dog	2-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	8-6
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	8-7
Away Dog	2-1	1-2	2-0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	2-0	10-11-1
Favorite	0-4	3-2	2-3	6-0	5-2	4-3	4-4	24-18
Dog	4-3	2-4	4-0-1	1-4	2-2	3-2	2-2	18-17-1
Grass	1-2	1-2	2-1-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	4-0	12-10-1
Artificial	3-5	4-4	4-2	7-2	5-2	5-4	2-6	30-25
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	5-1-1	4-3	6-1	5-2	3-4	30-18-1
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-3	2-3	3-2	12-17
Off SU Win	1-2	2-2	4-2-1	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-3	22-17-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-4	2-0	3-1	2-1	3-1	3-2	18-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derrick Knight	321	1809	88	1721	11	5.4
Horace Dodd	89	458	16	442	10	5.0
Quinton Porter	**78**	**317**	**158**	**159**	**2**	**2.0**
Paul Peterson	**39**	**180**	**84**	**96**	**0**	**2.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Quinton Porter	**250**	**140**	**56.0**	**1764**	**14**	**6**
Paul Peterson	**147**	**84**	**57.1**	**1124**	**10**	**7**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Grant Adams	**46**	**720**	**15.7**	**5**	**69**
Sean Ryan	35	447	12.8	6	26
Joel Hazard	**32**	**401**	**12.5**	**0**	**37**
Larry Lester	**17**	**378**	**22.2**	**5**	**64**
David Kashetta	**18**	**262**	**14.6**	**4**	**29**
Derrick Knight	26	227	8.7	0	37

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeff Gomulinski	66	2630	39.8	8	32.8	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sandro Sciortino	36-36	5-5	5-5	1-7	0-1	11-18	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Ott	128	0	6	5	1
Brian Flores	106	0	6	5	0
Ray Henderson	**88**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Mathias Kiwanuka	**83**	**13**	**3**	**5**	**0**
TJ Stancil	**82**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**3**
Paul Cook	68	0	5	4	2
Will Blackmon	**64**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**4**
Jazzmen Williams	**59**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**2**
Peter Shean	**54**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**3**
Ryan Glasper	**52**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Tom Martin	34	2	6	4	1
Tim Bulman	**33**	**4**	**7**	**6**	**0**
Ricky Brown	**30**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nathanael Hasselbeck	14	155	11.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Will Blackmon	**8**	**92**	**11.5**	**0**
Will Blackmon	**36**	**922**	**25.6**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Insight.com	+7'	Colorado	28-62	L
00	Aloha	+3'	Arizona St	31-17	W
01	Music City	+4	Georgia	20-16	W
02	Motor City	-4	Toledo	51-25	W
03	San Francisco	E	Colorado St	35-21	W

BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	28.5	21	182	4.2	222	56.4	14.2	+3	2003	6	25.5	19	129	3.4	230	57.7	14.1
8*	30.2	21	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	+8	2002	8	19.5	18	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4
6	28.1	19	207	5.0	182	52.4	13.8	+6	2001	8	18.9	19	151	3.4	183	50.0	17.7
7*	31.5	20	199	4.8	214	54.7	13.1	+14	2000	5	23.1	20	207	4.7	173	48.0	16.4
3	24.8	20	171	4.1	200	54.6	15.0	-1	1999	8	25.7	21	162	3.9	235	61.0	15.5
4	24.8	22	196	4.6	216	60.5	16.6	-2	1998	7	28.3	20	164	3.8	234	57.7	14.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wake Forest	28	46-155	3.4	26-44	288	0	16	40-160	4.0	13-23	149	1	0
at Penn St	17	46-238	5.2	10-22	145	1	18	38-133	3.5	19-39	185	5	+2
at Connecticut	20	41-193	4.7	15-29	151	2	23	34-128	3.8	26-55	258	2	+2
Miami, Fl	17	45-119	2.6	8-26	94	1	20	34-136	4.0	20-33	164	0	+1
Ball St	28	46-259	5.6	22-30	209	1	18	34-94	2.8	17-33	242	2	0
at Temple	25	41-298	7.3	20-27	350	2	16	27-65	2.4	26-47	212	3	0
at Syracuse	16	30-70	2.3	20-31	249	5	24	50-192	3.8	20-27	215	1	-1
Notre Dame	18	53-147	2.8	13-25	199	0	20	34-47	1.4	23-39	350	5	+1
Pittsburgh	18	38-149	3.9	12-29	186	2	29	45-124	2.8	25-38	364	5	+1
West Virginia	30	36-158	4.4	30-55	317	0	15	39-144	3.7	11-16	167	2	-4
at Rutgers	18	42-215	5.1	17-26	244	4	15	42-101	2.4	20-28	249	3	-1
at Virginia Tech	22	54-229	4.2	15-28	232	3	15	40-203	5.1	13-27	187	1	-2
† Colorado St	19	39-137	3.5	16-25	224	3	21	34-146	4.3	22-37	242	1	+4
TOTALS	276	557-2367	4.2	224-397	2888	24	250	491-1673	3.4	255-442	2984	31	+3
AVERAGES	21.2	43-182	4.2	17-31	222	1.8	19.2	38-129	3.4	20-34	230	2.4	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-4	30-29 OT	L
at Navy	-7	14-10	L
at Rutgers	-7	27-7	W
Northeastern	NL	33-22	–
at Temple	-14	14-24	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	20-16	W
Miami, Fl	+18	28-31	W
at Syracuse	+19	24-23	W
West Virginia	-3'	34-17	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	31-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	14-38	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia	+2'	14-34	L
at Army	-6'	55-17	W
Navy	-19	48-7	W
Virginia Tech	+14'	34-48	W
Connecticut	-29	55-3	W
Syracuse	-1	20-13	W
at Pittsburgh	+3'	26-42	L
Rutgers	-22	42-13	W
Temple	-9'	31-3	W
at Notre Dame	+8'	16-28	L
at Miami, Fl	+27	6-52	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+5'	22-38	L
at Navy	-20	38-21	L
Army	-23'	31-10	L
Temple	-13	33-10	W
at Virginia Tech	+20	20-34	W
Pittsburgh	-11	45-7	W
Notre Dame	-3'	21-17	W
Miami, Fl	+20	7-18	W
at Rutgers	-30	38-7	W
at Syracuse	+3'	28-39	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-33	24-16	L
Stanford	-8'	34-27	L
at Miami, Fl	+26	6-38	L
C Michigan	-20	43-0	W
Virginia Tech	+9'	23-28	W
Navy	-28	46-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+4'	16-19	W
at Notre Dame	+9	14-7	W
at W Virginia	+3'	14-24	L
Syracuse	-7	41-20	W
at Temple	-8'	36-14	W
Rutgers	-28	44-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-12	28-32	L
at Penn St	+9	27-14	W
at Connecticut	-4	24-14	W
Miami, Fl	+11'	14-33	L
Ball St	-22	53-29	W
at Temple	-9'	38-13	W
at Syracuse	-3'	14-39	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-25	L
Pittsburgh	+1'	13-24	L
W Virginia	-3'	28-35	L
at Rutgers	-7'	35-25	W
at Virginia Tech	+14'	34-27	W

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Rod Rutherford (PS#9) was known as a running QB and struggled in the passing game during the spring of 2002 but won the starting job. In the opening game of '02 he hit just 9 of 22 for 97 yards with 3 int, and after a shaky 1H vs Texas A&M, chants from the crowd "We want Palko" erupted. Tyler Palko (PS#10) was 2nd string as a true frosh. Rutherford rebounded with a solid 2H vs Texas A&M and eliminated all questions throwing for 2,783 yards (52.3%) with a 22-12 ratio while rushing for 739 yards. Last year Harris wanted to redshirt Palko so Luke Getsy (PS#58) was the backup. Getsy actually started the opener when Rutherford was suspended for the 1Q. For the season he hit just 3 of 13 (all in first two games) for 32 yards. Rutherford did not run as much last year as Harris said there was a large dropoff between 1st and 2nd string and wanted to keep him healthy. Rutherford set the Big East record for total offense with 3,679 yards passing (59.8%) with a 37-14 ratio while rushing for 515 yards. He tied Dan Marino's single season record of 37 TD passes. Unfortunately Rutherford departs and I expect Palko to win the starting job. Also in the mix is Joe Flacco (6-6 210 rFr, PS#49) who was last year's Scout Team Offensive POY, walk-on Matt Flaus (6-2 180 So) and this year's signee, Darrell Strong (PS#36). Naturally going from a veteran senior QB who put up big stats to an inexperienced starter, I look for the QB numbers to drop significantly.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Pitt did not have a back top 100 yards in a game all season and their leading rusher was Raymond Kirkley who had 672 yards (4.0). In 2002 the top three rushers returned but Alabama transfer Brandon Miree took over the starting job for the last seven games and rushed for 943 yards (4.4) averaging 110.6 ypg in the last five. Kirkley had 152 yards (3.4) in four starts. Last year Miree had 248 yards in the first three games but took a helmet to the leg vs Toledo and was ineffective in the 2H and missed the next seven games. During those seven games only twice did a Pitt RB top 60 yards rushing and there were zero 100 yard efforts. Tim Murphy (PS#68) is a FB-type who started at TB and had 79 yards (2.7) on the year. Jawan Walker (PS#65) had 407 yards (3.8) in six starts. Kirkley redshirted. Miree returned vs Temple and rushed for 188 yards and had 110 in the bowl game, and clearly they had a much better running game with him healthy. Unfortunately Miree departs this year (#7DC DEN). Also gone is solid blocking FB Lousaka Polite (12 sts, 258 yds, 3.7, 25 rec). Murphy will move to FB and I list his backups below. Kirkley and Walker are both back and also in the mix is Darren McCray (5-9 200 Jr) along with this year's top signees. Since Miree was not around very much last year and Pitt averaged just 118 ypg rushing (3.2), this unit could equal or even top last year's numbers despite the loss of a very talented player.

RECEIVERS - Pitt is turning into "WR U" as they have simply had a WR lead the Big East in receiving for six of the last seven years. In 2001 they had the Big East's most productive WR combo in Antonio Bryant and RJ English who combined for 1,596 yards. In 2002 Larry Fitzgerald (PS#11) stepped in with 1,005 yards (14.6). Biletnikoff Winner Fitzgerald was the NCAA's top receiver last season and was one of four Heisman finalists. He set numerous NCAA records including 18 straight games with a TD catch (old record 13) and had the best soph season in NCAA history with 1,672 yards (18.2) and 22 TD's (old record was 1,647 by Randy Moss in 1997). TE Kris Wilson has excellent speed and was #2 on the team with 44 rec (14.6). Princell Brockenbrough (PS#44JC) was banged up during the year and also suffered some key dropped passes (4 vs ND, 84 yd TD drop vs W Virg) but finished with 35 rec and an impressive 17.6 ypc in his first year here. Harris used a couple of true frosh last year in Greg Lee (10 rec) and Terrell Allen (591 KR yds). I list the 2 deep below and some of this year's newcomers could have an immediate impact. Gone are Fitzgerald (13 sts, #1DC ARZ), TE Wilson (13 sts, 2nd Tm BE, #2DC KC), WR Yogi Roth (2 rec) and WR Chris Curd (1 st, 3 rec). Naturally this unit is not as talented as last year's top-notch group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pitt averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 46 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of the top 10 back. The unit underperformed as they paved the way for just 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 43 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are C Jon Schall (13 sts), LG Dan LaCarte (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Matt Morgan (13 sts, 4 yr st'r) and 2nd stringers Zach Slates, Penny Semaia (13 games) plus backup OT Jason Capizzi. They do return their star, LT Rob Petitti who stopped Syracuse's Dwight Freeney's 15 game sack streak as a frosh in 2001 and earned 1st Tm Big East honors last year. Both Rob Frederick and Matt Maiers started games last season, and they do have some HT's and VHT's in the mix plus move in some DL's. Since last year's group underperformed, this unit could be at least equal to if not improved despite being less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 a somewhat inexperienced defensive front helped Pitt allow just 3.2 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and returned their top sack man, Claude Harriott (9.5) who earned 1st Tm Big East honors. Much was expected of Harriott, but he suffered an ankle injury early and was not 100% and had just two sacks in 12 starts and, in fact, shared the DE job with Azzie Beagnyam. Despite having an experienced front, Pitt allowed 4.5 ypc rushing and chalked up just 21 sacks. This year the only loss is Harriott (#5DC CHI), and there are plenty of HT's in the mix below. Harris also signed an outstanding crop of true frosh (see Newcomers). Last year's unit clearly underperformed and I expect big-time improvement from this year's defensive front.

DE Thomas Smith

LINEBACKERS - The Panthers had to replace two starters (including a 3rd round DC) and two backups last year and were forced to play a couple of true frosh. HB Blades (PS#38) and Clint Session were very impressive. Session is penciled in for the starting MLB job for the next 3 years. This year the only loss is MLB Lewis Moore (13 sts, 137 tkls, 10.5 tfl) which means that 5 of the top 6 are back. There are plenty of HT's in this group including this year's true frosh. This should be one of the Big East's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt was #30 in my pass D rankings in 2002 but last year had to replace two starters and three backups due to graduation. Bernard "Josh" Lay started the first four games at CB and led the team with 14 pbu but surprisingly lost his starting job to William Ferguson for the last 9 (62 tkls, 3 int, 7 pbu). Overall Pitt finished #47 in my pass D rankings allowing 57.2% with a 15-14 ratio. They once again have to break in a pair of new CB's as Ferguson and Shawntae Spencer (13 sts, 82 tkls, 10 pbu, #2DC of SF) depart along with backup FS Corey Humphries (3 sts, 59 tkls, 2 int). This unit is just as experienced as the 2003 version, but should get more help from the front 7 which means a possible improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Pitt finished #44 in my special teams rankings but dropped a little to #59 in 2002 and dropped even further last year to #62. P Andy Lee was 1st Tm Big East last year and had a super net of 37.6 and the return game was also solid. William Ferguson averaged 10.2 on PR's and Terrell Allen emerged in the second half of the year with a solid 23.6 average on KR's as a true frosh. They also had a solid KO man Adam Graessle (PS#14) who had 29 of 73 KO's result in touchbacks last year as a true frosh. Pitt is always solid blocking punts with 7 in the last three years including 3 last season. However, the kick coverage units were weak as they allowed 25.9 on KR's and 11.0 on PR's. Another area of weakness last year was the FG game. David Abdul finished 2002 on a great note as he hit 10 of his last 12 FG's with a long of 47. Last year he struggled all season hitting just 9 of 18 with a long of 47 and one miss from 50+. Abdul broke his leg in a car accident in the offseason but should be okay for fall. They do add JUCO Joshua Cummings who hit 13 of 20 FG's with a long of 50 last year. This year they must replace P Lee (#6DC of SF) and PR Ferguson, but have everyone else back. Despite the losses, I look for them to definitely rise in the special teams rankings.

COACHES - Walt Harris was on the verge of getting booted from the program after two consecutive losing years but has now guided the team to 4 consecutive bowls, winning two of the last three. Harris, a former Ohio St QB coach and 1997 Big East Coach of the Year, enters his eighth year. Longtime OC JD Brookhart jumped ship to become the HC of Akron, and Harris hasn't designated his replacement as of this writing. The DC is Paul Rhoads who enters his fifth season after being the secondary coach at Iowa St from 1996-'99.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Pitt actually finished 8th and 7th in Big East play in 1998 and 1999, and had just 67 scholarship players in 1999. Harris was in trouble with a 1-5 start in 2001 but went 15-4 the next year and a half earning two bowl bids. 2003 began with great promise with the Panthers ranking #10 in the preseason poll which was their highest preseason ranking since 1984. The Panthers suffered disappointing losses to Toledo, ND and WV. They still had a chance for a BCS bowl until they lost to Miami at home and then lost their bowl game, and an 8-5 finish for a team capable of playing on January 1st was very disappointing. Pitt would have had a better record last season had RB Brandon Miree been healthy. The 59,197 attendance that they averaged at home last year was a school record and Harris has now guided them to 4 straight bowl games, but he is still 2-21 vs teams that finish in the AP Top 25. This year Pitt has the least experienced team in the Big East with just 10 starters returning and some massive losses like Fitzgerald and Rutherford, not to mention 2nd Tm BE TE Kris Wilson, Miree and four key starters from the defense. Despite their 5-2 record in league play, Pitt was actually outgained by 3.8 ypg in Big East play. They will have a young but talented QB this year, and how he fares on the road early on will be a key as Pitt opens Big East play vs both Connecticut and Temple away from home. Many times a team that underachieves, ends up surprising the next season, but it will be tough to top last year's 8 win total. However, I think they are capable of getting to their fifth straight bowl game.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Tyler Palko So. 6-2 220 **PS#10**. 6 games, 41 ttl yds as true. RS last year. Luke Getsy (6-2 220 So) PS#58. 1 st LY, 66 total yds. Joe Flacco (6-6 210 rFr) PS#49.

RB Jawan Walker Jr. 5-10 215 PS#65. 6 sts LY, 407 yds (3.8), 13 rec (8.5). Raymond Kirkley (5-10 225 Jr) PS#160, #1 w/672 yds in '01. Marcus Furman (5-8 190 Jr) 351 rush, 2Y.

FB Tim Murphy Jr. 5-10 235 PS#68. 1 st, 68 ttl yds '02. 1 st LY, 127 ttl yds. Mike Hull (5-10 240 rFr) PS#118. Mark Yezovich (6-0 220 rFr) PS#183LB. Kellen Campbell (6-0 230 Jr).

WR Greg Lee So. 6-2 180 PS#157DB. 5 sts as true, 10 rec (21.1). Terrell Allen (6-0 185 So) PS#57. 4.3 speed. 25 KR (23.6), 1 start. Derek Kinder is PS#98.

WR PRINCELL BROCKENBROUGH SR. 6-3 205 PS#44JC. 7 sts (inj) LY, 35 rec (17.6). Donald Brooks (6-3 180 Fr) PS#170 in '03. Joe DelSardo (5-8 200 So) PS#319RB. 9 gms spec tms LY.

TE Erik Gill Jr. 6-5 265 **PS#3TE**. 26 games in 2 years but 2 rec. Steve Buches (6-3 240 So) PS#32. 2 rec LY. Dan Pickens (6-4 220 rFr). Robbie Agnone is PS#85.

C Justin Belarski Sr. 6-3 285 PS#176. 415 bench. 9 games as rFr. 3 games in '02. 1 st, 4 games in '03 but inj'd. Chris Vangas (6-2 300 rFr) **PS#91**. Joe Villani (6-2 290 So).

RG JOHN SIMONITIS SO. 6-3 300 PS#106. L/11 sts as rFr. Troy Banner (6-3 295 Jr) PS#66DL. 2 tkls in' 01. Inj L/2Y. Moved to OL. Dave Weber (6-3 344 Fr) PS#81.

LG Eric Fritz So. 6-3 295 **PS#66**. DL as rFr. Rob Frederick (6-3 295 Sr) **Tulsa trans. 1 st** LY but inj. Matt Maiers (6-3 290 Sr) **1 st** LY, inj. Neal Tracey (6-3 295 rFr) PS#140.

RT Dale Williams Jr. 6-5 295 **PS#47**. 5 games in '02. 6 games LY. **Mike McGlynn** (6-5 320 rFr) PS#128. 2nd string as true but RS. Mike DeLuca (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#82**.

LT ROB PETITTI SR. 6-6 330 PS#135. 12 sts as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm Big East**, 405 bench. Kevin Harris (6-5 285 Jr) PS#80DL. Joe Perri (6-2 270 rFr).

K DAVID ABDUL JR. 5-10 185 PS#3. 13 of 20 FG's as true, L/47. 9 of 18 FG's LY, long of 47. Broken leg in Feb. JB Gibboney (5-9 175 Sr). Joshua Cummings is PS#114JC.

DE THOMAS SMITH JR. 6-4 275 PS#125. 10 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 13 sts LY, 44 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl, DL MVP. Kyle Smith (6-5 240 rFr) PS#81. Def Scout Tm POY. Keith Hill (6-3 260 Sr) 16 tkls LY.

NT VINCE CROCHUNIS SR. 6-4 290 13 sts, 71 tkls, 8.5 tfl in '02. 450 bench. 13 sts LY, 54 tkls, 6 tfl. Charles Spencer (6-5 320 Jr) 2 sts, 39 tkls, 2Y. Andy Alleman (6-4 260 Jr) PS#70. 8 tkls, 2 sks LY.

DT DAN STEPHENS SR. 6-2 295 PS#109. 5 sts in '01. 11 sts in '02, 52 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 13 sts LY, 46 tkls, 5 tfl. Jake Holthaus (6-1 285 Sr) 33 tkls, 8 tfl, 2Y. Vernon Botts (6-4 255 So) PS#68TE.

DE Azzie Beagnyam So. 6-1 245 PS#168LB. 1 st, 31 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Charles Sallet (6-0 225 So) PS#149LB. 5 tkls LY. Michael Hearn (6-5 235 rFr) PS#100. Craig Bokor is PS#46!

SLB BRIAN BENNETT SO. 6-0 235 PS#140. 12 sts as rFr, 118 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. HB Blades (5-11 245 So) **PS#38**. Bennie's son. 1 st as true, 57 tkls, 5 tfl. Derron Thomas (6-1 220 rFr) PS#89.

MLB Clint Session So. 5-11 230 PS#146. 39 tkls, 8 tfl as true. Sub-4.6 speed. Chris McKillop (6-2 230 rFr) PS#56. Vernon Smith is **PS#48**. Scott McKillop is **PS#58**.

WLB JJ HORNE JR. 6-3 225 PS#80WR. Last 3 sts LY, 41 tkls, 3 tfl. **Malcolm Postell** (6-1 235 Sr) PS#119. 10 sts LY, 63 tkls, 5 tfl. Joe Clermond (6-2 220 rFr) PS#249.

CB Bernard "Josh" Lay Jr. 6-2 195 **PS#55**. 38"VL. 1 st, 5 tkls as true. First 4 starts LY, 37 tkls, **14 pbu**. Darrell Revis (6-0 182 Fr) is PS#52. Steve Walker (5-9 175 Fr) is PS#67.

CB Mike Phillips rFr. 5-11 180 **PS#51**. Scout Tm POY. Reggie Carter (6-0 190 So) PS#180. 1 tkl LY. Allen Richardson (5-11 185 Fr) PS#190 LY. Larry Moore (5-9 180 So).

SS TYRONE GILLIARD SR. 5-11 195 PS#154RB. 11 sts in '02, 49 tkls, 2 tfl, 5 pbu. 11 sts LY, 64 tkls, 5 tfl. Sam Bryant (6-0 210 So) PS#120. 2 sts, 20 tkls. Eric Thatcher (5-9 180 Fr) **PS#60** LY.

FS TEZ MORRIS SR. 5-10 190 13 sts in '02, 119 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 10 sts in '03, 81 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. Jemeel Brady (6-0 190 rFr) PS#249. Kennard Cox (6-1 180 rFr) **PS#174WR**.

P Adam Graessle So. 6-4 205 **PS#14**. 43.9 avg as Sr in HS. Did KO's as true frosh here, 29 of 73 were TB's. Steve Bowers (6-0 210 rFr). Joshua Cummings 37.1 avg at JC LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Craig Bokor 6-3 270	PS#46
LB	Vernon Smith 5-11 234	PS#48
DB	Darrelle Revis 6-0 182	PS#52
DL	Corey Davis 6-1 302	PS#60
DB	Adam Gunn 6-1 200	PS#55
LB	Scott McKillop 6-2 220	PS#58
OL	Chase Clowser 6-6 342	PS#73
DB	Steve Walker 5-9 175	PS#67
OL	Dave Weber 6-3 344	PS#81
RB	Steffan Brinson 5-11 193	PS#91
WR	Derek Kinder 6-1 200	PS#98
PK	Joshua Cummings 5-11 180	PS#114JC
QB	Darrell Strong 6-5 245	PS#36
LB	Nick Williams 6-2 226	PS#134
WR	Kelvin Chandler 6-2 171	PS#133
RB	Rashad Jennings 6-2 261	PS#152
WR	Marcel Pestano 6-1 180	PS#172
RB	Brandon Mason 6-1 204	PS#246
TE	Robbie Agnone 6-5 224	PS#85

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Harris' records AT PITTSBURGH

44-40	Straight Up	10-14	Home Favorite
39-38	Vs The Spread	12-6	Home Underdog
11-22	Off A SU Loss	6-10	Away Favorite
24-25	Vs Conference	11-8	Away Underdog
	15-13	Vs Non-Conference	

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 7

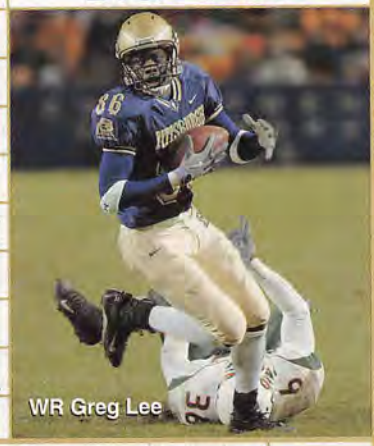
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,21,3)
Lost: 22 (12,7,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 59,197

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#70

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 6	at S Florida (Mon)	G						Last time Pitt opened a season on the road was 1993. Pitt is 24-20-4 SU all-time vs the Big 12 (1-3 SU & 4-0 ATS since 1990). Pitt is 5-3 SU & ATS the L/8 home finales (0-2 SU & ATS the L/2).
Sep. 11	Ohio	G						2nd meeting. USF (+22) stunned Pitt 35-26 at Heinz Field in 2001. This is also played in NFL Stadium (Raymond James) home of the Bucs.
Sep. 18	Nebraska	G						Pitt is 5-0 SU vs Ohio in series history winning by a combined 197-33. Panthers are 11-1 SU, but only 7-5 ATS vs MAC since 1995.
Sep. 25	Furman	G						This is the 1st game between schools in 46 years. Pittsburgh is 8-3 ATS as a home dog the last 5 years.
Sep. 30	at Connecticut (Thur)	G						Furman was 6-5 in Div IAA ball last year. First ever meeting. Furman has played IA teams in 4 of the L5Y & in '99 beat N Carolina 28-3.
Oct. 9	at Temple	A						Panthers are 3-9 ATS in Big East openers the last 12. Pittsburgh is 3-4 SU, but 6-1 ATS on Thursdays since 1993.
Oct. 16	Boston College	G						The underdog is now 12-3 ATS in this series the last 15. Pittsburgh is 6-13-1 ATS since 1984 vs the Owls.
Oct. 23	Rutgers	G						Panthers are 8-11 SU & 6-13 ATS vs the Eagles since 1980. Pitt is 4-8 ATS in their 1st Big East home game of the year the last 12.
Oct. 30								Panthers are 3-6 ATS vs the Scarlet Knights since 1995. Pitt is 6-2 SU & 3-5 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1999.
Nov. 6	at Syracuse	A						Panthers are 4-8 SU, but 8-4 ATS the last 12 games the week after a bye. After not beating SU from 1990-'01 & going 5-7 ATS Pitt has won 2 straight SU & ATS.
Nov. 13	at Notre Dame	G						Panthers are 2-10 ATS the last dozen meetings with the Irish. Pittsburgh is 3-6 ATS the last 9 road finales.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 25	W Virginia (Thur)	G						Panthers are 3-7 SU & ATS vs the Mountaineers the last 10 years. West Virginia's last visit resulted in a Heinz Field record crowd of 66,731.


WR Greg Lee

STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	2-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	8-4	8-4	42-37
ATS	8-3	3-7	7-4	5-6	6-4	5-7	5-7	39-38
Home Fav	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	10-14
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	12-6
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	6-10
Away Dog	4-0	1-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	11-8
Favorite	1-2	1-2	3-3	3-4	3-1	1-6	4-6	16-24
Dog	7-1	2-5	4-1	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-1	23-14
Grass	2-1	0-3	2-0	2-1	4-3	4-7	4-5	18-20
Artificial	6-2	3-4	5-4	3-5	2-1	1-0	1-2	21-18
vs Conf	5-2	1-6	4-3	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	24-25
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-3	15-13
Off SU Win	4-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	4-1	5-3	3-5	25-14
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-6	2-3	1-3	2-3	0-3	1-2	11-22

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Miree	115	616	43	573	6	5.0
Jawan Walker	**107**	**451**	**44**	**407**	**3**	**3.8**
Lousaka Polite	70	263	5	258	1	3.7
Rod Rutherford	136	515	365	150	2	1.1
Tim Murphy	**29**	**103**	**24**	**79**	**0**	**2.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rod Rutherford	413	247	59.8	3679	37	14
Luke Getsy	**13**	**3**	**23.1**	**32**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Larry Fitzgerald	92	1672	18.2	22	58
Kris Wilson	44	643	14.6	9	42
Princell Brockenbrough	**35**	**616**	**17.6**	**4**	**67**
Lousaka Polite	25	222	8.9	1	23
Greg Lee	**10**	**211**	**21.1**	**0**	**40**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Lee	77	3399	44.1	7	37.6	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Abdul	**49-51**	**3-4**	**3-6**	**3-7**	**0-1**	**9-18**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lewis Moore	137	4.5	6	2	1
Brian Bennett	**118**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Shawntae Spencer	82	0	0	10	2
Tez Morris	**81**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Tyrone Gilliard	**64**	**2.5**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Malcolm Postell	**63**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**2**
William Ferguson	62	0	0	7	3
Corey Humphries	59	0	1	3	2
HB Blades	**57**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Vince Crochunis	**54**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Dan Stephens	**46**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Thomas Smith	**44**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
JJ Horne	**41**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
William Ferguson	32	327	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrell Allen	**25**	**591**	**23.6**	**0**
William Ferguson	16	250	15.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Liberty	+10	S Mississippi	7-41	L
00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37	L
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19	W
02	Insight	+2'	Oregon St	38-13	W
03	Continental Tire	+3	Virginia	16-23	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.9	20	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	+5	2003	6	23.9	20	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8
8	25.5	20	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	+10	2002	5	17.8	17	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6
5	24.7	19	124	3.5	225	54.2	14.2	-5	2001	10	20.4	17	118	3.0	168	54.2	14.0
7*	24.7	20	131	3.4	276	54.7	16.5	-11	2000	7	20.6	19	97	2.6	233	53.7	16.0
7	25.5	19	120	3.2	240	52.3	14.1	0	1999	7	25.3	20	143	3.8	256	55.4	15.8
4	21.3	20	116	2.9	206	49.9	15.1	-9	1998	6	30.4	18	146	3.5	202	53.7	11.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kent St	26	45-202	4.5	20-36	320	2	10	36-73	2.0	12-28	88	1	+1
Ball St	24	36-188	5.2	19-33	285	2	19	37-92	2.5	19-30	192	1	0
at Toledo	21	28-74	2.6	24-36	315	1	33	29-90	3.1	49-62	461	0	0
at Texas A&M	23	44-195	4.4	14-28	283	2	22	39-227	5.8	21-39	317	1	+3
Notre Dame	9	27-8	0.3	12-30	167	8	14	56-352	6.3	5-17	33	2	-1
at Rutgers	18	34-113	3.3	22-38	381	1	25	40-132	3.3	27-52	384	2	+4
Syracuse	16	39-44	1.1	21-32	310	3	9	39-146	3.7	7-18	49	1	+1
at Boston Coll	29	45-124	2.8	25-38	364	1	18	38-149	3.9	12-29	186	3	-1
Virginia Tech	21	39-143	3.7	24-31	303	5	19	40-269	6.7	11-21	186	1	+1
at W Virginia	17	26-10	0.4	25-47	419	3	26	58-307	5.3	14-23	216	1	-1
at Temple	17	41-253	6.2	10-22	147	1	21	33-92	2.8	24-40	278	6	0
Miami, Fl	17	33-26	0.8	17-30	206	9	21	52-280	5.4	12-17	195	1	-1
† Virginia	27	46-148	3.2	18-26	246	5	21	35-196	5.6	20-31	244	1	-1
TOTALS	265	483-1528	3.2	251-427	3746	43	258	532-2405	4.5	233-407	2829	21	+5
AVERAGES	20.4	37-118	3.2	19-33	288	3.3	19.8	41-185	4.5	18-31	218	1.6	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-5'	30-10	W
at Penn St	+34'	17-20	W
Kent St	-33	30-23	L
Temple	-17'	55-24	W
Syracuse	+10	17-24	W
at Boston Coll	-3'	16-20	L
at Rutgers	-15	38-15	W
Virginia Tech	+22'	17-30	W
Miami, Fl	+8	3-33	L
Notre Dame	+9	37-27	W
at W Virginia	-1	21-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-26	30-7	L
at Bowling Green	-7	34-16	W
Penn St	+5'	12-0	W
Rutgers	-20	29-17	L
at Syracuse	+6	17-24 2OT	L
Boston Coll	-3'	42-26	W
at Virginia Tech	+16	34-37	W
N Carolina	-8	17-20	L
at Miami, Fl	+20'	7-35	L
at Temple	-8'	7-0	L
W Virginia	-5'	38-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	31-0	–
S Florida	-22	26-35	L
Miami, Fl	+28	21-43	W
at Notre Dame	+7	7-24	L
Syracuse	+3'	10-42	L
at Boston Coll	+11	7-45	L
at Temple	+2'	33-7	W
Virginia Tech	+19	38-7	W
at Rutgers	-21	42-0	W
at W Virginia	-3'	23-17	W
UAB	-6'	24-6	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio U	-21	27-14	L
Texas A&M	+3'	12-14	W
at UAB	-6'	26-20	L
Rutgers	-26'	23-3	L
Toledo	-5	37-19	W
at Syracuse	+2	48-24	W
at Notre Dame	+7	6-14	L
Boston Coll	-4'	19-16 OT	L
at Virginia Tech	+12'	28-21	W
Temple	-16	29-22	L
at Miami, Fl	+19	21-28	W
W Virginia	-2'	17-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-28'	43-3	W
Ball St	-30'	42-21	L
at Toledo	-10	31-35	L
at Texas A&M	-1	37-26	W
Notre Dame	-9	14-20	L
at Rutgers	-16	42-32	L
Syracuse	-6'	34-14	W
at Boston Coll	-1'	24-13	W
Virginia Tech	+4'	31-28	W
at W Virginia	-1	31-52	L
at Temple	-15	30-16	L
Miami, Fl	+3	14-28	L

SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - This school has had its share of super QB's like Marvin Graves, Donovan McNabb and Don McPherson who were the top three in terms of career passing yards at Syracuse. Since McNabb left, the last five years have been plagued by erratic QB play. Troy Nunes and RJ Anderson alternated as starters in 2000-'02. Anderson had a great year in 2001 with just 3 int while throwing for 1,236 yards. He had a poor 4-8 ratio in 2002 and lost the starting job to Nunes for the final five games. In 2003 he threw for 2,164 yards (60%) with a 10-8 ratio while rushing for 416. Anderson was always either hot or cold. For example, he hit 20 of 27 for 215 yards vs BC and was the Big East Off POW and the following week vs Pitt he hit just 7 of 18 for 49 yards with 2 int. Anderson departs #4 on the Syracuse all-time career passing list with 4,698 yards (52.7%) with a 21-23 ratio. Anderson set a school record with 178 passes without an int and finished his Orange career 17-13 as a starter. Anderson also set the school record last year for attempts (310) and completions (186). He completed 68% in the Carrier Dome and just 48% on the road in '03. None of this year's candidates have thrown a pass in a college game. Perry Patterson (PS#30) who has a cannon for an arm did appear in six games after two knee surgeries (2002 and spring 2003). He had 30 yards rushing on six attempts last year. Xzavier Gaines (6-4 198 Jr) had 4 QB draws vs UCF for 21 yards, but then missed the rest of the year due to injury. Matt Hale (6-4 221 rFr) was PS#252 and would have been ranked higher but played in Canada. This year's top signee, Joe Fields, participated in spring practice. This year's group is far less experienced but both Graves and McNabb started as rFr and were outstanding 4 year starters, and Fields could be the next to follow suit.

RUNNING BACKS - Syracuse has had some outstanding runners like Larry Csonka, Jim Nance, Joe Morris and three players who wore the famed "44" Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown. In 2002 true frosh Damien Rhodes, who has 4.35 speed, was offered the number 44 but opted for #1 and played immediately. He rushed for 568 yards (4.1) despite being bothered all year by a slight tear in his PCL. Walter Reyes, a powerful back with 4.36 speed, took over and rushed for 1,135 yards (6.2) and set a school record with 17 rushing TD's. Both returned last year and Reyes got off to a great start leading the NCAA in rushing after four games. Rhodes suffered ankle and foot injuries early and would play in just four games so Reyes did not have Rhodes to spell him. Reyes went through a streak of seven straight games without a 100 yard effort and had a school record streak of 11 straight with a TD snapped vs Pitt. Reyes' 241 yards vs UCF was second best in school history next to Joe Morris (252 in 1979). Reyes finished 2003 with 1,347 yards (5.3) and broke his own single season TD record (20). He went over 300 carries without a fumble until he was hurt vs W Virg. When he finally returned healthy, he had 5 TD's and 189 yards rushing vs ND. The good news here is that both Reyes and Rhodes are back and hopefully healthy this year. Reyes is a legitimate Heisman candidate. Tim Washington (5-9 199 So, PS#67) was the 2nd string TB (168 yds, 4.0) after Rhodes' injury. The only loss is FB Keith "Thump" Belton (8 sts, 168 yds, 4.8). This has the makings of one of the best RB corps in the NCAA.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team lost its top two receivers. I expected great things out of Johnnie Morant (PS#3) when he signed and last year, when he was healthy, he was the team's deep threat averaging 17.4 on his 46 rec. Unfortunately he departs (#5DC OAK), and I forecast that his pro stats will be stronger than his college stats. Also gone this year is TE Lenny Cusumano (9 sts, 6 rec) and TE Joe Donnelly (6 sts, 5 rec). Jared Jones (PS#17) is a VHT and they moved starting CB Steve Gregory to WR. Rashard Williams (5-6 165 Jr) was productive with 23 rec (10.4) but was dismissed for academic reasons, and isn't expect to return for fall. I am concerned with the TE position as Joseph Kowalewski was mostly a short yardage and goal line TE. I list a projected lineup below including speedy former CB Steve Gregory and others who could contribute are Stan Bush (6-0 181 So), Todd Lisi (6-0 202 Sr), Landel Bembo (5-8 153 So, PS#170), Rotimi Paul (6-2 180 Jr), Dan Lavia (5-9 165 Jr), TE Alex Shor (6-6 263 Jr, PS#225) and this year's solid crop of true frosh, many of whom will play immediately including Tommy "Rice" Moss, a second cousin of Randy. This unit has potential but with the loss of a talent like Morant, I will call it weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - For four straight years the production of Syracuse's OL was unpredictable. Experienced units produced lower ypc and allowed more sacks and inexperienced units produced improved ypc and fewer sacks allowed. In 2002 four starters returned to an O-line that paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing and allowed 28 sacks. Last year it finally went as expected as the OL with 4 starters back improved its ypc to 4.5 and trimmed the sack total to just 15. This year they must replace C Nick Romeo (12 sts, 2nd Tm BE, 4 yr st'r), RT Kevin Sampson (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, #7DC KC) and backup C Chris Buda (PS#63). Seven of the top 10 are back including 5 players with starting experience. This line will be solid once again as it's just a little less experienced than the 2003 version.

RB Walter Reyes

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Orangemen had to replace the Big East Def POY, Dwight Freeney (#1DC IND) as well as one other starter and the D allowed 4.2 ypc rushing while watching its sack total drop to 26. They called DE James Wyche "the next Freeney" but he has yet to live up to that billing. In two years as a starter he has just 3.5 sacks, but he does possess 4.43 speed and has bulked up to 264 lbs. Last year's defensive front was a veteran one with all four starters back and they showed improvement vs the rush allowing just 3.6 ypc but the D still only had 20 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are DT Louis Gachelin (12 sts, 1st Tm BE, 61 tkls, 5.5 sks), NT Christian Ferrara (12 sts, 62 tkls, 17 tfl, 2nd Tm BE, #7DC SF) and DE Josh Thomas (11 sts, 40 tkls, 9 tfl). The unit does have good experience with 5 of the top 8 back but there are no VHT's in the group, and it is clearly weaker than the 2003 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the team had to replace a 2nd Tm BE LB and had uncertainty regarding Jameel Dumas' return. Dumas, who had 11 starts in 2002 and was the team's #2 tackler, did return to the school after missing the spring, but unfortunately was injured in the opener and missed the season. Dumas (6-2 230 Sr, PS#140) is once again a question mark as of this writing as he is applying for a 6th year but the Orangemen are pessimistic about the chances of it being granted. This year the unit is more experienced as the only loss is MLB Rich Scanlon (12 sts, #1 tkl'r w/147, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm BE). One solid addition at LB is Troy Swittenburg who had six starts at CB last year, but is more like a safety and will be able to move out and cover receivers if necessary from the LB spot. Whether or not Dumas returns, this group is more experienced and has solid talent and looks stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Syracuse finished in the Top 21 of my pass D rankings from 1998-2001 but has not fared as well the past couple of years. In 2002 the team yielded 304 pass ypg, the most in the NCAA and slipped to #110. Last year they had to replace five players including 3 starters, so not much improvement was expected. The rather inexperienced unit did trim the pass ypg down to 222 and while allowing 60%, only yielded a 22-17 ratio and moved all the way up to #50 in my pass D rankings. This year basically everyone returns with the exception of CB Steve Gregory who moves to WR. Gregory had 31 pbu the last two years. I list the 2 deep below and this unit has decent talent and should continue to improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Paul Pasqualoni usually fields a solid special teams unit, in fact they were #2, #11 and #8 from 1995 to 1997. Even though 2002 was a horrible season overall for the Orange, they still finished #15. Last year they had to replace their super P Mike Shafer (38.1 net) who also had a high percentage of TB's on his KO's plus top PR Jamel Riddle (13.7). The new punter struggled as the team's net dropped to 32.2 (6 blk punts). They also yielded two PR TD's vs VT. Justin Sujansky handled the KO's in the opener but was injured so P Brendan Carney, who has a booming leg and was 2nd Tm BE (43.0), handled the P and KO duties. Pasqualoni joked that someday Carney's punt would hit the ceiling of the Carrier Dome. K Collin Barber (PS#42) had a much better year after hitting just 11 of 20 in 2002. His 12 of 16 FG's earned him 2nd Tm BE honors despite having a quad injury (missed BC), and not being 100% down the stretch. The team did block 4 punts with FS Anthony Smith blocking two. The special teams coach said that true frosh PR Marcus Clayton was always a step or two from breaking one all year and he finally did that with a PR TD vs WV. However, he did fumble two KO's in the wind vs Rutgers which were costly. Overall it was an unusual year for Pasqualoni's special teams as they were #95 and I look at that as an aberration. I expect significant improvement with the only loss this year being KR Johnnie Morant (22.4). Damien Rhodes was the top KR in 2002 and missed most of 2003 but should resume his role this year.

COACHES - Paul Pasqualoni enters his 14th year here but shook up the staff as he takes over the OC job himself this year demoting George DeLeone. Former DC Chris Rippon takes over the special teams and Steve Dunlap is the new DC. He was the W Virginia DC for ten years prior to coming to SU in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Pasqualoni had 11 winning seasons in his first eleven years here. They were a very fortunate team in 2001 thanks to +18 turnovers and zero starters missed zero games with injury. That season they finished 10-3 and were 6-1 in the Big East despite being outgained by 3.7 ypg. 2002 was a nightmare and the team finished just 2-5 in Big East play. Last season prospects seemed a lot brighter with 14 starters returning and they lost the fewest lettermen in the Big East (15). Last year they had just 3 home games in Big East play. Attendance has been dropping but Syracuse was still 5-2 at home in '03 outgaining foes by 97 ypg while finishing just 1-4 on the road and being outgained by 113 ypg. SU is just 17-18 in the Big East the last 5 years. After opening up with a record of 4-2 and having beaten BC 39-14, it appeared the Orangemen were back. They were 5-3 with 4 games left but at 5-6 prior to ND there were heavy rumors that Pasqualoni would be gone at the end of the season. A 38-12 thrashing of the Irish at home helped him retain his job. This year SU loses just 15 lettermen but has just 11 starters returning, both 2nd lowest in the conf. Last year they were outgained by an average of 40.3 ypg in Big East play (2nd worst) and outscored by an avg of 7.2 ppg and finished just 2-5 once again. The key to their 2004 season will be the performance of the new QB, because Pasqualoni will have the top RB corps in the Big East and a solid O-line to work with. The D-line is a major question mark on the other side of the ball having to replace 3 key starters. Having Purdue, Virginia and Fla St on the non-conf schedule will make achieving a winning season that much tougher, but the BE did get easier with the departure of VT and Miami and they have just 3 conf road games. The new QB is the key to a winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Joe Fields Fr. 6-2 213 PS#40. In for spg. **Perry Patterson** (6-4 235 So) **PS#30.** ACL in '02. Knee inj again LY, 6 gms. **Xzavier Gaines** (6-4 198 Jr) 21 yds rush LY.

RB WALTER REYES SR. 5-10 209 **PS#20.** 12 sts, 1135 yds (6.2) in '02. **2nd Tm BE** in '03, 1347 yds (5.3), 38 rec. **Damien Rhodes** (6-1 210 Jr) PS#31. 4.35 spd. 691 yds (4.0) 2Y.

FB Greg Hanoian Sr. 6-2 264 PS#161LB. 11 games, 56 ttl yds LY. Breyone Evans (5-11 245 rFr) PS#89. Stephen McDonald (6-0 248 So). Sean Flannery (6-0 219 So).

WR Steve Gregory Jr. 5-11 186 **sub 4.3 spd.** 19 sts at CB, 31 pbu in 2 years! Andre Fontenette (6-2 226 Sr) PS#97. 5 starts, 18 rec, 2 years. Timothy Lane (6-2 205 So) PS#107.

WR JARED JONES SR. 5-11 199 **PS#17.** 1 st, 22 rec in '02. 11 sts LY, 37 rec (9.6). Kyle Bell (6-2 198 rFr) PS#139. Jeremy Sellers (6-1 195 rFr) PS#139DB. Rice Moss is PS#118.

TE Joseph Kowalewski Jr. 6-3 259 5 games in '02. 11 games LY, 2 sts, 2 rec (23.5). Brandon Darlington (6-5 254 So) PS#101OL. Cory Brooks (6-1 242 Jr) PS#232RB, 14 tkls at LB.

C MATT TARULLO SR. 6-5 322 PS#138. 12 sts at RG in '02. 12 sts at RG LY, 405 bench. Justin Outten (6-1 284 So) PS#116. **LS** Joe Neumann (6-2 210 Jr) **JUCO.**

RG Jason Greene Jr. 6-5 296 **PS#63.** 5 games as rFr. 2nd string in '03, 1 st. Carroll Madison (6-2 337 rFr) PS#280. David Bouchard is PS#226. Is a top Canadian OL.

LG STEVE FRANKLIN JR. 6-3 311 PS#120JC, joined team in spring '03. 11 sts at RG last year. Chris Thorner (6-4 291 So) PS#337. Marvin McCall (6-2 314 rFr) PS#377.

RT Quinn Ojinnaka Jr. 6-5 290 PS#121OL. 1st true to start on OL since 1986. 1 start in '02. 2nd string RT in '03. **Kurt Falke** (6-6 309 Jr) PS#188JC. In for spring.

LT ADAM TERRY SR. 6-8 312 **PS#55OL.** 11 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03, **2nd Tm Big East.** Brent Caldwell (6-3 284 Jr) PS#276DL. Eugene Newsome (6-6 313 rFr) PS#236.

K COLLIN BARBER SR. 6-1 216 PS#42. 5 of 6 FG's, long of 45 in '01. 11 of 20 FG's in '02, long of 50. **2nd Tm BE** LY, 12 of 16 FG, long 43. Ricky Krautman (5-8 176 So) **PS#5K.**

DE Julian Pollard Sr. 6-5 258 PS#121. 3 sts in '02, 10 tkls, 1 tfl. 1 start LY, 23 tkls, 1 tfl. Cornelius Campbell (6-4 275 rFr) PS#153. Lee Williams (6-3 241 rFr) PS#135.

DT Kader Drame Jr. 6-5 287 PS#164OL. 7 tkls as true. 11 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Shadeed Harris (6-3 275 So) PS#38TE. 3 tkls as rFr. Nick Santiago is PS#122.

NT Mike Sklarosky Jr. 6-3 284 PS#122JC. #1NT in spring. 61 tkls, 7 sks at JUCO last year. Eugene Brown (6-2 284 Jr) 1 tkl in '02. +24 lbs. Tony Jenkins (6-2 278 rFr) PS#120.

DE JAMES WYCHE JR. 6-5 264 **4.43 spd.** 7 sts as rFr, 39 tkls, 4.5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 37 tkls, 4 tfl. Ryan LaCasse (6-2 244 Jr) PS#151. 4 sts, 34 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 2 years.

SLB KELVIN SMITH SO. 6-2 235 PS#129. 11 sts as rFr, 68 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int. Tommy Harris (6-2 241 Jr) PS#164DL. 7 tkls LY. Jamar Atkinson (6-3 220 Jr) PS#130JC last year.

MLB Jerry Mackey So. 6-1 248 **PS#50.** 3 tkls, 4 games as rFr. Jameel McClain (6-1 248 rFr) PS#164. Luke Cain (6-0 237 So) PS#215. Jake Flaherty is PS#124.

WLB KELLEN PRUITT JR. 6-3 225 PS#62TE. 1 st, 24 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 96 tkls, 8.5 tfl. Troy Swittenburg (5-9 197 Sr) PS#56RB. 6 sts at CB, 40 tkls LY. Vincenzo Giruzzi PS#84 LY.

CB Tanard Jackson So. 6-0 177 PS#100. 5 tkls as true. Marcus Clayton (5-7 164 So) PS#62. Sub 4.3 spd. 332 ret yds as true. Terrell Lemon (5-10 170 So) PS#181. 2 sts, 12 tkls.

CB THOMAS WHITFIELD JR. 5-9 190 4.23 speed. Canadian, 40"VL. 4 sts, 43 tkls, 1 int LY. DeAndre LaCaille (6-0 195 Jr) PS#336JC LY. Lenny Carter (5-8 167 rFr) PS#134.

SS DIAMOND FERRI SR. 5-10 218 **PS#21RB.** 278 ttl yds in 2 yrs @ RB. 12 sts at SS LY, 120 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. O'Neil Scott (6-0 202 Sr) PS#167. 7 sts in '02. 80 tkls, 1 int, 3 years.

FS ANTHONY SMITH JR. 6-0 186 PS#130. 31 tkls as true. 12 sts LY, 106 tkls, 5 int, 4 pbu. Reggie McCoy (6-0 181 rFr) PS#151. Donte Williams (6-0 171 Jr) PS#464JC LY.

P BRENDAN CARNEY SO. 6-5 201 **2nd Tm Big East**, 60 punts as rFr, 43.0 average and net of 32.2 (poor coverage), hang time 3.3-3.5 second avg. PK Barber is the backup.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Curtis Brinkley 5-9 180 PS#41
WR	JJ Bedle 5-9 160 PS#44
QB	Joseph Fields 6-2 213 PS#40
LB	Donte Woodyard 6-4 210 PS#63
WR	Quinton Brown 5-10 170 PS#72
DB	Ben Maljovec 6-3 200 PS#82
RB	Kareem Jones 6-0 185 PS#81
DL	Nick Santiago 6-4 310 PS#122
DL	Tom Ferron 6-4 235 PS#124
OL	Ryan Ehrie 6-6 295 PS#123
DB	Donta Herrod 6-2 190 PS#107
OL	Corey Chavers 6-5 247 PS#136
RB	Dowayne Davis 6-1 195 PS#123
DT	Mike Sklarosky 6-3 280 PS#122JC
LB	Jake Flaherty 6-1 195 PS#124
OL	Ryan Durand 6-5 315 PS#151
LB	Jamar Atkinson 6-3 220 PS#130JC
WR	Rice Moss 6-3 195 PS#118
RB	Tony Fiammetta 6-1 210 PS#155
OL	Kurt Falke 6-5 315 PS#188JC

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Pasqualoni's records AT SYRACUSE

101-53-1 Straight Up	37-26 Home Favorite
78-66-2 Vs The Spread	9-5 Home Underdog
20-24 Off A SU Loss	25-16-2 Away Favorite
46-42-1 Vs Conference	7-19 Away Underdog
32-24-1 Vs Non-Conference	

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

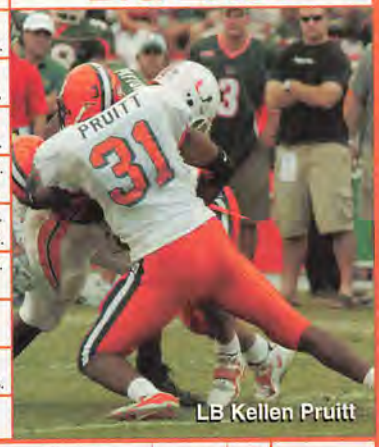
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 25 (11,12,2)
Lost: 15 (10,5,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,167

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	at Purdue (Sun)	G							Syracuse is 5-13 SU & 7-11 ATS on grass the last 5 years. The Orangemen are 15-5 ATS in the month of September the last 20. LY SU was 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs tms that went to bowls losing by an avg score of 30-19.
Sep. 11	at Buffalo	G							The Orangemen are 10-3 ATS in road openers the last 13. Syracuse is 7-8-1 SU & 10-6 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1980.
Sep. 18	Cincinnati	A							The Orangemen are 13-0 SU & 8-1 ATS vs current MAC teams since '80. SU is 11-4-1 SU & 9-6-1 ATS (although only 3-4-1 ATS L/8) as a non-conf AF S/'91.
Sep. 25	at Virginia	G							The Orangemen are 6-15 ATS in home openers since 1981, 3-2 ATS L5Y. Syracuse is 11-3 SU & 11-2 ATS at home vs non-conference teams S/'99.
Oct. 2	Rutgers	A							Orangemen enter the 2004 season 7-19 ATS as AD's under Pasqualoni. Last time these 2 played was in 1977 (Syracuse 2-0 SU).
Oct. 9	Florida St	A							Orangemen are 15-2 SU & 13-4 ATS vs Knights but lost LY 24-7 at Rutgers. Syracuse is 7-1 SU & ATS in BE home openers with the avg score being 43-16.
Oct. 16									The Orangemen are 18-7 ATS as home dogs since 1983. Syracuse is 8-3 SU & 7-3 ATS (4-0 ATS L/5) at home before a bye week S/'94.
Oct. 21	at W Virginia (Thur)	A							Syracuse is 3-8 ATS coming off a bye week S/'96 but are 2-2 ATS the L2Y.
Oct. 30	Connecticut	A							The favorite is 12-3-1 ATS in this series since 1988. The Orangemen are only 5-13 ATS in Big East road games the last 5 yrs.
Nov. 6	Pittsburgh	A							Pending 10/2: Orangemen are 9-5 SU & ATS at home vs Big East foes L4Y. First time these 2 schools will play as UC enters the Big East this year.
Nov. 13	at Temple	A							The Orangemen are 19-9 ATS vs the Panthers but have lost 2 straight yrs. Pending 10/9: Syracuse is 11-1 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game homestand S/'94.
Nov. 20									The Orangemen are 17-1 SU S/'85 going 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs the Owls. Syracuse is 2-8 ATS on the road before a bye week since 1993.
Nov. 27	at Boston College	A							The Orangemen are 3-7 ATS in road finales the last 10. SU is 15-8 SU & ATS vs BC S/'81 with the fav going 16-4 ATS L/20 meetings.



LB Kellen Pruitt

STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,550)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	8-3	6-5	6-5	9-3	4-8	6-6	48-33
ATS	6-6	5-6	5-6	7-4	8-4	4-7	7-5	42-38
Home Fav	3-3	2-4	3-2	4-0	5-1	1-2	3-1	21-13
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	5-3
Away Fav	3-2	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	10-10
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-2	2-2	2-3	1-2	6-12
Favorite	6-5	4-6	4-4	6-1	6-2	1-3	4-2	31-23
Dog	0-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-2	3-4	3-3	11-15
Grass	2-2	1-1	0-3	0-1	3-3	2-1	2-3	10-14
Artificial	4-4	4-5	5-3	7-3	5-1	2-6	5-2	32-24
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	1-6	5-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	23-26
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	4-0	2-2	4-1	2-2	4-1	19-12
Off SU Win	5-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	5-3	3-1	2-3	24-19
Off SU Loss	0-3	1-2	1-3	4-1	2-1	1-5	4-2	13-17

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Walter Reyes	**253**	**1445**	**98**	**1347**	**20**	**5.3**
RJ Anderson	99	416	154	262	5	2.6
Thump Belton	35	168	0	168	0	4.8
Tim Washington	**42**	**187**	**19**	**168**	**1**	**4.0**
Damien Rhodes	**35**	**143**	**20**	**123**	**0**	**3.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
RJ Anderson	310	186	60.0	2164	10	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Johnnie Morant	46	799	17.4	5	75
Walter Reyes	**38**	**375**	**9.9**	**1**	**67**
Jared Jones	**37**	**355**	**9.6**	**0**	**37**
Rashard Williams	23	240	10.4	1	43
Damien Rhodes	**8**	**77**	**9.6**	**1**	**31**
Andre Fontenette	**11**	**68**	**6.2**	**0**	**10**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brendan Carney	**60**	**2581**	**43.0**	**3**	**32.2**	**6**	**18**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Collin Barber	**33-34**	**3-4**	**7-8**	**2-4**	**0-0**	**12-16**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rich Scanlon	147	1.5	8	4	1
Diamond Ferri	**120**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**2**
Anthony Smith	**106**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**5**
Kellen Pruitt	**96**	**2.5**	**6**	**3**	**3**
Kelvin Smith	**68**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**
Christian Ferrara	62	3	14	0	0
Louis Gachelin	61	5.5	7	0	0
Steve Gregory	54	0	4	12	2
Thomas Whitfield	**43**	**0.5**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Josh Thomas	40	3	6	4	0
Troy Swittenburg	40	0	3	4	2
James Wyche	**37**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Julian Pollard	**23**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Clayton	**27**	**273**	**10.1**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnnie Morant	18	403	22.4	0
Steve Gregory	**17**	**318**	**18.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Liberty	-17	Houston	30-17	L
97	Fiesta	+3	Kansas St	18-35	L
98	Orange	+6'	Florida	10-31	L
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13	W
01	Insight	+6	Kansas St	26-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	26.7	18	189	4.5	180	59.8	13.9	+7	2003	7	25.1	19	138	3.6	222	60.0	14.4
3*	28.9	20	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	+2	2002	6	33.8	21	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1
8*	25.7	17	170	3.5	152	51.3	12.5	+18	2001	6	19.0	18	160	4.3	191	49.5	18.5
5	26.7	18	207	4.5	171	55.5	14.1	-6	2000	8	19.3	15	136	3.8	175	45.4	16.1
6	25.0	19	174	3.9	168	56.2	13.7	-7	1999	6	21.3	16	112	3.2	195	55.5	14.4
6*	39.8	22	220	4.7	201	60.9	10.6	+11	1998	4	25.0	18	142	3.8	195	48.2	13.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at N Carolina	26	47-230	4.9	20-33	288	2	31	42-165	3.9	32-45	340	0	+2
Louisville	22	41-217	5.3	19-30	229	1	18	39-185	4.7	16-25	266	0	-1
UCF	22	52-318	6.1	13-20	133	0	23	23-92	4.0	33-49	284	0	+5
Toledo	20	47-303	6.4	17-23	147	0	18	23-76	3.3	32-53	257	1	-1
at Virginia Tech	6	35-81	2.3	8-23	91	1	18	45-337	7.5	8-20	102	2	+1
Boston College	24	50-192	3.8	20-27	215	1	16	30-70	2.3	20-31	249	5	+1
at Pittsburgh	9	39-146	3.7	7-18	49	1	16	39-44	1.1	21-32	310	3	-1
Temple	23	51-232	4.5	16-20	221	1	18	30-94	3.1	19-34	183	2	+1
at Miami, Fl	11	37-107	2.9	12-21	85	1	15	49-170	3.5	5-14	80	3	+2
W Virginia	19	38-163	4.3	23-37	336	2	17	48-196	4.1	14-25	271	1	-1
at Rutgers	12	27-37	1.4	14-32	161	2	19	53-167	3.2	19-33	125	0	-1
Notre Dame	21	45-247	5.5	17-27	209	3	14	36-62	1.7	18-34	199	3	0
TOTALS	215	509-2273	4.5	186-311	2164	15	223	457-1658	3.6	237-395	2666	20	+7
AVERAGES	17.9	42-189	4.5	16-26	180	1.3	18.6	38-138	3.6	20-33	222	1.7	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	-13'	35-12	W
C Michigan	-30	47-7	W
Michigan	+5'	13-18	W
W Virginia	-13	30-7	W
Tulane	-14'	47-17	W
at Pittsburgh	-10	24-17	L
at Virginia Tech	+12'	0-62	L
Boston Coll	-19	23-24	L
Temple	-18	27-10	L
at Rutgers	-30'	21-24 OT	L
at Miami, Fl	+10'	13-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-43'	63-7	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	10-12	L
at E Carolina	+5	17-34	L
BYU	-7'	42-14	W
Pittsburgh	-6	24-17 2OT	W
at Boston Coll	+1	13-20	L
Virginia Tech	+13	14-22	W
at W Virginia	-3	31-27	W
at Temple	-10	31-12	W
Miami, Fl	+12'	0-26	L
Rutgers	-25	49-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Georgia Tech	+8	7-13	W
at Tennessee	+15	9-33	L
UCF	-10	21-10	W
Auburn	-2'	31-14	W
E Carolina	-7	44-30	W
at Rutgers	-25	24-17	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	42-10	W
Temple	-17	45-3	W
at Virginia Tech	+17'	22-14	W
W Virginia	-14'	24-13	L
at Miami, Fl	+20'	0-59	L
Boston Coll	-3'	39-28	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3	21-42	L
N Carolina	-5'	22-30	L
Rhode Island	NL	63-17	–
at Auburn	+15	34-37 OT	W
Pittsburgh	-2	24-48	L
at Temple	-4	16-17	L
at W Virginia	+7'	7-34	L
Rutgers	-16	45-14	W
at UCF	+5	38-35	W
Virginia Tech	+10	50-42 3OT	W
at Boston Coll	+7	20-41	L
Miami, Fl	+20'	7-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	-1'	49-47 3OT	W
Louisville	-3'	20-30	L
UCF	-4'	38-14	W
Toledo	-3'	34-7	W
at Virginia Tech	+17'	7-51	L
Boston Coll	+3'	39-14	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	14-34	L
Temple	-18	41-17	W
at Miami, Fl	+19	10-17	W
W Virginia	+2	23-34	L
at Rutgers	-5'	7-24	L
Notre Dame	+2'	38-12	W

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Following the 2000 season, Rutgers had to replace QB Mike McMahon who has started 7 games in his career with the Detroit Lions. In 2001 and 2002 the O-line allowed 51 sacks each year. Ryan Cubit set the school record with 19 int's and also had 7 fumbles in 2001 due to the lack of protection. Cubit returned in 2002 but was beat out for the starting job by true frosh Ryan Hart who started the last four games playing in just five. Hart is mobile, athletic and seems to have good sense in the pocket. He did not have overwhelming numbers in his first year throwing for 479 yards (45.9%) with a 2-6 ratio. Rutgers' QB's overall combined for just an 11-23 ratio and had the lowest pass eff in the NCAA in '02. Cubit transferred last year, and Hart simply set Rutgers' season records for attempts, completions and yards, but also tied Cubit's 19 int's as well. For the season he threw for 2,714 yards (58.8%) and had a 15-19 ratio, while not showing as much mobility as expected with just 38 gross yards rushing (-176 net). The OL allowed just 23 sacks which helped. Anthony Cali (6-5 215 Jr) was PS#37 but has yet to see action. Terrence Shawell (6-4 190 rFr, PS#75) is a mobile QB who ran the scout team last year while preparing for Navy's option. The short pass offense that OC Craig Ver Steeg installed is perfect for Hart because he does not have an overpowering arm. Hart has been fairly successful and became the first Rutgers QB to top 300 yards passing in consecutive games. Hart should continue to improve as a junior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Rutgers had its lowest rushing total since 1946 with just 620 yards. Last year's new OC, Ver Steeg, is known for shaping top-notch rush attacks. In last year's magazine, I called for the Knights to at least double 2002's rush production and called for their highest ypg rushing in over 7 years. They accomplished both feats by increasing their ypg from 52 (1.5) to 138.8 (3.3). Rutgers had six players who had topped 100 yards rushing in a single game which was the most of any school last year in Div IA and practically everyone is back. Markis Facyson (PS#114), who was the team's leading rusher in 2002 with 398 yards (3.2), had a knee injury in spring of '03 and was one of just three players who did not pass their August conditioning test. Facyson, who has solid speed, rushed for only 207 yards but his 4.9 ypc was the best of the backs. True frosh Justise Hairston (PS#94), who spent a year at Milford prep school, is a solid combination of speed and power (210 lbs). Hairston had 88 yards in the opener, 161 vs Navy and 115 vs W Virg, but then suffered a hyperextended knee and missed 4 full games finishing with 550 yards (4.0). Brian Leonard (PS#83) was asked to bulk up to play FB and was 237 lbs at the start of the year. Leonard took over down the stretch and was the team's leading rusher, receiver and scorer (86 pts). He had 132 yards vs Army, 184 vs Conn, 138 vs Syracuse and came close to being the first Rutgers back to top 1,000 yards rushing since 1994. The school has only had four players top 1,000 yards. Schiano was able to redshirt Marcus Jones (5-10 200 Jr, PS#233) who had 2 starts and 327 yards rushing in 2001 as a true frosh and 55 yards in 2002. Backup FB Cedric Brown (PS#82LB) was used mostly for blocking. FB Ishmael Medley (5-11 230 Jr) had one start and 2 rec after moving over from LB. I like the talent and depth as they add a VHT and HT true frosh (see Top Newcomers). This unit should be improved again.

RECEIVERS - This was an inexperienced group last year that had to replace 2nd round DC TE LJ Smith, who was the team's leading receiver the previous two years, and lost their top 3 receivers overall. The top 2 WR's for 2003 were both soph's. Tres Moses reminds Schiano of Peter Warrick. He is a dangerous returnman and had 52 rec (10.3) despite missing the Temple game with an injury. Shawn Tucker was the most productive WR with 726 yards (14.5). Projected starting TE Chris Loomis (PS#38) saw limited playing time (inj) with just 3 rec after starting four games in 2002. Backup TE Clark Harris (PS#43) was the top receiving TE with 18 grabs (11.8). The TE to watch this year is PS#16 soph Sam Johnson. He was impressive in practices last year and had 4 rec (10.0) as a true. TE Ray Pilch (10 sts) was the best blocker of the TE's and had 8 rec (20.1). I list the 2 deep below and others who may contribute are Willie Foster (5-10 185 So) who had 3 rec, TE Brad Listorti (6-4 225 rFr, PS#40), Corey Barnes (5-8 165 Jr) and EJ Barthel (6-1 215 Fr). Former QB Chris Baker could also be a factor. This unit is a lot more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Knights' O-line had some extremely poor numbers in 2002 as they opened the holes for just 1.5 ypc rushing while allowing 51 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters (including their top OL) and a backup who had 3 starts. Starting RG Glass (PS#32) and part-time starter Green both sat out the 2002 season after transferring, and starting LG Brian Duffy missed the 2H of 2002 with injury. Despite the rust, there was great improvement in the numbers as RU averaged 3.3 ypc rushing and the O-line allowed just 23 sacks. This year they must replace C Marty Pyszczymuka (11 sts, 3 yr st'r, Top OL Award), LT Mike Williamson (11 sts), G Rich McManis (3 sts) and 3rd string OL Rob Dinsmore (3 letters). They plug VHT Ron Green into the open RT spot and have a couple of other VHT's added to the mix in rFr Pedro Sosa (PS#76) and true frosh Jeremy Zuttah (PS#35). Despite the losses, I look for continued improvement from the Knights' offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rushing, their worst total in over a decade and the team had just 18 sacks. They improved to 4.73 ypc while recording just 15 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace their top DL, and one backup but did have Raheem Orr (PS#16LB) returning. DE Ryan Neill was then injured and missed the season so they actually had just 2 starters back. Orr had a phenomenal season, leading the Big East in tfl with 19.5 and was also the top DL tackler in the Big East earning 1st Tm Big East honors. Unfortunately he departs but they get Neill back so they actually have five players who started 4 or more games. DE Alfred Peterson was suspended indefinitely in spring following an arrest and is questionable for fall. Miami (FL) transfer Nate Robinson was hampered by knee and ankle injuries last year and should be more of a force. Overall the Knights improved to 4.2 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. While the sack total may not improve with Orr's loss (#7DC HOU), the overall front should be tougher vs the run.

LB William Beckford

LINEBACKERS - The Knights had two starters returning to the LB position last year but returning starter Brian Hohmann, who was named Special Teams MVP, lost his starting job and had 32 tackles. This year they must replace Hohmann as well as OLB Brian Bender (9 sts, 35 tkls, 2 sks). Not listed below is Anthony Campanile (6-1 218 Jr, PS#271QB), Dominic Piegaro (6-1 215 So), Gaudhi DeSades (6-1 215 rFr) and Sal Fama (6-1 225 So). Six players return with starting experience and all three projected starters are VHT's, making this a very talented LB corps that should be a key in Rutgers' defensive improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rutgers was #78 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace one starter and 3 backups. They began 2003 with 7 of their top 8 players back and both starting CB's possessed excellent speed. As you would expect, Rutgers moved up to #70 in my pass D rankings allowing 51.6% with a 20-10 ratio. This year they have to replace both starting CB's in Nate Jones (12 sts, 73 tkls, 2nd Tm BE, #7DC DAL) and Brandon Haw (11 sts, 37 tkls, 7 pbu, 3 yr st'r). They are solid at the safety position with the #1 tackler, SS Jarvis Johnson returning and all 3 players who split the FS spot are back. This unit has plenty of experience with 6 of the top 8 back, but with having to replace their two starting CB's, it may be tough to move up in the pass D rankings again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Darren Rizzi, who had been the HC at New Haven from '99-2001, took over as the special teams coach in 2002 and guided Rutgers to its best finish in my special teams rankings at #56. Nate Jones was the Co-Special Teams POY in the Big East in 2002 and was outstanding once again last year with 19 KR's (25.7) after averaging 28.3 in 2002. He departs as the school's #2 all-time KR and #3 all-time in the Big East with 1,902 yards. Tres Moses did have two costly fumbles on PR's (Pitt & Conn) but was still impressive with 22 (11.4) and he also had 12 KR's (15.4). P Joe Radigan (PS#19) averaged 39.3 as a rFr with a net of 33.8, but should improve. FG kicking was spotty with Justin Musiek (0 for 2), Michael Cortese (1 for 2) and Ryan Sands (12 of 21) all struggling, but Sands did connect on a 49 yarder vs Temple. Sands also was 6 of 6 on FG's as a frosh in 2001 but just 5 of 12 in 2002. LS Ryan Neill sat out last year due to injury and TE Clark Harris handled those duties in his place. Both LS return, which will help the kickers. Look for a better year from the kickers, and Moses is dangerous. However, with the loss of a player of the caliber of Jones, it will be tough for Rutgers to top their #82 finish of 2003.

COACHES - Greg Schiano enters his fourth year with the program after being the Miami (FL) DC in 2000. Schiano is a Jersey native and brought high intensity and enthusiasm to the program. He has also coached in the NFL (Chicago). Following the 2002 season, Schiano received a contract extension through 2007 despite a 3-20 record including 0-14 in Big East play. His OC is Craig Ver Steeg who is in his second year and had been the OC at Utah for two seasons prior to his arrival here. DC Paul Ferraro was the DB coach at Georgia Tech in 1999 and 2000 and enters his fourth year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rutgers has had just 4 winning seasons the last 23 years despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college team located in a highly populated NYC/New Jersey area. Their last bowl bid was 1978 and their last winning season was 1992. They have made great strides the last couple of years in Big East play. In 2001 they lost their 7 Big East games by an average of 41.3 ppg (almost breaking Temple's 1993 record of 42.6) and were outgained by an average of 297.9 ypg. They had the most experienced team returning in the conference in 2002 but were 0-7 in league play for the 3rd straight year but were "only" outgained in conf play by 239.7 ypg and outscored by 24.3 ppg. They once again had a veteran unit returning last year and continued to make major strides. This time they actually escaped the basement for the first time in 3 years and snagged not one but two Big East wins. They snapped a 25 game Big East losing streak with their first Big East road win since 1998 in an upset of Temple. At one point they were 4-4, but lost to Connecticut, a game in which they had a 24-14 FD edge and 455-321 yard edge, and that cost them bowl eligibility. The game was 31-31 when they fumbled a punt with 1:19 left giving UC the win. They also led BC the entire game until just 5:54 was left and missed a 43 yard FG with 1:32 to go. The Knights were a spread darling last year as they opened the season 8-0 ATS. This could be the year Rutgers finally gets to the plus side of the ledger as they have 16 starters back including an experienced QB, Ryan Hart. Rutgers was only outgained by 27.6 ypg in league play showing marked improvement. They have a veteran O-line, a bevy of RB's, some talented receivers and clearly have their best offense in over eight years. I like the defensive talent, especially the LB's and should everybody stay eligible and healthy, they will be improved on that side of the ball as well. I think the Knights will be favored in 5 of the 11 games with the toss-up being Oct 9th vs Vanderbilt and only need a win there or an upset somewhere along the line to have a very good shot at topping .500, and in a much smaller Big East conference, that should mean a bowl bid. Rutgers makes my most improved team list (page 19) which gives them a good shot at going from a losing record to a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN HART JR. 6-2 195 PS#87. 4 sts as true, 479 pass. 12 sts LY, 2714 yds (59%) 15-19 ratio. Anthony Cali (6-5 215 So) PS#37. Terrence Shawell (6-4 190 rFr).

RB JUSTISE HAIRSTON SO. 6-1 210 PS#94. 3 sts as true, 550 yds (4.0). Markis Facyson (5-10 195 Jr) PS#114. 9 sts, 2Y, 605 yds (3.6). Clarence Pittman (5-10 200 Sr) 10 sts, 2Y.

FB BRIAN LEONARD SO. 6-2 230 PS#83. 11 starts as rFr, #1 w/880 yds (4.1), 53 rec (9.2). Cedric Brown (6-2 250 Sr) PS#82LB. 1 st in '02. **Dwayne Jones is PS#12.**

WR SHAWN TUCKER JR. 6-2 180 6 sts as true, 21 rec. 11 sts LY, 50 rec (14.5). Marcus Daniels (6-2 185 So) 1 st as true, 15 rec (10.5). Donny Diaz (6-6 195 Jr) PS#234JC.

WR TRES MOSES JR. 5-10 190 507 all-purp yds in '01 & '02. 11 sts LY, 52 rec (10.3), 435 ret yds. Jerry Andre (6-1 185 Sr) 6 sts, 4 rec. Chris Baker (6-5 200 Sr) PS#77. 13 rec in '02.

TE CLARK HARRIS SO. 6-6 230 PS#43. 1 st vs Army, 18 rec rFr. **Ray Pilch** (6-3 240 Sr) 24 sts, 24 rec, 3Y. **Chris Loomis** (6-4 240 Sr) PS#38. 5 sts. **Sam Johnson PS#16 LY.**

C William Vogt So. 6-3 285 PS#328. 2nd string in '03, 1 st. Joe Henley (6-3 260 So) PS#106. Moved from DL to OL in the spring. Mike Gilmartin is PS#191.

RG JOHN GLASS JR. 6-5 320 **PS#32.** Signed w/Syr, DNQ. New Haven trans. 12 sts here LY. NFL potential. Mike Clancy (6-4 290 Sr) PS#140. 2nd string. Randy Boxill (6-5 310 So).

LG BRIAN DUFFY SR. 6-5 315 **PS#80.** 10 starts in '01 @ RT. 5 starts @ RG '02 (inj). 9 sts @ LG last year (injury). Mark Segaloff (6-5 280 Jr). Dan Biernacki (6-4 300 Sr).

RT Ron Green Sr. 6-6 320 **PS#15JC.** DNQ in '02. 3 sts at RT in '03. Pedro Sosa (6-5 266 rFr) **PS#76.** 2nd string as true but RS. Mike Fladell (6-8 350 rFr) PS#137.

LT SAMEEH McDONALD JR. 6-5 300 PS#152. 8 sts at LG as rFr. 10 sts mostly at RT in '03. Clint Dato (6-5 325 Sr) PS#119JC. 2nd string LY. Jeremy Zuttah (6-4 285 Fr) is PS#35.

K RYAN SANDS SR. 6-1 225 PS#76. 6 of 6 FG's in '01. 5 of 12, long of 45 in '02. 12 of 21 in '03, long of 49. Michael Cortese (6-3 205 Jr) PS#50. Jeremy Ito is PS#78.

DE PIANA LUKABU SR. 6-3 235 PS#87RB. 5 sts LY, 20 tkls, 4.5 sks. **Rashawn Ricks** (6-3 235 rFr) **PS#60. Alfred Peterson** 34 tkls, 6.5 tfl. ? for fall. Eric Foster (6-1 225 rFr) PS#280.

DT NATE ROBINSON SO. 6-5 305 **PS#62 Miami FL.** 3 tkls, 1 sk as true LY. **Luis Rivas** (6-4 275 Jr) PS#232. 8 sts, 35 tkls, 3 tfl L2Y. J'vonne Parker (6-6 345 Jr) Howard transfer.

DT GARY GIBSON SR. 6-4 290 PS#375. 12 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 44 tkls, 7.5 tfl LY. David Harley (6-1 330 Sr) PS#295JC. 4 sts, 7 tfl LY. Cameron Stephenson is PS#260JC.

DE Ryan Neill Jr. 6-3 245 PS#91LB. 4 sts as true, 19 tkls, 3 tfl. 9 sts in '02 (ACL), 43 tkls, 3 tfl. RS LY. Val Barnaby (6-5 270 Jr) 42 tkls, 7 tfl, 2Y. Mike Ziarnowski is PS#90.

OLB WILLIAM BECKFORD JR. 6-1 220 **PS#48.** PQ. 6 sts until inj LY, 37 tkls, 6 tfl. DeVraun Thompson (5-11 215 So) PS#322. 4 sts as true, 57 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Kenny Gillespie (6-1 205 rFr) PS#224.

MLB WILLIAM GILKISON JR. 6-2 230 **PS#43.** 21 tkls as true. 11 sts in '03, 72 tkls, 3.5 tfl. Brad Cunningham (6-1 240 Jr) PS#121. 4 sts as true, 63 tkls, 7 tfl. 1 st LY, 21 tkls, 1 tfl.

OLB Berkeley Hutchinson Jr. 6-3 245 **PS#12.** PQ. 3 sts LY (inj 3), 18 tkls, 6 tfl. Terry Bynes (6-2 210 Jr) PS#281. 1 st, 26 tkls, 2Y. Quintero Frierson (6-1 215 So) PS#142. 6 tkls as true.

CB Charles "Tre" Timbers rFr. 5-10 170 **PS#46.** Derrick Roberson (5-10 170 So) PS#413. 14 tkls, 1 pbu as true. 4.42 spd electronic timed. Leslie Collins (5-10 180 So) 2 tkls.

CB Eddie Grimes Sr. 6-1 180 PS#432. 2 sts, 14 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 2 sts, 41 tkls, 7 pbu LY. Joe Porter (5-9 175 So) PS#204. 3 tkls as true. Bryan Wilson (5-9 190 Jr) 12 tkls, 2Y.

SS JARVIS JOHNSON SR. 5-11 195 9 sts in '02, 61 tkls, 4 pbu. 12 sts in '03, #1 w/97 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 2 int, 9 pbu. **Def MVP.** Dondre Asberry (5-11 180 Jr) PS#188. 24 tkls last year.

FS JASON NUGENT JR. 6-1 210 125 rush as true. 5 sts LY, 42 tkls, 1 tfl. Bryan Durango (5-10 185 Jr) PS#182. 3 sts LY, 24 tkls until inj. Jason Grant (6-1 195 Sr) 6 sts, 61 tkls, 3Y.

P JOE RADIGAN SO. 6-5 240 PS#19. 43.0 average in HS. 60 punts as rFr. 39.3 average, net of 33.8. Jeremy Ito 40.3 average in HS. Michael Cortese handles the KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Dwayne Jones 6-1 235 PS#12	
OL	Jeremy Zuttah 6-4 285 PS#35	
RB	Jean Beljour 6-4 200 PS#52	
QB	Mike Teel 6-4 210 PS#41	
DL	Shurkree Barfield 6-4 290 PS#94	
LB	Mike Ziarnowski 6-2 220 PS#90	
LB	Chenry Lewis 6-3 205 PS#122	
WR	Keith Taylor 6-4 180 PS#116	
RB	Dimitri Linton 5-9 190 PS#142	
OL	Mike Gilmartin 6-6 270 PS#191	
OL	Jon Fields 6-3 270 PS#208	
OL	Corey Hyman 6-4 290 PS#221	
DL	Cameron Stephenson 6-5 315 PS#260JC	
RB	Ron Girault 5-11 195 PS#228	
OL	Joseph Salinardi 6-4 285 PS#383	
DB	Bruce McKever 6-3 185 PS#367	
DL	Jamaal Westerman 6-3 225 PS#310	
DL	Darren Salinardi 6-4 285 PS#342	

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20-13-1	Vs The Spread	9-5	Home Underdog
14-11	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
11-10	Vs Conference	7-6-1	Away Underdog
		9-3-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,24,3)
Lost: 13 (6,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,339

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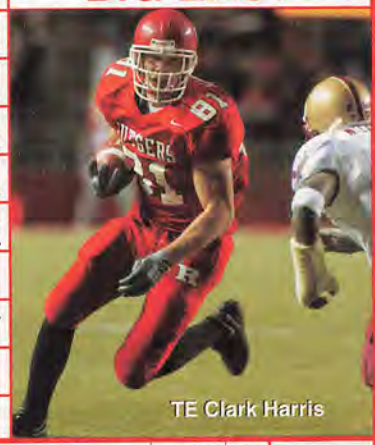
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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Rutgers is 5-2-1 SU & 3-4 ATS vs current MAC teams. The Knights are 7-1 ATS the last 8 Homecoming games. Rutgers is 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS since 1993 when playing on a weekday.
Sep. 4	Michigan St	A						Rutgers is an outstanding 19-7-1 ATS vs non-conference foes since '97. In 4 meetings with the Spartans Rutgers is 2-2 SU & 3-1 ATS.
Sep. 11	New Hampshire	A						Wildcats were 5-7 finishing 8th in the Atlantic 10 Conf LY. Their defense allowed 430 ypg in '03 but they almost beat A10 Champ Delaware 22-21.
Sep. 18	Kent St	A						Scarlet Knights are 13-6 ATS prior to a bye week since 1991. In their last 54 home games, RU has been a HF just 6 times (4-2 ATS).
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Syracuse	A						Scarlet Knights are 13-32-1 ATS L/46 on art turf but did go 3-0 ATS LY. Rutgers is 4-13 ATS vs Syracuse since 1997.
Oct. 9	at Vanderbilt	G						These 2 faced each other back in 1987-'88 w/RU going 0-2 SU & ATS both as a fav. Scarlet Knights are 9-1-1 ATS L/11 games on the road vs non-conf teams.
Oct. 16	Temple	A						The home team has covered in 6 of the last 8 meetings in this series. Rutgers is 1-8 ATS in Big East home openers since 1995.
Oct. 23	at Pittsburgh	G						RU is only 3-18 SU vs Pitt & 9-12 ATS but 3-1 ATS since 2000. Pending 10/2, RU is 5-2 ATS on the Big East road after going 4-17 ATS from 1996-'01.
Oct. 30	W Virginia	A						Scarlet Knights are 8-16 ATS vs the Mountaineers. Pending earlier results, Rutgers is 11-6 ATS off a SU loss the last 2 years.
Nov. 6	at Boston College	A						RU is 1-8 ATS vs BC being outscored by an avg of 38-17 by BC S/'95. This will be the last time these 2 will play as Big East members, RU is 1-11-1 SU.
Nov. 13								
Nov. 20	at Navy	G						Pending 10/2, Rutgers is 4-15-1 ATS the last 20 games after a bye week. Scarlet Knights are 2-7-1 ATS in road finales since 1994.
Nov. 25	Connecticut (Thur)	A						Rutgers is 6-1 ATS in home finales since 1997. The Scarlet Knights are 16-7 SU all-time (0-1-1 ATS) vs Connecticut.

STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	5-6	1-10	3-8	2-9	1-11	5-7	17-62
ATS	6-5	5-5	4-7	4-6	4-7	6-5	10-1-1	39-36-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	3-2
Home Dog	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-3	2-3	3-1	4-1	18-16
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
Away Dog	3-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	0-3	3-3	4-0-1	16-18-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	5-2
Dog	6-5	5-5	4-7	3-6	2-6	6-4	8-1-1	34-34-1
Grass	5-3	4-3	4-5	3-4	4-5	6-3	7-1-1	33-24-1
Artificial	1-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	3-0	6-12
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	1-6	2-5	1-6	4-3	6-1	20-29
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-0-1	19-7-1
Off SU Win	0-0	2-3	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-0-1	7-8-1
Off SU Loss	6-4	3-2	3-6	3-4	3-5	5-5	6-1	29-27

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Leonard	213	914	34	880	9	4.1
Justise Hairston	137	568	18	550	8	4.0
Markis Facyson	42	214	7	207	0	4.9
Clarence Pittman	52	218	23	195	1	3.8
Ryan Hart	40	38	214	-176	1	-4.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Hart	398	234	58.8	2714	15	19

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shawn Tucker	50	726	14.5	2	65
Tres Moses	52	536	10.3	5	65
Brian Leonard	53	488	9.2	5	72
Clark Harris	18	213	11.8	0	22
Markis Facyson	15	171	11.4	1	39
Marcus Daniels	15	157	10.5	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Joe Radigan	60	2360	39.3	12	33.8	4	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Sands	24-25	6-7	4-7	2-6	0-1	12-21	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jarvis Johnson	97	0.5	4	9	2
Raheem Orr	82	8.5	11	5	0
Nate Jones	73	0	1	7	2
Will Gilkison	72	1.5	2	1	0
DeVraun Thompson	57	1.5	5	1	1
Gary Gibson	44	2.5	5	0	0
Jason Nugent	42	0	1	1	0
Eddie Grimes	41	1.5	0	7	1
Brandon Haw	37	0	4	7	1
William Beckford	37	1	5	1	1
Brian Bender	35	2	1	0	0
Alfred Peterson	34	1.5	5	0	0
Brian Hohmann	32	0	1	0	0
David Harley	29	1	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tres Moses	22	250	11.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nate Jones	19	489	25.7	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RUTGERS'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.4	20	139	3.3	230	59.1	13.4	-6	2003	7	29.5	18	163	4.2	216	51.6	12.9
8*	13.9	14	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	-13	2002	8	33.1	20	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2
5	10.8	13	105	2.5	137	45.4	22.3	-22	2001	8	36.1	20	230	5.4	190	54.6	11.6
6*	21.2	17	106	3.4	229	48.9	15.8	-7	2000	3	36.3	23	222	4.3	201	59.2	11.7
5*	14.1	15	81	2.3	208	49.0	20.5	-5	1999	6	38.8	22	219	5.0	215	66.8	11.2
9*	18.7	18	125	3.1	204	50.0	17.6	-12	1998	4	34.2	22	246	5.2	182	58.3	12.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Buffalo	23	43 - 181	4.2	21 - 31	225	0	17	41 - 232	5.7	7 - 21	60	2	+1
at Michigan St	12	36 - (-2)	-0.1	14 - 31	266	4	25	40 - 134	3.4	21 - 34	351	3	+1
at Army	19	45 - 177	3.9	17 - 26	250	1	20	30 - 55	1.8	24 - 48	251	3	+2
Navy	25	53 - 249	4.7	15 - 22	155	1	22	55 - 373	6.8	5 - 15	117	3	+1
Virginia Tech	15	31 - 129	4.2	16 - 33	182	2	23	42 - 186	4.4	18 - 28	287	3	0
at W Virginia	18	32 - 114	3.6	18 - 29	178	1	21	59 - 254	4.3	7 - 15	187	1	0
Pittsburgh	25	40 - 132	3.3	27 - 52	384	2	18	34 - 113	3.3	22 - 38	381	1	-4
at Temple	24	44 - 44	1.0	31 - 43	319	3	15	19 - 39	2.1	20 - 41	243	2	-1
at Connecticut	24	45 - 244	5.4	18 - 32	211	1	14	30 - 99	3.3	17 - 32	222	1	-5
Boston Coll	15	42 - 101	2.4	20 - 28	249	2	18	42 - 215	5.1	17 - 26	244	4	+1
at Miami, Fl	18	35 - 130	3.7	24 - 46	213	6	13	43 - 220	5.1	7 - 17	93	2	-3
Syracuse	19	53 - 167	3.2	19 - 33	125	0	12	27 - 37	1.4	14 - 32	161	2	+1
TOTALS	237	499 - 1666	3.3	240 - 406	2757	23	218	462 - 1957	4.2	179 - 347	2597	27	-6
AVERAGES	19.8	42 - 139	3.3	20 - 34	230	1.9	18.2	39 - 163	4.2	15 - 29	216	2.3	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+18'	7-21	W
Texas	+23	21-38	W
Boston Coll	+7	7-27	L
at Wake Forest	+17	10-17	W
Virginia Tech	+31	20-58	L
at W Virginia	+20	16-62	L
Pittsburgh	+15	15-38	L
at Temple	+10	28-56	L
Navy	+14	7-34	L
Syracuse	+30'	24-21 OT	W
at Miami, Fl	+33	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	34-21	–
Buffalo	-24'	59-0	W
at Virginia Tech	+32'	0-49	L
at Pittsburgh	+20	17-29	W
Miami, Fl	+30	6-64	L
Temple	+6'	14-48	L
at Navy	+7'	28-21	W
at Boston Coll	+22	13-42	L
W Virginia	+14'	24-31 2OT	W
Notre Dame	+22	17-45	L
at Syracuse	+25	21-49	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Buffalo	-15	31-15	W
at Miami, Fl	+44	0-61	L
Virginia Tech	+28	0-50	L
Connecticut	-18'	19-20	L
Syracuse	+25	17-24	W
at Temple	+12	5-30	L
Navy	E	23-17	W
at W Virginia	+18	7-80	L
Pittsburgh	+21	0-42	L
Boston Coll	+30	7-38	L
California	+11	10-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	19-37	–
Buffalo	-7	11-34	L
Army	+4	44-0	W
at Pittsburgh	+26'	3-23	W
at Tennessee	+41	14-35	W
W Virginia	+13	0-40	L
at Virginia Tech	+40'	14-35	W
at Syracuse	+16	14-45	L
Miami, Fl	+39	17-42	W
Temple	+7'	17-20	W
at Notre Dame	+28	0-42	L
at Boston Coll	+28	14-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-12	24-10	W
at Michigan St	+19	28-44	W
at Army	-6'	36-21	W
Navy	+1'	48-27	W
Virginia Tech	+27'	22-48	W
at W Virginia	+17	19-34	W
Pittsburgh	+16	32-42	W
at Temple	+3'	30-14	W
at Connecticut	+7	31-38	T
Boston Coll	+7'	25-35	L
at Miami, Fl	+27	10-34	W
Syracuse	+5'	24-7	W

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Mike McGann took over the starting job for seven games in 2001 and despite facing some tough defenses like BC, Miami, Pitt and VT, played adequately for a true frosh. He threw for 934 yards (45.8%) with a poor 3-9 ratio. The team went to a new no-huddle spread offense in 2002 and McGann threw for 1,994 yards (49%) with a 13-22 ratio while rushing for 371 yards. Last year Temple beat out schools like Nebraska for super QB Walter Washington (PS#15JC) who is huge (240 lbs) and benches 500 lbs but unfortunately was not able to enroll until fall. McGann began 2003 as the starter and had his best season yet. He became just the second Temple QB to have back-to-back 300 yard passing games (Henry Burris). Due to an injury, Washington started against MTSt but was injured late in the 1Q and McGann QB'd the rest of the game. McGann hyperextended his elbow vs Rutgers and basically missed the rest of the year and threw for 1,405 yards (52.3%) with a 5-6 ratio on the season. Washington, perhaps the strongest QB in the country, became the first QB in 105 years at Temple to top 100 yards rushing in a game (151) and he also threw for 156 yards, almost leading the team to an upset vs VT. The next week against Pitt he accounted for 350 of the team's 370 yards and his 4 rushing TD's vs WV set a Big East QB record. Washington finished with 1,265 yards (53.1%) with an 8-6 ratio and rushed for 758 gross yards (4.9). He is almost like a FB when running the ball as he was the #1 rusher and outweighs opposing teams' LB's and DB's. Fortunately for Wallace, both QB's return. Also in the mix is Satyen Bhakta (6-1 225 Sr, walk-on) and true frosh Philip Simpson (PS#220). This unit has excellent depth and as long as Washington stays healthy, he should be one of the top dual-threat QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - Tarnardo Sharps left after the 2002 season as the school's #2 all-time leading rusher with 3,260 yards trailing only Paul Palmer ('83-'86, 4895 yds). Makonnen Fenton had 216 yards rushing in 2001 but moved to WR in 2002 and had 11 rec (19.3). He was in the top 2 in the Big East in KR average in 2001 and 2002. He moved back to RB and was the clear #1 RB heading into 2003. JUCO Jamil Porter (PS#105JC), who originally signed with Tulsa and has 4.3 speed, was #2. Fenton managed 9 starts but missed two games with broken ribs and finished with 342 yards rushing (4.2). Porter finished with just 172 yards rushing (3.8) but became the top KR with 560 yards (25.5). Umar Ferguson (PS#129) got in 2 starts and rushed for 319 yards with a team best 4.6 ypc. Fenton is the only loss this year. Super JUCO Tim Brown (PS#44), who rushed for 1,354 yards averaging an outstanding 8.0 ypc at JC, joined the team in spring. Also in the mix is Mike Neal (6-1 205 rFr, PS#162) who benches 305 lbs. Porter's blocking was a weakness, but that should improve in the second year in the system, and this unit will put up much bigger numbers.

RECEIVERS - Last year the school had to replace their all-time leader in receptions Sean Dillard who suffered through an injury plagued 2002 (#2 w/31 rec). The team brought in six JUCO's but they did not have the impact expected as 3 of the top 4 WR's in rec's were all holdovers. Their leading receiver Zamir Cobb returned and he had an exceptional 2003, setting a single season Temple record with 74 rec (11.7) and was named 1st Tm Big East. He departs as Temple's new all-time career leader in rec. Terrence Stubbs (4 sts, 17, 16.0) whose 39* VL tied a Temple record, also departs. The team was plagued by dropped passes in August and had a lot in the 1H in the game vs Penn St but did improve as the season went on. WR Phil Goodman missed most of August but has good size (6-3 215) with 4.45 speed and was PS#7JC. Goodman had quite an impact in his first year with 47 rec (14.4). Versus Cincinnati, for the first time in school history, three receivers topped 100 yards (Cobb, Goodman, Stubbs). I list the 2 deep below. Even with the loss of the top guy, I think this unit could come close to 2003 in terms of production because they have added some solid JUCO's again including VHT Antwon Guidry.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 a veteran Temple OL paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters and a backup due to graduation. Projected starting LT Adam Boyd was then ruled academically ineligible and Elliott Seifert took his place but broke his ankle in the first game and missed the season. Overall the unit averaged 3.5 ypc rushing but did yield 35 sacks. This year they only lose C Joe Laudano (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 475 bench) and RG Jose Portillo (12 sts). They also add some JUCO's once again. This is a deep group as not listed below is Yohance Perry (6-5 330 Jr) who is PS#339 and started one game at RG last season, LS Jacob Simon (6-1 245 Jr) and G Sam McNaulty (6-4 320 Jr). With a mobile QB you can expect Temple's key stats for the OL (ypc and sacks) to be much improved, especially with a more veteran front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Temple had a great run defense in 2002 allowing just 2.8 ypc rushing and the defense had 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including star DT Dan Klecko to graduation and then lost the lone returning starter, DE Rodney Wormley to an injury. Two JUCO's, who were expected to contribute, both DNQ. With the weaker defensive front, Temple allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and the team had just 21 sacks. This year they must replace DT Taso Apostolidis (12 sts, 47 tkls, 11 tfl), DE JD Stanley (3 sts, 36 tkls, 7 tfl), DT Anthony Nembhard (1 st, 19 tkls, 6 tfl), DT Luis Lumpris (6 tkls) and DE Christian Dunbar (38 tkls, 3.5 sks, 10 sts) who moves to TE. Seven different players return to the front wall with starting experience and I list a 3 deep below. Not listed are some of this year's top-notch newcomers as well as Marcus Elbert (6-1 245 Sr, PS#187, 485 bench) and Neil Dickson (JC in for spg). This group is a lot more experienced. Temple did not allow more than 3.4 ypc rushing from 2000-2002, and should move back toward that level this year.

LINEBACKERS - Temple runs a variation of the 4-2-5 defense and I will list the OWL-back as a LB although both their OWL and SS resemble LB's. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 2 of their top 3 tacklers back with Rian Wallace being named 2nd Tm Big East. Troy Bennett (PS#57) has been very productive in his two years as a starter and the OWL back, Lawrence Wade, moved over from RB last year and now is in his second year at LB. Basically everyone returns to this unit plus they add some JUCO's like Walter Mebane (PS#187) and Bobby Fulmore who redshirted last year. With everyone back, this unit can only be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Temple was #92 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year suffered some heavy losses, losing four players who combined for 36 starts and an additional backup. Projected starting CB Carl Marshall and a backup, who were JUCO's, both DNQ. The only player returning with starting experience was CB Yazid Jackson but he moved to FS. The starting secondary was not figured out until the second half of the year when JUCO CB's Pete McBride and Ray Lamb took over the starting positions after finally getting acclimated (both arrived in August). As you would expect, Temple finished just #101 in my pass D rankings allowing 63.2% with a 20-11 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Donnie Coleman (first 6 sts, 28 tkls), FS Yazid Jackson (12 sts, #2 tkl'r, 6 pbu) and Mike Holley (first 7 sts at CB, 57 tkls) who moved to WR in spring. This unit is more experienced and with a stronger front 7, should make significant strides in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Wallace's N Alabama team led Div II in net punting in 2 of his 5 years there but his teams have struggled here. They have finished near the bottom of my special teams rankings including a #100 finish in 2001. In 2002 with everyone back, the team surprisingly moved up to #53 with their FG kicker, Cap Poklemba, leading the Big East in FG %. However, 2003 was a very frustrating year for Wallace and the special teams as he benched both his punter and kicker after the Louisville game, and yet they still managed to finish a respectable #55. One area Temple has excelled in over the past 2 years has been KR defense as they allowed just 12.0 in 2002 and only 13.1 last year. Although Jared Davis had a strong leg on KO's, his FG kicking was erratic as he hit just 10 of 22 but 3 misses were from 50+. Roger Price missed his only FG attempt and only hit 1 of 2 xp's. After 3 games they were last in the NCAA in net punting, but did improve to a net of 32.8 by season's end. Wallace bemoaned the fact that he did not have a kicker that could kick the ball into the endzone on KO's and also had holding problems during the year, so he went out this year and signed 2 JUCO's who will be in for the spring in K Ryan Lux and P Jake Hendy. They do lose their long time KR, Fenton, (19.5), but Jamil Porter avg 25.5 and had almost 100 yards more in returns despite 2 less attempts and he returns. It will be tough to replace PR Cobb (10.8). It looks like the kicking is solidly improved, and the special teams could move up in the rankings.

COACHES - Bobby Wallace enters his 7th season at Temple with a record of 17-51. He was named Div II Coach of the Quarter Century in 1997 at N Alabama and was 13-3 in the postseason in Div II. Dave Brock enters his 3rd year as OC and was the OC at Hofstra in 2000-'01. Raymond Monica enters his 7th year as DC here after being the DL coach at N Alabama under Wallace. Monica's D's have finished in the Top 20 in the NCAA in 2 of the last 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Temple enters their second season of play at Lincoln Financial Field which was not officially named as their home stadium until August of 2003. They do have an unusual home field advantage with their small crowds lulling opponents to sleep in such a large venue. Last year, despite the fact that they could not offer tickets until August, they increased their average attendance to 24,137. Last season Wallace had to replace 23 seniors and had just 9 starters returning. With preseason being cut by the NCAA and the heavy reliance on JUCO's, they struggled all year. For the first time since 1996, Temple finished in the conference basement at 0-7. In 2001 they were outscored by an average of 19.3 ppg in Big East play and cut that to 12 ppg in 2002. Last year they were last in the Big East being outscored by an average of 19.2 ppg and outgained by 149 ypg which was more than 100 yards worse than the second worst team in the league. The Big East kicked them out in 2001 and gave them a reprieve through 2004, but this should be their last season. The Owls' last winning season was 1990 and last year they were better than their 1-11 record as 3 of their losses were in OT. The Owls have not won more than 4 games in a season since 1990, and some have called for the Temple program to move to IAA ball. They figure to be a much improved team with 16 starters and 49 lettermen returning which ties them for most in the Big East in both categories. Walter Washington got a late start as he was a JUCO transfer that joined the team last fall but started the last 4 games and should pilot a much improved offense. The defense has 9 starters back and keep in mind they had 2 Top 20 finishes in the NCAA in the last three years and should be improved on that side of the ball as well. Temple is clearly one of the most improved teams in the entire NCAA this year and because the Big East is watered down this year, they should definitely top last year's 1 win season. Their non-conf schedule is not easy with Virginia, Maryland and MAC powers Toledo and Bowling Green, but I look for the Owls to be very focused in all of their Big East games and give them a shot at their highest win total in 15 years.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB WALTER WASHINGTON JR. 6-2 240 **PS#15JC**. Big & 4.5 spd. 5 sts here LY, 1265 pass (53%) 8-6 ratio, 758 rush. **Mike McGann** (6-6 225 Sr) 26 sts, 3Y, 4333 pass (49%) 21-37 ratio.
SB Tim Brown Jr. 5-8 185 **PS#44JC**. 1354 (8.0) at JC LY. Umar Ferguson (6-0 205 Jr) PS#129. 319 (4.6), 17 rec, 2 sts LY. Jamil Porter has 4.3 spd. 172 rush (3.8).
AB Jamel Harris So. 6-1 186 PS#43. 2 sts LY, 7 rec (14.3). **Sean Szarka** (6-2 210 Jr) PS#138. 3 sts true, 22 rec. 7 rec LY (inj). Mike Holley (5-10 180 Jr) PS#151. **7 sts** CB LY.
WR PHIL GOODMAN SR. 6-3 215 Orig signed w/Oreg. **PS#7JC**. 4.45 spd. 12 sts, 47 rec (14.4) here LY. Andre Mixon-Toland (6-3 200 Jr) 53 rec at JC in '02. Buchie Ibeh (6-3 210 Sr).
WR ANTWON GUIDRY JR. 6-1 205 **PS#27** in '01 & orig signed w/Nebraska. JC LY.
Ikey Chuku (6-3 196 Sr) 9 sts, 20 rec (11.2) in '03. Lester Shelton (5-11 180 Jr) PS#316JC.
TE COLLIN HANNIGAN SR. 6-5 255 PS#76QB. 7 starts in '03, 4 rec (5.5). **Christian Dunbar** (6-2 235 Sr) 1 st at DE in '02, 15 tkls. **10 sts** at DE in '03, 38 tkls, 3.5 sks, 4 tfl.
C CJ BLOMVALL SR. 6-2 305 PS#154JC. 425 bench. 1 yr Swedish Marine Corps. 12 sts at LG here LY, 3 pcakes per gm, 4.5 sks allowed. Frank McAndrew (6-3 290 Sr) 500 bench.
RG CHRIS HARRIS SR. 6-4 300 3 sts at UMass in '01. 11 sts at JC in '02, 0 sks. 10 sts here LY. 410 bench. Stan Primus (6-5 315 Jr) PS#182. 2Y @ JC. RS here LY. 450 bench.
LG Stephen Bell Jr. 6-4 310 PS#192JC. RS LY. 405 bench. Leigh Denman (6-6 300 So) PS#153. Joe Johnsonbaugh (6-2 285 Sr) 805 squat. Elijah Darby (6-2 310 Jr) JC.
RT Elliott Seifert So. 6-8 295 PS#407. Started opener as rFr but broke ankle. Larry Bonczar (6-8 290 So) PS#336. Scott Mattos (6-4 265 Jr) N Arizona transfer.
LT JOHN GROSS JR. 6-6 285 490 bench. 2nd string but DNP as true. 6 games in '02. 12 sts LY at LT, 645 squat. Tariq Sanders (6-6 295 So) PS#219. 3 games LY.
K Ryan Lux Jr. 6-3 200 **PS#24JC**. 21 of 29 FG's at JC LY, long of 52. 11 of 15 long of 50 in '02. Roger Price (5-10 165 Jr). Mike Pettinelli (5-9 160 So) L/43 in HS.

DE MIKE MENDENHALL JR. 6-3 250 PS#229. 3 sts as true, 35 tkls, 5 tfl. 8 sts LY, 27 tkls, 3 tfl (miss 3 inj). Anthony DeGannes (6-4 252 Sr) **PS#55LB**. John Adams (6-2 255 Sr) 420 bench.
DT ANTWON BURTON SR. 6-4 315 PS#208JC & huge. 6 sts here in '03, 30 tkls, 1 tfl. 465 bench. Dwavon Battle (6-2 310 Fr) Fork Union LY. Randy Johnson (6-2 315 Sr) PS#489JC.
DT Adam Fichter Jr. 6-3 285 PS#322. 4 sts, 18 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu in '03. Eric Carpenter (6-5 255 Sr) PS#346DL. 12 sts at TE, 2Y. Ismael Seals (6-4 290 Sr) 415 bench. 3 tkls LY.
DE RODNEY WORMLEY JR. 6-4 240 PS#167TE. 9 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 6.5 tfl. Inj LY. Jason Johnson (6-2 255 Jr) PS#226. 4 sts, 13 tkls, 3 tfl. Manuel Tapia (6-3 235 Jr) PS#107. 1 st in '02, 17 tkls.
SLB TROY BENNETT SR. 6-2 240 **PS#57**. 2 sts, 29 tkls in '01, 7 sts, 53 tkls in '02. 12 sts, 84 tkls, 6 tfl LY. 430 lb bench. Ryan Gore (6-0 215 So) 16 tkls. Vince Yasenchak (6-2 240 So) 4 tkls.
WLB RIAN WALLACE JR. 6-4 245 Last 7 sts, 76 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 12 sts, **148 tkls, 20 tfl, 2nd Tm BE** in '03. Mark Miller (5-10 230 Sr) 7 tkl. 410 bench. David Fatherly (6-2 255 So) PS#153.
OWL LAWRENCE WADE SR. 6-0 195 PS#108RB. 231 yds in '02. 12 sts at OWL in '03. 73 tkls, 6 tfl. Bobby Fulmore (5-11 195 Jr) PS#387JC, 4.48 spd. Joel Gray (5-10 180 Sr) PS#132DB.
CB PETE McBRIDE SR. 5-10 175 6 int, 9 pbu at JC in '02. Last 5 sts here LY, 35 tkls, 4 int. **4.37 spd.** Jermaine Hargraves PS#239JC, in for spring. Delonne Wilbourn (5-10 185 Jr).
CB RAY LAMB SR. 5-11 180 JC. L/6 sts here LY, 49 tkls, 2 pbu, 38*VL. Jonathan McPhee (5-11 185 Jr) **PS#78**. 13 tkls LY. Andrew Turner (6-0 185 Jr) sprinter in HS. JC LY.
SS SADEKE KONTE SR. 6-1 215 415 bench. JC. 10 sts here LY, 51 tkls, 4 sks. Justin Johnson (6-1 205 Jr) PS#354JC. Inj LY. Willie Hardemon (6-1 170 Fr) PS#501. 4.5 spd.
FS Durrel Davis So. 5-11 190 PS#189RB, 11 tkls as true. Matt Douglas (6-2 200 Jr) PS#353JC. RS last year. Matt Powell (5-11 205 rFr). Alex McClean (6-1 210 Sr).
P JAKE HENDY JR. 6-4 220 38 punts, 43.9 avg at JC in '02. 43 punts, 43.2 avg, 20 inside the 20 at JC last year. **Mike McLaughlin** 51 punts, 39.9 avg, 32.8 net in '03.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

PK	Ryan Lux 6-3 200 PS#24JC	
RB	Tim Brown 5-8 185 PS#44JC	
DL	Jeff Washington 6-5 240 PS#155	
WR	Antwon Guidry 6-1 205 PS#164JC	
DL	Lloyd Talakai 6-1 310 PS#178JC	
LB	Walter Mebane 6-1 230 PS#187JC	
DB	Jermaine Hargraves 5-11 175 PS#239JC	
PK	Jake Hendy 6-4 220 PS#240JC	
DB	Rick Costa 6-2 230 PS#203	
WR	Lester Shelton 5-11 180 PS#316JC	
DB	Andrew Turner 6-0 185 PS#318JC	
DB	Lambert Watts 5-11 185 PS#321JC	
DL	Neil Dickson 6-3 285 PS#364JC	
OL	Quincy Rain 6-5 295 PS#362	
OL	Alex Derenthal 6-4 260 PS#372	
OL	Jacob Simon 6-1 245 PS#415JC	

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17-51	Straight Up	5-4	Home Favorite
31-33-1	Vs The Spread	7-14	Home Underdog
20-23-1	Off A SU Loss	2-4	Away Favorite
20-22	Vs Conference	17-11-1	Away Underdog
	11-11-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (19,28,2)
Lost: 18 (7,7,4)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,137

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Temple is 3-8 ATS as an away favorite since 1993. TU is 1-9 SU, but 7-3 ATS as an away dog the past 2 years. The Owls are 12-1 ATS when holding an opponent to single digits.
Sep. 4	Virginia	G						Temple is 1-11 SU & 4-8 ATS since 1998 as a double digit home dog. Owls have won 5 straight non-conf gms ATS, but is just 17-29-1 ATS S/'91.
Sep. 11	at Maryland	G						Temple is 0-4 SU & 1-2-1 ATS vs Maryland w/the avg game score of 32. Owls are 4-9 SU & 5-8 ATS in their 1st road game of the season S/'91.
Sep. 18	Florida A&M	G						Temple is 1-5 SU their last 6 non-lined games. Florida A&M was 6-6 last year in the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference.
Sep. 25	at Toledo	A						The Owls are 4-12 ATS vs MAC opponents the last 16. The visitor is 3-1 SU in this series since 1984.
Oct. 2	Bowling Green	G						TU is 1-3 SU & ATS vs BGSU with the average score of 28-25 since '95. The home team is 3-0 ATS since 1996 in this series.
Oct. 9	Pittsburgh	G						Temple is 4-12 SU, but 10-6 ATS vs the Panthers losing the L/5 SU S/'88. The Owls are 8-1-1 ATS as a dog when playing Pitt at home since 1981.
Oct. 16	at Rutgers	A						TU is 2-5 SU & ATS on the road vs Rutgers (the L/4 as a fav) since 1991. The Owls are 5-0 ATS in the 1st game of a 2 or more road stand L4Y.
Oct. 23	at Connecticut	G						Temple is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Connecticut with the average score of 47-16. Temple is 3-8 ATS before a bye the last 9 years.
Oct. 30								Bonus: Under HC Wallace the Owls are just 9-33 SU in conference play.
Nov. 6	at W Virginia	A						The Owls are 1-5 SU & 6-0 ATS the last 6 trips to Morgantown. Temple is 4-11 ATS after a bye week since 1991.
Nov. 13	Syracuse	G						TU upset the Orangemen here in '02 (17-16 +4) after losing 16 straight gms. The home team is 7-4 ATS since 1993 (3-0 SU & ATS the last 3 years).
Nov. 20	Boston College	G						Temple is 1-5 SU & ATS vs Boston College being outscored 183-71 S/'98. The Owls are 1-10 SU & 7-3-1 ATS in their regular season finale S/'93.
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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	2-9	4-7	4-7	4-8	1-11	20-59
ATS	5-6	3-6-1	4-7	7-4	5-6	5-6	7-4	36-39-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	6-4
Home Dog	3-1	0-3	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-4	2-1	10-15
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-5
Away Dog	1-4	3-1-1	2-4	3-1	2-2	2-1	5-2	18-15-1
Favorite	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-1	8-9
Dog	4-5	3-4-1	3-6	5-3	2-4	4-5	7-3	28-30-1
Grass	0-4	1-1-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	3-2	3-3	12-12-1
Artificial	5-2	2-5	4-6	3-4	4-5	2-4	4-1	24-27
vs Conf	5-2	2-5	4-3	4-3	3-4	4-3	3-4	25-24
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-1-1	0-4	3-1	2-2	1-3	4-0	11-15-1
Off SU Win	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	7-12
Off SU Loss	5-2	2-4-1	2-6	4-2	3-4	3-4	6-3	25-25-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Walter Washington	156	758	179	579	6	3.7
Makonnen Fenton	81	354	12	342	2	4.2
Umar Ferguson	69	326	7	319	4	4.6
Jamil Porter	45	180	8	172	3	3.8
Mike McGann	49	183	107	76	2	1.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Mike McGann	235	123	52.3	1405	5	6
Walter Washington	207	110	53.1	1265	8	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Zamir Cobb	74	866	11.7	5	44	
Phil Goodman	47	678	14.4	5	55	
Terrence Stubbs	17	272	16.0	0	71	
Ikey Chuku	20	224	11.2	1	18	
Makonnen Fenton	21	111	5.3	1	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike McLaughlin	51	2035	39.9	5	32.8	1	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jared Davis	23-26	4-6	4-8	2-5	0-3	10-22	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rian Wallace	148	1	19	6	0
Yazid Jackson	104	0	1	6	1
Troy Bennett	84	1	5	3	0
Lawrence Wade	73	2	4	1	1
Mike Holley	57	0	1	1	1
Sadeke Konte	51	4	1	2	0
Ray Lamb	49	0	1	2	0
Taso Apostolidis	47	1	10	0	0
Christian Dunbar	38	3.5	4	0	0
JD Stanley	36	2	5	0	0
Pete McBride	35	0	0	2	4
Antwon Burton	30	0	1	0	0
Donnie Coleman	28	1	2	1	2
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Zamir Cobb	21	227	10.8	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jamil Porter	22	560	25.5	0
Makonnen Fenton	24	468	19.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20	–
79	Garden St	+1	California	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	19.6	20	120	3.5	225	52.7	17.6	+5	2003	3	32.8	22	202	4.6	227	63.2	13.1
10*	20.2	18	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	-14	2002	7	29.2	19	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8
9*	18.0	16	118	3.1	167	48.2	15.8	-3	2001	10	28.3	16	130	3.4	183	54.4	11.1
5*	20.4	17	131	3.5	180	55.4	15.2	+3	2000	5	24.5	18	137	3.4	197	54.9	13.6
6*	13.9	15	60	2.4	205	57.4	19.0	0	1999	6	33.3	21	192	4.2	213	61.3	12.2
7*	18.0	17	197	4.0	116	40.4	17.4	-4	1998	5	32.7	22	219	4.8	185	60.7	12.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Penn St	21	40 - 162	4.1	17 - 37	195	3	16	41 - 231	5.6	6 - 19	79	1	+1
Villanova	22	46 - 94	2.0	18 - 28	264	4	20	31 - 53	1.7	28 - 37	347	3	+1
at Cincinnati	22	31 - 107	3.5	28 - 48	415	1	25	38 - 136	3.6	29 - 44	321	2	-1
at Louisville	27	30 - 53	1.8	27 - 54	362	6	21	43 - 187	4.3	13 - 24	197	2	+1
at Middle Tenn	24	40 - 170	4.3	18 - 38	197	1	24	55 - 227	4.1	18 - 29	205	5	+3
Boston College	16	27 - 65	2.4	26 - 47	212	2	25	41 - 298	7.3	20 - 27	350	2	0
at Miami, Fl	6	27 - 150	5.6	5 - 14	21	2	28	46 - 342	7.4	22 - 33	259	1	0
Rutgers	15	19 - 39	2.1	20 - 41	243	2	24	44 - 44	1.0	31 - 43	319	3	+1
at Syracuse	18	30 - 94	3.1	19 - 34	183	2	23	51 - 232	4.5	16 - 20	221	1	-1
Virginia Tech	22	43 - 237	5.5	15 - 30	156	5	19	41 - 209	5.1	15 - 25	188	0	+2
Pittsburgh	21	33 - 92	2.8	24 - 40	278	6	17	41 - 253	6.2	10 - 22	147	1	0
at W Virginia	23	49 - 176	3.6	17 - 33	171	1	16	49 - 208	4.2	7 - 17	91	0	-2
TOTALS	237	415 - 1439	3.5	234 - 444	2697	35	258	521 - 2420	4.6	215 - 340	2724	21	+5
AVERAGES	19.8	35 - 120	3.5	20 - 37	225	2.9	21.5	43 - 202	4.6	18 - 28	227	1.8	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland	+5'	0-6	L
at Kansas St	+34	0-40	L
at Akron	-1	15-25	L
at Marshall	+28	0-34	L
at Pittsburgh	+17'	24-55	L
Boston Coll	+14	24-14	W
at W Virginia	+17	17-20	W
Rutgers	-10	56-28	W
at Syracuse	+18	10-27	W
Virginia Tech	+29	7-62	L
at Miami, Fl	+31	0-55	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	+10'	17-6	W
at Maryland	+10	10-17	W
Bowling Green	-9'	31-14	W
E Michigan	-14'	49-40	L
W Virginia	+6	24-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+30	13-35	W
at Rutgers	-6'	48-14	W
Miami, Fl	+22	17-45	L
at Boston Coll	+9'	3-31	L
Syracuse	+10	12-31	L
Pittsburgh	+8'	0-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-17'	45-26	W
Toledo	+7'	7-33	L
at Bowling Green	-1	23-42	L
at Boston Coll	+13	10-33	L
Rutgers	-12	30-5	W
at Syracuse	+17	3-45	L
Pittsburgh	-2'	7-33	L
at Miami, Fl	+42	0-38	W
Virginia Tech	+24	0-35	L
at W Virginia	+16'	17-14	W
Connecticut	-19	56-7	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	34-7	–
Oregon St	+11	3-35	L
Miami, Fl	+37'	21-44	W
at S Carolina	+16'	21-42	L
Cincinnati	+4'	22-35	L
Syracuse	+4	17-16	W
at Connecticut	-1	38-24	W
at Virginia Tech	+28'	10-20	W
W Virginia	+7	20-46	L
at Pittsburgh	+16	22-29	W
at Rutgers	-7'	20-17	L
Boston Coll	+8'	14-36	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+25	10-23	W
Villanova	NL	20-23 2OT	–
at Cincinnati	+13'	24-30 3OT	W
at Louisville	+14'	12-21	W
at Middle Tenn	+3	44-36	W
Boston Coll	+9'	13-38	L
at Miami, Fl	+31	14-52	L
Rutgers	-3'	14-30	L
at Syracuse	+18	17-41	L
Virginia Tech	+26'	23-24 OT	W
Pittsburgh	+15	16-30	W
at W Virginia	+21'	28-45	W

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Dan Orlovsky was PS#62 and was forced into the starting role as a true frosh in 2001 even though Edsall wanted to redshirt him. He set a school record with 101 combined passes against Cincy and Utah St and set the school frosh record with 382 yards against Cincy. He finished the year throwing for 1,379 yards (47.6%) with a 9-11 ratio. Orlovsky who is 6' 5" and has an NFL caliber arm threw for 2,488 yards (60.4%) with a 19-11 ratio while rushing for 132 gross yards as a soph. He broke his foot in spring practice last year but was back to 100% for the season. He only had one 300 yard game in his first two years but last season topped that number five times. His 5 TD passes vs Army set a school record and he has an active record streak of 24 straight games with a TD pass. Last year he set the UC single season records for pass yards (3,485), attempts (475), completions (279) and TD passes (33). NFL scouts will certainly be hanging around UC games this season. Jermell Williams (6-2 187 Jr) was PS#104 and has played in 7 games in two years throwing for 226 yards (55%) with a 1-0 ratio. Shane Fogarty (6-3 231 So) was PS#197 and appeared in one game as a rFr. Peder von Harten (6-4 212 So) was PS#173 and Matt Bonislawski (6-4 208 So) was PS#346 and got in 8 games as the holder on FG's, but was the star of 2003's spring game with 211 yards. As long as Orlovsky stays healthy, I look for him to have a super senior season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 true frosh Terry Caulley (PS#148), who was compared to Joe Morris at 5-7 187 with 4.4 speed, had a huge impact. He rushed for 1,247 yards (5.7) which was the most by any true frosh in the NCAA since 1997. He scored 16 TD's and added 25 rec (8.2) despite missing 2 games. His 124.7 ypg topped that of even Ohio St's Maurice Clarett. His 4 TD's in 1Q vs Kent St tied an NCAA record. The starting FB in '02 was also a true frosh in Deon Anderson (PS#98) and he rushed for 119 yards in six starts. Basically everyone returned last year and Caulley continued on his pace simply leading the NCAA in rushing with 601 yards in the first 4 games after trimming his 40 time down to 4.3. On his second carry vs VT, he suffered a torn ACL. They opted to take the redshirt off of true frosh Matt Lawrence (PS#83), and he and Cornell Brockington (6-0 195 So) were the top two RB's. Brockington had 53 yards vs VT and Lawrence had 88 vs Lehigh. Chris Bellamy (6-1 210 Sr) had 332 yards rushing in 2001-02 but was moved to WR last spring. He was the 3rd string RB but against NCSt, with Anderson and Brockington combining for 4 carries for only 6 yards, Bellamy emerged and rushed for 166 yards (29 att's) and would take over the starting job. He had 212 vs Kent St but after another 100 yard game vs Akron, suffered a neck injury. Brockington rushed for 186 yards vs WM and 182 in the season finale with Bellamy getting just 18 carries after his injury. There is a possibility that Caulley may sit out the 2004 season taking a redshirt if his knee isn't 100%. If Caulley returns healthy, I think this unit will show significant improvement over last year even though a RB topped 100+ yards rushing in 8 of their 12 games. Even if Caulley is out, this unit is more experienced than it was for most of last season.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 most of the receivers returned but UC had a big upgrade in terms of talent and most of the returnees lost their jobs. Last year they had to replace their #1 (TE Collins) and #4 (WR Timko) receivers. The three replacement TE's last year were all banged up as Tim Lassen missed the first six games and then Terry McClowry who had won the starting job missed three. The only loss from the TE's this year is McClowry (4 rec). The three main receivers last year were a Canadian in O'Neill Wilson who had 51 rec (12.8), Shaun Feldeisen who was a walk-on kicker that bulked up and led the team in rec with 65 (13.2), and former QB Keron Henry (39 rec). Henry made some fantastic catches and led the trio with a 17.0 ypc but also dropped 3 possible TD passes. Brandon Young missed numerous games with injury but finished with 28 catches (14.2) and had 7 rec for 100 yards in his first start. Jason Williams has 4.29 speed and had 19 rec (7.3). This year they must replace Feldeisen and Wilson. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This unit is less experienced, but should still put up great numbers with Orlovsky throwing the pigskin.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Connecticut's O-line is getting progressively bigger. In 2000 they averaged just 279 lbs per man but this year the projected starting five average 299. In 2001 UC averaged just 2.3 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. Three starters were back in 2002 and they improved to 3.6 ypc while allowing 28 sacks vs a tougher schedule. Last year four starters returned and they got back 2001 starter LeAndre Dupree who missed almost all of 2002. The O-line paved the way for a super 4.7 ypc. The OL showed significant progress by the end of '03 allowing just 2 sacks in the last 220 pass attempts and yielded just 10 sacks all season, the 3rd best in the NCAA. The starting unit was comprised of four juniors and a soph and naturally most of them return. The only starter lost is RG Dupree (12 sts) who decided to forego his final year of eligibility for health reasons. Also gone this year are backups LG Lawrence Oliver (12 gms) and G Jason McKee (2 gms). I list a 3 deep below and the unit now has 3 senior starters, and looks even stronger than last year's fine bunch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UC had a veteran D-line and allowed just 4.1 ypc rushing while the defense recorded 23 sacks. The 4.1 ypc was the best in five years. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups but their star DE Uyi Osunde returned. Osunde recorded 25 tfl including 11 sacks and 31 qbh. Overall UC allowed just 3.7 ypc rushing and the D had 40 sacks. Overall, 4 of the top 5 DL's were seniors so naturally this year the losses are heavy. Besides losing their defensive MVP (Osunde), they also lose the services of Auburn transfer DT Ryan Bushey (12 sts, 36 tkls, 5.5 sks), DT Sean Mulcahy (11 sts, 37 tkls, 10 tfl) and DE Hakeem Kashama (32 tkls, 5 sks). The biggest addition this year is Afa Anoai who was PS#57 last year and spent a year at Fork Union. I expect him to claim one of the starting DT jobs. This has the makings of a decent D-line, but is far less experienced than the 2003 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Huskies had to replace one starter and one backup from the LB unit, but were very experienced with their #1 and #3 tacklers back. The new "Husky" starter was James Hargrave who had 2 starts and 45 tackles in 2002. Maurice Lloyd led the team in tackles for the 2nd straight year and has also recorded 33 tfl in that span. Lloyd returns along with #2 tackler, Alfred Fincher as well as Hargrave. All 3 backups return, so this is one of the most experienced LB units in the country and should be the strength of the defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 UC finished #102 in my pass D rankings. In 2002 the entire 2 deep returned but they lost their top cover CB Justin Perkins in the first game to an injury, so basically just 3 starters returned. The more experienced unit made strides moving up to #61 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup due to graduation but did return Perkins. However, over the summer, they lost a starting CB and SS plus a backup CB and SS who either transferred or were dismissed from the team, so only one 2002 starter returned plus Perkins. Three frosh played regularly and at the end of the season Allan Barnes beat out Ernest Cole and started the last 3 games at CB. UC finished #44 in my pass D rankings allowing 53.2% with a 17-9 ratio. This year the only loss to the unit is FS Terrance Smith (12 sts, 4 yr st'r, 98 tkls, 7 pbu). Everyone else from the 2 deep returns, and Perkins is 2 years removed from his ACL surgery. This group is more experienced, and should move up in the rankings again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 UC finished #65 in my special teams rankings but had to replace their kicker as well as their top PR and KR from the previous season. Adam Coles, who was an Australian Rules football player who played American ball for the first time here in 2000, was a solid, consistent punter. He leaves after producing a net of 35.0 last year. Kicking was a major problem during the season. Matthew Nuzie was doing so poorly that Graig Vicidomino took his place, but Vicidomino missed an xp and 2 FG's so the job returned to Nuzie mostly by default. At one point, Nuzie had hit just 6 of 16 FG's including a 46 yard miss vs Akron. However he would nail the game winning 27 yard FG on the final play vs Akron and then connected on his final 4 FG's of the season, although his long was only 38 for the year. Virginia Tech blocked a punt and had a KR for a TD and Akron also had a 100 yard KR for a TD which really affected Connecticut's ranking. Their leading PR averaged just 4.3 ypr and top KR Young averaged 21.2. Overall, thanks to a -7 in the TD/Blk category Connecticut finished at #115 in the special teams rankings. Edsall signed two frosh to compete at K and P and I look for good sized improvement even with the loss of their top-notch punter.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his sixth year. He was the Georgia Tech DC in 1998 and was the Jacksonville Jags' DB Coach from 1995-'97. His entire coaching staff remains intact. OC Norries Wilson is now in his third year as OC and sixth year with the team. Last year his offense was #8 in the NCAA rankings. Hank Hughes enters his third year as the DC and he was the DC for the Montreal Machine for the WLAF in 1992. His D ranked #19 in the NCAA in 2002 and #32 last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Connecticut has done a great job since moving up to IA ball. In their final year of IAA UC was just 3-8 and 2-9 their inaugural IA season. In just their second season they managed to finish 6-6 including a season ending upset over Seneca Wallace-led Iowa St on the road. In fact, over the last 16 games, UC is an outstanding 13-3. Last year was the first time they reached their full allotment of 85 scholarship players and they managed a 9-3 season with many blowout victories and outscored their mostly IA schedule by an average of 34-25. They opened up Rentschler Field last year and averaged 37,059 fans per home game (more than doubling 2002's attendance). The schedule was favorable in 2003 and I called for a winning season. UC played as good as their record indicated as they weren't outgained until Wk 11 vs Rutgers. They lost to BC by just 10 and in probably their most impressive game of the year, had the ball in a tie game with NCSt late before allowing a 56 yard int return with :05 left. UC did beat Kent St 34-31 in OT and got a 27 yard FG as time expired to get past Akron by 1. UC is strong offensively, led by senior QB Dan Orlovsky who is one of the top QB's in the country and have three veteran TB's. The O-line has 4 starters returning including 3 seniors. They also have some good speed and experience at the receiver position. The question mark on defense is up front where 3 starters need to be replaced. Now in just their 5th year of IA ball, if UC wins the watered down Big East in their first season in the league, they would qualify for a BCS bowl bid. This is a confident team with a strong home field advantage and have the schedule and the talent to contend for one of the Big East bowl bids this year.

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QB DAN ORLOVSKY SR. 6-5 236 PS#62, 6 sts as true, 1379 yds (48%), 9-11 ratio. 12 sts in '02, 2488 (60%), 19-11. 12 sts LY. 3485 yds (58.7%) 33-14 ratio, 47 rush.

RB TERRY CAULLEY JR. 5-7 187 4.3 spd. 1247 yds (5.7) 16 TD's as true. 5 sts LY, 607 yds (6.8). Chris Bellamy (6-1 210 Sr) 4 sts, 589 (5.4) LY. Cornell Brockington (6-0 195 So) 643 yds (4.9).

WR Brandon Young Jr. 6-0 197 4.38 spd. 22 rec (12.2) in '02. 1 st, 28 rec (14.2) LY. FB Deon Anderson (5-10 245 Jr) PS#98. 11 sts, 403 ttl yds, 2Y. Sam Dorvil (5-11 236 So).

WR KERON HENRY SR. 6-2 220 5 sts at QB in '01. 478 pass, 279 rush. 10 sts at WR LY, 39 rec (17.0). **Matt Cutaia** (5-11 184 Sr) 5 sts, 36 rec, 3Y. Dan Desriveaux (5-9 191 So) PS#140.

WR Jason Williams Jr. 6-0 178 4.29 spd. 23 rec (15.4) in '02. 2 sts LY, 19 rec (7.3) 239 ret yds. Seth Fogarty (6-1 202 rFr) PS#106. David Sanchez (5-8 176 So) 34 PR (4.3).

TE TIM LASSEN JR. 6-5 275 2 sts, 3 rec in '02. 3 sts (inj) in '03, 8 rec (11.2). Dan Murray (6-5 250 So) 4 sts as rFr, 9 rec (13.7). Ziggy Goryn (6-4 224 So).

C BILLY IRWIN SR. 6-2 287 1 game as rFr. 12 sts at C in '02. 12 sts at C in '03. Jeff Fox (6-2 296 Sr) 12 games in '02 (LS). 11 games as 2nd string C in 2003.

RG Craig Berry So. 6-5 321 PS#220OL. 5 games as rFr in '03. Solid wrestler in HS. Brian Kersmanc (6-5 306 rFr) PS#293. Trey Tonsing is PS#175.

LG BRIAN MARKOWSKI SR. 6-2 288 PS#265DL. 581 squat. 11 sts at C in '01. 12 sts at LG in '02. 12 sts at LG LY. TJ Dlubac (6-2 308 Jr). Colorado trans. Ken Rice (6-1 259 Jr).

RT GRANT PRESTON JR. 6-5 295 Made 2 deep, but RS in '01. 11 sts at RG in '02. 12 sts at RT LY. Michael Kodish (6-5 294 Jr) 5 games in 2Y. Brendan Borowski (6-4 275 Jr).

LT RYAN KRUG SR. 6-4 302 11 sts at LT in '01. 10 sts at LT in '02. **All-Ind.** 12 sts at LT LY. Chad Atwell (6-4 280 rFr) PS#196. Aloys Manga (6-7 317 So) from Cameroon.

K MATTHEW NUZIE SO. 5-11 195 11 of 21 FG's LY, long of 38 but 3 of 13 from 30+. Graig Vicidomino (6-2 196 So) PS#103. 0-2 FG as true. Tony Ciaravino PS#37, 50 yd FG in HS.

BAN Shawn Mayne So. 6-3 238 PS#107LB. 4.6 spd. Canadian. 3 tkls, 1 pbu as rFr. Jason Ward (6-3 259 So) PS#162. Canadian. 1 tkl 2 gms LY. Daniel Davis is PS#106.

DT Afa Anoai Fr. 6-1 270 **PS#57.** Fork Union last year. Deon McPhee (6-2 284 Jr) 11 tkls as rFr. 16 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl in '03. Matt Applebaum (6-4 278 So) 1 tkl as rFr.

DT Rhema Fuller So. 6-3 279 PS#126. 1 st as rFr, 14 tkls, 2 tfl, 7 qbh. Raymond Blagman (6-3 332 So). Maurice Wilson (6-3 265 rFr) PS#423. Gary Mack (6-3 228 rFr).

DE TYLER KING SR. 6-6 262 PS#72TE. 9 sts, 5.5 sks in '01. 11 sts, 6 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 77 tkls, 8 sks, 9 tfl. Harold Stanback (6-2 219 rFr) PS#150. John Baranowsky (6-3 254 Fr) PS#160 LY.

WLB MAURICE LLOYD SR. 5-11 234 5 sts, 60 tkls as true. 12 sts, #1 w/113 tkls, 18 tfl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 11 sts LY, #1 w/122 tkls, 15 tfl. Taurien Sowell (6-1 232 Jr) 1 st, 26 tkls. Mike Hall (6-1 228 rFr).

MLB ALFRED FINCHER SR. 6-1 240 10 tkls as true. 11 sts, 92 tkls, 10.5 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, #2 w/115 tkls, 11 tfl. Darius Leak (6-1 256 So) 13 tkls. Danny Lansanah (6-2 230 rFr).

HUSKY JAMES HARGRAVE JR. 5-11 226 2 sts, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl in '02. 11 sts, 74 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl LY. Kinnan Herriott (5-11 219 Sr) PS#83, 1 st, 26 tkls, 3Y. Ryan Henegan (6-1 230 rFr) PS#211.

CB ALLAN BARNES SO. 6-0 179 Last 3 starts as true. 37 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. **Ernest Cole** (5-10 180 So) 9 sts as rFr, 40 tkls, 7 pbu. Jahi Smith (5-11 185 So) PS#249.

CB JUSTIN PERKINS SR. 5-11 187 11 sts in '01. 61 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu, 6 tfl. ACL in '02, 12 sts LY, 69 tkls, **6 int, 15 pbu.** Cathlyn Clarke (5-11 191 Jr) 8 tkls. Ricky McCollum (6-2 203 rFr).

SS JOHN FLETCHER SR. 5-9 186 1 st, 29 tkls, 3 tfl as true. 10 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 60 tkls, 6 pbu. Donta Moore (6-1 193 So) 4 tkls as true. Quanear Gaskins (6-1 189 Jr) PS#317.

FS MJ Estep So. 6-0 190 12 tkls as rFr, 5 pbu. Donnell Ford (6-0 194 rFr) PS#387. Marvin Taylor (6-0 181 rFr) PS#327. Ken Tinney is PS#156. (6-0 180 Fr).

P Chris Pavasaris rFr. 6-3 213 Walk-on who was #2 punter in '03 as true. Shane Hussar (5-10 185 Fr) 44.0 average in HS last year, net 40.9, was also starting LB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Maurice McClellan 6-2 210 PS#79
DL	Dan Davis 6-2 250 PS#106
QB	DJ Hernandez 6-1 190 PS#66
OL	Trey Tonsing 6-3 285 PS#175
DB	Ken Tinney 6-0 180 PS#156
WR	Brandon McLean 5-10 175 PS#141
WR	Nollis Dewar 6-3 175 PS#157
TE	Steve Brouse 6-3 220 PS#66
DB	Dahna Deleston 6-1 180 PS#248
DL	Nate Tucker 6-4 245 PS#240
OL	Matt Wood 6-5 295 PS#309
OL	Immanuel Hutcherson 6-2 265 PS#326
TE	Rob Getek 6-5 225 PS#79
DB	Tyvon Branch 5-11 190 PS#277
RB	Larry Taylor 5-7 170 PS#289
PK	Tony Ciaravino 6-3 215 PS#37
DL	Keith Gray 6-2 240 PS#336
LB	Johnathon Smith 6-2 205 PS#303
RB	Louis Allen 6-0 215 PS#369
PK	Shane Hussar 5-10 185 PS#77
WR	Ellis Gaulden 6-2 175 PS#372

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12-7	Off A SU Loss	4-2	Away Favorite
2-2	Vs Independent	13-5	Away Underdog
	23-11-1 Vs Non-Independent		

2003 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (20,16,1)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,059

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Connecticut will join the Big East Conference this year. The Huskies are 4-0 ATS in road openers. Connecticut is 25-13-1 ATS vs all opponents since joining Div IA.
Sep. 4	Murray St	G						This will be the 1st time in school history that the Huskies will play 7 HG's. First ever meeting. The Racers were 4-8 LY as members of the Ohio Valley Conf.
Sep. 11	Duke	G						UC is 1-7 SU & 5-1 ATS being outscored on avg 39-18 vs current ACC tms. The Huskies are 8-4-1 ATS after a SU win the last 2 years.
Sep. 17	at Boston Coll (Fri)	A						UC is 2-5 SU & 2-4-1 ATS being outscored on avg 35-17 vs current Big East opps. Randy Edsall coached defensive backs for Boston College from 1991-'93.
Sep. 25	Army	G						Connecticut is 1-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs current CUSA schools. Orlovsky had his best game LY vs Army completing 72% w/5 TD passes.
Sep. 30	Pittsburgh (Thur)	G						The Huskies are 1-5 SU, but 4-2 ATS as a home dog the last 3 years. Connecticut is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS before a bye in Div IA play.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 13	W Virginia (Wed)	G						Connecticut is 1-2 SU, but 2-1 ATS after a bye since 1999. This year W Virginia is 1 of 4 schools Connecticut will play for the 1st time.
Oct. 23	Temple (HC)	G						Connecticut has dropped their last 2 Homecoming games ATS. The Huskies are 1-7 SU & 0-2 ATS vs the Owls being outscored 2 to 1.
Oct. 30	at Syracuse	A						This will be the 1st time Connecticut will play in a dome. Huskies are 2-3 SU, but 5-0 ATS in their 1st of 2 straight away games.
Nov. 6								
Nov. 13	at Georgia Tech	G						Connecticut is 8-1-1 ATS in November since 2001. Before coming to Connecticut, Edsall was the DC at Georgia Tech in '98.
Nov. 20	Buffalo	G						UC has outscored current MAC teams on average 32-18 at home S/'97. The Huskies are just 2-6 SU, but 2-0-1 ATS in home finales.
Nov. 25	at Rutgers (Thur)	A						Last time in New Brunswick Connecticut beat Rutgers 20-19 as 18' pt dogs. UC has outgained (971-652) & outscored opp 88-37 going 2-0 SU & ATS L2Y in season finales.

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-3	4-7	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	41-40
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	25-13-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1-1	4-3-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	4-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-2	4-0	2-1	13-5
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	4-1	4-2-1	8-5-1
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	7-2	5-1	2-2	17-8
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-2	8-2	5-3-1	19-10-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	6-3
vs Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-2
vs Non-Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	6-2	8-2	6-4-1	23-11-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-1	4-3-1	9-6-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	5-2	4-1	1-1	12-7

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cornell Brockington	131	656	13	643	10	4.9
Terry Caulley	89	621	14	607	7	6.8
Chris Bellamy	110	610	21	589	3	5.4
Matt Lawrence	45	172	22	150	1	3.3
Dan Orlovsky	30	47	88	-41	0	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dan Orlovsky	475	279	58.7	3485	33	14
Jermell Williams	7	4	57.1	90	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Shaun Feldeisen	65	860	13.2	7	52	
Keron Henry	39	662	17.0	4	72	
O'Neil Wilson	51	655	12.8	9	55	
Brandon Young	28	399	14.2	4	50	
Matt Cutaia	11	203	18.5	2	57	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Adam Coles	58	2435	42.0	3	35.0	2	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Nuzie	47-49	8-8	3-8	0-5	0-0	11-21	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Lloyd	122	0	15	2	0
Alfred Fincher	115	1.5	10	2	1
Terrance Smith	98	0	3	7	1
Uyi Osunde	84	11	14	0	0
Tyler King	77	8	9	2	0
James Hargrave	74	3	5	3	0
Justin Perkins	69	0	1	15	6
John Fletcher	60	0	1	6	0
Ernest Cole	40	0	0	7	0
Sean Mulcahy	37	4	6	1	0
Allan Barnes	37	0	1	1	1
Ryan Bushey	36	5.5	3	0	0
Hakeem Kashama	32	5	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
David Sanchez	34	146	4.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason Williams	10	239	23.9	0	
Brandon Young	11	233	21.2	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	34.0	25	180	4.7	298	58.6	14.0	0	2003	6	25.0	19	139	3.7	201	53.2	13.6
7*	31.1	19	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	+12	2002	10	22.5	16	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0
6	17.5	16	77	2.3	169	44.9	14.1	-5	2001	9	33.6	21	179	4.3	227	60.1	12.1
7	20.0	20	82	2.7	262	54.2	17.2	-7	2000	7	33.5	22	223	4.8	200	62.7	12.6
6	23.2	18	113	3.0	196	51.6	13.3	-11	1999	7	34.8	23	180	4.5	257	62.2	12.5
–	35.5	23	148	3.9	276	56.0	12.0	+10	1998	–	31.8	24	231	4.8	244	57.3	14.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS by	TURN
Indiana	27	38-200	5.3	26-42	307	2	14	42-110	2.6	13-29	211	5	+2
at Army	24	31-164	5.3	26-36	317	0	20	37-44	1.2	26-51	200	5	-1
Boston College	23	34-128	3.8	26-55	258	2	20	41-193	4.7	15-29	151	2	-2
at Buffalo	30	50-287	5.7	19-30	326	2	13	36-145	4.0	13-30	96	2	-1
at Virginia Tech	19	44-127	2.9	25-40	316	0	16	28-245	8.8	10-19	123	1	-1
Lehigh	21	35-149	4.3	22-40	282	1	18	35-133	3.8	21-42	221	2	+3
at NC State	24	39-153	3.9	21-39	299	1	21	31-89	2.9	23-42	234	2	-1
at Kent St	31	41-222	5.4	28-51	293	0	17	39-115	2.9	11-26	204	5	-2
Akron	24	36-178	4.9	24-43	299	1	25	48-160	3.3	15-26	223	8	-1
W Michigan	31	41-225	5.5	25-37	343	0	21	30-53	1.8	29-41	391	4	-1
Rutgers	14	30-99	3.3	17-32	222	1	24	45-244	5.4	18-32	211	1	+5
at Wake Forest	29	44-223	5.1	24-38	313	0	17	40-135	3.4	16-28	149	3	0
TOTALS	297	463-2155	4.7	283-483	3575	10	226	452-1666	3.7	210-395	2414	40	0
AVERAGES	24.8	39-180	4.7	24-40	298	0.8	18.8	38-139	3.7	18-33	201	3.3	0.0

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hofstra	NL	17-56	–
at Kentucky	NL	14-45	–
Buffalo	NL	23-0	–
at Maine	NL	34-20	–
Rhode Island	NL	20-9	–
Villanova	NL	45-48	–
at James Madison	NL	14-48	–
Richmond	NL	21-28	–
Northeastern	NL	29-24	–
New Hampshire	NL	18-43	–
at Massachusetts	NL	20-62	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Michigan	+20	25-32	W
Colgate	NL	37-7	–
at Buffalo	-14'	24-21	L
Northeastern	NL	27-35	–
at Louisville	+30	22-41	W
at Boston College	+29	3-55	L
at Akron	+22	38-35	W
S Florida	NL	13-21	–
Middle Tenn	+10'	10-66	L
Rhode Island	NL	21-26	–
at Ball St	+16'	0-29	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+49	10-52	W
E Washington	NL	17-35	–
Buffalo	-6'	20-37	L
at Rutgers	+18'	20-19	W
E Michigan	+1'	19-0	W
at S Florida	+17'	21-40	L
Ball St	+10'	5-10	W
at Cincinnati	+25	28-45	W
Utah St	+15	31-38	W
at Middle Tenn	+26'	14-38	W
at Temple	+19	7-56	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston Coll	+33	16-24	W
Georgia Tech	+23	14-31	W
at Buffalo	-2	24-3	W
Ohio U	-4	37-19	W
Ball St	-6	21-24 OT	L
at Miami, Fl	+43'	14-48	W
Temple	+1	24-38	L
at Vanderbilt	+8	24-28	W
Fla Atlantic	NL	61-14	–
Kent St	-6'	63-21	W
at Navy	-4'	38-0	W
at Iowa St	+17	37-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-6	34-10	W
at Army	-16'	48-21	W
Boston College	+4	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-23'	38-7	W
at Virginia Tech	+21	13-47	L
Lehigh	NL	35-17	–
at NC State	+15'	24-31	W
at Kent St	-11'	34-31 OT	L
Akron	-8	38-37	L
W Michigan	-13	41-27	W
Rutgers	-7	38-31	T
at Wake Forest	+9'	51-17	W

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Kevin Kolb, Houston	Stefan LeFors, Louisville	Danny Wimprine, Memphis	Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati
RB	DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	Anthony Evans, Houston	Michael Bush, Louisville	Richard Hall, Cincinnati
RB	Eric Shelton, Louisville	Lonta Hobbs, TCU	Marvin Townes, E Carolina	Andre Hall, S Florida
WR	Roydell Williams, Tulane	Roddy White, UAB	Aaron Alexander, Army	Leonard Gibson, Houston
WR	Reggie Harrell, TCU	Montrell Jones, Louisville	Marvin Young, S Miss	Cory Rodgers, TCU
WR	JR Russell, Louisville	Maurice Avery, Memphis	Tristan Smith, Tulane	Mario Pratcher, Memphis
TE	Cody McCarty, TCU	John Doucette, Memphis	Cedric Hampton, UAB	Stephen Cucci, Houston
C	Chase Johnson, TCU	Gene Frederic, Memphis	Alex Herron, S Florida	Will Rabatin, Louisville
G	Kyle Takavitz, Cincinnati	Roy Swan, Houston	Charlie Dempsey, E Carolina	Matt Traina, Tulane
G	Jason Spitz, Louisville	Andy Galloway, UAB	Zach Bray, TCU	Chris Carothers, S Florida
T	Jeremy Parquet, S Miss	Renardo Foster, Louisville	Jeremy Rone, Memphis	Levi Newton, S Florida
T	Anthony Alabi, TCU	Derrick Sarosi, S Florida	Travis Leffew, Louisville	Chris McGee, Tulane
DL	Brandon Johnson, TCU	Joe Clay, Houston	Montavious Stanley, Louisville	Chad Ruffin, S Miss
DL	Albert Means, Memphis	Bobby Leffew, Louisville	Shaka Hill, Memphis	Guy Whimper, E Carolina
DL	Shamar Abrams, UAB	Marcus Jones, Louisville	Eric Scott, S Mississippi	Craig Kobel, S Florida
DE	Trent Cole, Cincinnati	Andre Frazier, Cincinnati	Billy Harrison, Tulane	Taurean Brown, Tulane
LB	Michael Boley, S Miss	Lance Everson, Houston	Carlton Baker, Memphis	Kevis Coley, S Miss
LB	Robert McCune, Louisville	Martin Patterson, TCU	Tyjuan Hagler, Cincinnati	Anthony Cannon, Tulane
LB	Zac Woodfin, UAB	Jamar Enzor, Cincinnati	Nigel Eldridge, UAB	Chris Moore, E Carolina
CB	Mark Walker, TCU	Stanford Routt, Houston	Daven Holly, Cincinnati	Erode Jean, E Carolina
CB	Sean Lucas, Tulane	Quincy Butler, TCU	Antoine Harris, Louisville	John Eubanks, S Miss
SS	Marvin Godbolt, TCU	Tra Boger, Tulane	Doug Monaghan, Cincinnati	Nate Young, S Miss
FS	Wesley Smith, Memphis	Will Gulley, Houston	Dhyan Tarver, Army	Kerry Rhodes, Louisville
K	Nick Hayes, UAB	Dustin Bell, Houston	Darren McCaleb, S Miss	Stephen Gostkowski, Memphis
P	Ryan Dougherty, E Carolina	Chris Beckman, Tulane	Brent Moody, Louisville	Brandon Baker, S Florida
KR	Broderick Clark, Louisville	John Eubanks, S Miss	Ricky Wilson, Houston	William White, Army
PR	Marvin Young, S Miss	Cory Rodgers, TCU	Chad McCullar, Houston	Brian Fisher, S Florida

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PHIL STEELE'S 2004 CUSA FORECAST

1. MEMPHIS - Last year Memphis may have been the best team in the league as they outgained league foes by 151.3 ypg, almost double the second best mark. They out FD'd all 3 CUSA foes in their losses. In their season finale playing without their top RB and WR they out FD'd S Florida 23-8 and outgained them 458-192 but somehow still managed to lose. Memphis was the only CUSA team to win its bowl and lose just 10 lettermen from last year, the second fewest in the league. With 11 starters back on offense, they will be potent. With Joe Lee Dunn calling the signals, the defense figures to be even stronger despite having just 5 starters back. They host 3 of the league powers in Louisville, S Miss and Houston. If they were to upset Mississippi in the season opener, they could be this year's non-BCS conference darling.

2. LOUISVILLE - The Cardinals were a classic Turnover=Turnaround case in Bobby Petrino's first season. After -15 in turnovers in 2002 they improved to +3 in that category last year and saw their record move from 7-6 to 9-4. The Cards' offense is laden with talent and is the most explosive in CUSA with two NFL caliber RB's, top-notch WR's and experienced QB Stefan LeFors. They should get off to a great 5-0 start this year but do have to play both Memphis and Houston on the road, down the stretch. They lost to Memphis last year 37-7 at home. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call Louisville the most talented team in the league and they are clearly one of the top preseason contenders.

3. TCU - At one point TCU stood #10 in the AP poll at 10-0 and #6 in the BCS poll. This year's version could be just as solid with 13 starters back. The Frogs have 7 players on my 1st Tm CUSA preseason list which is the most in the league by far. While TCU will be joining the MWC in 2005 (4th conf in 10 years), they have been to six straight bowl games and are a clear contender for the title this year with my #3 rated offense and a top-notch defense. They have a 13 game regular season home win streak but have 3 tough CUSA road games vs UAB, Cincinnati and Louisville. The Frogs were champions in 2002 and will be a contender once again.

4. S MISSISSIPPI - S Miss may have been the most fortunate team in the league last year as an amazing statistic shows that they **finished 8-0 in conf play but somehow were outgained by 39.6 ypg** in league play!! This year's team is stronger than the CUSA champs were last year, especially on offense. Defensively they have just 4 starters back but Tyrone Nix might have the best defensive unit in the conference. The schedule is also manageable but they do have two tough road games at Memphis and TCU. S Miss clearly overachieved in last year's record but have the schedule to remain in the upper half of the conference standings. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings still call them the best in the league.

5. UAB - The key to UAB finishing in the upper half of the CUSA standings again is probably the health of QB Darrell Hackney. He is one of the most underrated QB's in the country and missed most of last season with injury. With him at the helm, they'll have an explosive offense and with 10 starters back on defense, they could resemble the 2001 "Steel Shield" defense. They have to play both Cincy and S Miss on the road but lose just 9 lettermen, which is the fewest in the league. If they remain fairly healthy, they have a shot at moving up even further in the standings.

6. CINCINNATI - **The Bearcats were just 2-6** last year in league play and it cost Rick Minter his job. A very interesting stat from last year is that **UC actually outgained league foes by 86 ypg**, the 3rd best mark in the conference showing that it was indeed a snakebit season and one that could have been much better. They lost to S Miss by 2 despite a 20-8 FD edge to S Florida in OT (in a game they led almost start to finish), to Memphis by 5 and to Louisville by 3. With a new HC and a new attitude, the team (with 17 returning starters including QB Gino Guidugli) looks much stronger than last year's version which had just 9 starters back. Mark Dantonio steps into an excellent situation as this is not a rebuilding year. UC is a team that could have achieved much higher than their 5-7 finish last year which was their first losing mark since 1999. They could be this year's surprise of CUSA and have an excellent shot at finishing above .500.

7. HOUSTON - Schedule, schedule, schedule. Houston looks like one of the strongest teams in CUSA as they will be devastating on offense and much improved on the defensive side of the ball. I thought Art Briles did a tremendous job last year as did true freshmen QB Kevin Kolb. Houston is one of only six IA schools to ever go from zero wins to a bowl in two years and have 11 frosh and soph among the 22 starters from last year. All of my sets of power ratings call Houston anywhere from the 3rd to 6th best team in the conference, so why would I possibly pick them 7th?? The answer is schedule. Last year, of the 5 CUSA teams with winning records, Houston faced four of them and were outscored by an average of 20 ppg, losing all 4. This year they face four of the toughest teams in the league (Memphis, S Miss, TCU and UAB) all on the road. That will make it tough for them to move up very far in the standings but I do think Houston has an excellent shot at achieving a 2nd consecutive winning record. If they can win some of the tough matches on the road, they will move up in the standings.

8. TULANE - Last year's TU defense was devastated by injuries and was mostly a freshmen group toward the end of the season. That from a defense that returned just 3 starters as it was. This year's defense is in much better shape than the 2003 unit that allowed 35.3 ppg and Tulane should be one of the most improved teams in the league. Offense is the question mark this time as they must replace QB JP Losman and RB Mewelde Moore but neither had the year expected last season. WR Roydell Williams will help the new QB be successful and Tulane has 18 starters back overall losing just 15 lettermen. They are a team that clearly could make some noise in league play this year but it will depend on how their young QB does.

9. S FLORIDA - SF is one of the most fortunate teams in CUSA over the last 2 years. Versus CUSA teams they have a 9-3 record. But last year, they had 3 wins in OT and in 2002 were 4-0 vs CUSA teams but were outFD'd by a 102-74 margin. Next year they join the Big East Conference, but their final year in CUSA will probably not be as fortunate. The 23 lettermen lost are the most in the conference and I see them clearly slipping in the standings in 2004.

10. E CAROLINA - EC got off to an extremely slow start under John Thompson last year but played respectably down the stretch. They still finished just 1-7 and were outgained by an average of 87.7 ypg in league play. They have just 11 starters back which is the fewest in the league but were troubled by -12 in turnovers last year so better things can be expected. CUSA is a tough conference this season so the schedule is not easy. While the Pirates will be improved in the second year under John Thompson, it may be tough to move up very far in the standings.

11. ARMY - Army has the most experienced team that I have seen from a military academy with 18 starters back and just 13 lettermen lost. Two more huge factors working in their favor is that they were -20 in turnovers last year and have new Head Coach Bobby Ross on hand, who is one of the better coaches in the game. They are also moving back to more of an option offense which can only help a service academy. As Army enters its final year in CUSA play, I also must point out that they were outgained by 168.7 ypg in league play and have generally been non-competitive in CUSA which is the reason for their departure. The Cadets have just one win the last 2 years and while they are much improved and may steal a victory or two. They must face E Carolina on the road and that has me calling for them to finish in the basement.

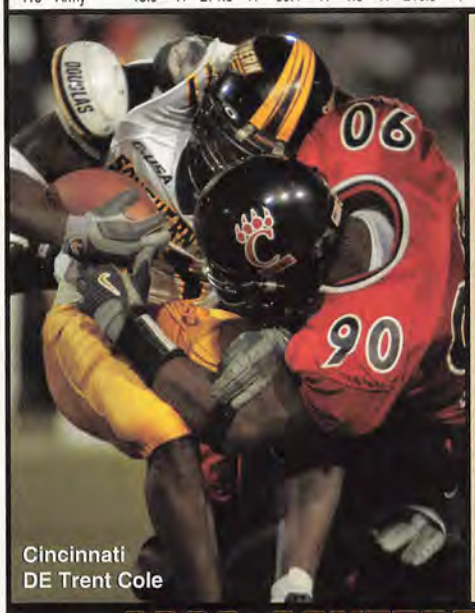
CUSA Notes: Big changes are on the horizon for CUSA. This is Army's last year in conference play and they lose Louisville, Cincinnati and S Florida to the Big East after this season. TCU will also head for the MWC next year. They will add SMU, Rice, Tulsa, UTEP, Marshall and UCF next year. That will give them 12 teams, so they will split into conference divisions and be eligible for a conference championship game. S Miss used to dominate this league finishing #1 or #2 in each of the first four years but their highest finish the next 3 seasons was just 3rd. Last season the Golden Eagles reclaimed their title. Last year, TCU almost became the first non-BCS school to make the BCS Title game until S Miss knocked them off late in the year ending their unbeaten season. They were the only CUSA team to end up ranked at the end of the year and it was #25 in the AP Poll. CUSA was just 23-21 in non-conf games, the 9th best mark of the leagues but a solid 11-14 vs BCS conf foes, the 7th best mark. It was a disappointing bowl season for CUSA at 1-4, this following a 2-3 record in 2002. Louisville leads the league with 17 players on my overall CUSA team. TCU, Memphis and Houston each have 12. The league champ S Miss has 11 including four 1st teamers.

2003 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
17	Louisville	36.1	1	521.4	1	240.8	1	6.2	1	280.6	1	59.0	3	14.4	7	11.0	1	7.0	1
25	Houston	35.8	2	491.4	2	236.9	2	4.5	3	254.5	2	62.1	1	13.7	5	15.0	4	14.0	6
46	TCU	33.6	3	439.9	3	209.8	3	4.2	4	230.1	4	56.8	4	13.1	4	13.0	2	17.0	7
59	Memphis St	27.1	6	424.4	4	205.6	4	4.9	2	218.8	6	53.4	6	15.6	8	22.0	10	9.0	2
62	Tulane	30.5	4	385.5	5	136.6	8	3.9	5	248.9	3	59.4	2	12.6	2	16.0	6	19.0	8
76	Cincinnati	23.8	7	376.9	7	162.4	5	3.6	7	214.5	8	51.0	9	15.9	9	15.0	4	11.0	3
91	UAB	23.6	8	377.4	6	148.8	6	3.7	6	228.6	5	48.3	11	16.0	10	18.0	8	11.0	3
99	S Miss	28.3	5	325.5	8	133.0	9	3.1	9	192.5	9	53.0	7	11.5	1	14.0	3	13.0	5
104	E Carolina	21.8	10	312.3	9	140.5	7	3.3	8	171.8	11	53.7	5	14.4	6	16.0	6	27.0	10
112	S Florida	22.1	9	284.4	10	111.3	10	2.8	10	173.1	10	48.5	10	12.9	3	20.0	9	27.0	10
115	Army	15.9	11	271.9	11	55.4	11	1.8	11	216.5	7	51.8	8	17.1	11	27.0	11	22.0	9

2003 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
26	S Miss	14.6	1	365.1	4	147.8	5	3.5	5	217.4	6	52.1	4	25.0	1	26.0	1	23.0	3
28	Memphis St	17.3	2	273.1	1	102.3	2	2.5	1	170.9	2	44.8	1	15.8	4	14.0	9	26.0	2
43	TCU	25.3	5	375.9	5	90.5	1	2.8	2	285.4	11	52.9	5	14.9	5	15.0	8	27.0	1
56	S Florida	20.0	3	329.0	3	136.3	4	3.1	3	192.8	3	48.7	3	16.5	2	22.0	2	19.0	4
66	Cincinnati	27.0	6	290.9	2	129.9	3	3.5	4	161.0	1	48.5	2	10.8	11	17.0	4	16.0	6
78	UAB	23.8	4	387.0	6	173.0	6	4.3	8	214.0	5	57.5	8	16.3	3	16.0	5	17.0	5
85	Louisville	30.3	7	433.8	8	178.3	7	4.3	7	255.5	9	56.7	7	14.3	6	14.0	9	12.0	9
92	E Carolina	35.0	10	400.0	7	194.1	9	4.5	9	205.9	4	57.5	9	11.4	10	16.0	5	10.0	10
100	Houston	37.6	11	454.8	10	218.8	10	5.4	11	236.0	8	57.7	10	12.1	9	9.0	11	13.0	8
109	Army	33.5	8	440.6	9	183.8	8	4.0	6	256.9	10	64.5	11	13.2	8	16.0	5	14.0	7
110	Tulane	34.3	9	460.6	11	226.4	11	4.6	10	234.3	7	55.3	6	13.4	7	22.0	2	8.0	11



2003 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S Mississippi	8	0	226	117	9	4	293	226
TCU	7	1	269	202	11	2	380	276
Louisville	5	3	289	242	9	4	450	361
Memphis	5	3	217	138	9	4	393	250
South Florida	5	3	177	160	7	4	276	224
Houston	4	4	286	301	7	6	448	468
UAB	4	4	189	190	5	7	245	287
Tulane	3	5	244	274	5	7	337	424
Cincinnati	2	6	190	216	5	7	303	319
East Carolina	1	7	174	280	1	11	217	428
Army	0	8	127	268	0	13	206	476

Coach of the Year: Jeff Bower, S Mississippi

2002 CUSA STANDINGS

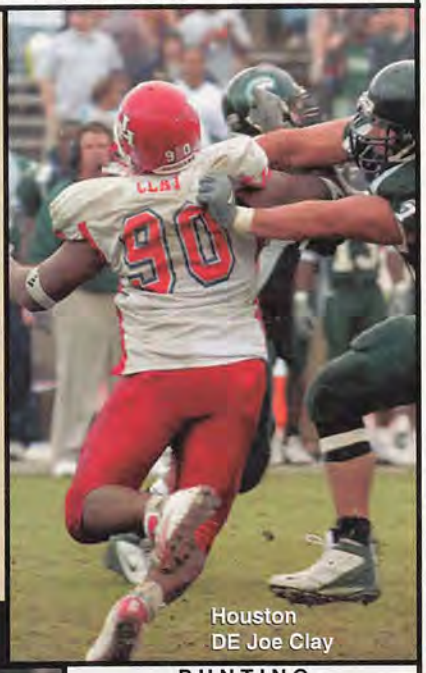
	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
TCU	6	2	263	179	10	2	361	222
Cincinnati	6	2	259	174	7	7	409	329
Louisville	5	3	243	200	7	6	371	319
S Mississippi	5	3	161	142	7	6	282	238
Tulane	4	4	185	147	8	5	361	282
UAB	4	4	218	232	5	7	268	370
E Carolina	4	4	250	266	4	8	335	399
Houston	3	5	235	293	5	7	293	383
Memphis	2	6	190	223	3	9	303	327
Army	1	7	163	300	1	11	318	491

Coach of the Year: Gary Patterson, TCU

2001 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	237	136	10	2	366	213
Cincinnati	5	2	205	189	7	4	320	267
E Carolina	5	2	252	184	6	5	360	296
UAB	5	2	204	116	6	5	265	206
TCU	4	3	192	194	6	5	280	257
S Mississippi	4	3	191	101	6	5	278	186
Memphis	3	4	196	183	5	6	294	281
Army	2	5	150	257	3	8	229	365
Tulane	1	6	180	306	3	9	344	495
Houston	0	7	137	278	0	11	190	432

Coach of the Year: John L. Smith, Louisville



2003 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kevin Kolb, Houston	360	220	61.1	6	3131	8.7	25	153.8
Stefan LeFors, Louisville	357	219	61.3	10	3145	8.8	17	145.5
JP Losman, Tulane	422	251	59.5	14	3077	7.3	33	139.9
Brandon Hassell, TCU	240	136	56.7	8	2039	8.5	10	135.1
Danny Wimprine, Memphis	440	246	55.9	13	3174	7.2	22	127.1
Dustin Almond, S Miss	251	121	48.2	7	1877	7.5	13	122.5
Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati	425	227	53.4	10	2704	6.4	14	113.0
Desmond Robinson, ECU	201	133	66.2	11	1262	6.3	3	112.9
Brian Fisher, USF	23	15	65.2	1	107	4.7	1	109.9
Ronnie Banks, USF	263	127	48.3	8	1448	5.5	8	98.5

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

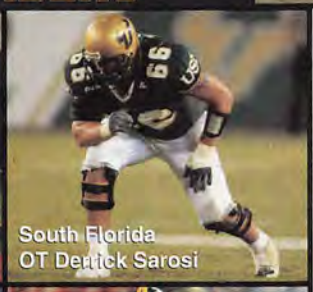
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Brandon Middleton, Houston	13	55	1250	14	96.2	4.2	22.7
JR Russell, Louisville	13	75	1213	8	93.3	5.8	16.2
Roydell Williams, Tulane	12	66	1006	9	83.8	5.5	15.2
Reggie Harrell, TCU	13	58	1012	2	77.8	4.5	17.4
Terrance Copper, ECU	12	87	897	2	74.8	7.3	10.3
Roddy White, UAB	12	39	844	7	70.3	3.3	21.6
Maurice Avery, Memphis	11	49	742	8	67.5	4.5	15.1
Aaron Alexander, Army	13	64	861	6	66.2	4.9	13.5
Vincent Marshall, Houston	13	60	812	7	62.5	4.6	13.5
Marvin Young, S Miss	13	42	703	7	54.1	3.2	16.7

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	11	243	1430	5.9	10	130.0
Mewelde Moore, Tulane	9	185	915	4.9	5	101.7
Marvin Townes, ECU	12	258	1128	4.4	8	94.0
Robert Merrill, TCU	12	201	1107	5.5	4	92.2
Anthony Evans, Houston	13	236	1149	4.9	9	88.4
Eric Shelton, Louisville	10	166	790	4.8	10	79.0
Richard Hall, Cincinnati	10	185	777	4.2	8	77.7
Lionel Gates, Louisville	13	141	817	5.8	11	62.8
Lonta Hobbs, TCU	11	169	659	3.9	9	59.9
Anthony Harris, S Miss	13	158	671	4.2	7	51.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Stefan LeFors, Louisville	13	71	405	357	3145	3550	273.1
Kevin Kolb, Houston	13	139	346	360	3131	3477	267.5
JP Losman, Tulane	12	77	80	422	3077	3157	263.1
Danny Wimprine, Mem	13	40	-3	440	3174	3171	243.9
Brandon Hassell, TCU	10	120	369	240	2039	2408	240.8
Gino Guidugli, Cincy	12	76	166	425	2704	2870	239.2
Zac Dahman, Army	13	61	-180	436	2234	2054	158.0
Dustin Almond, S Miss	13	91	154	251	1877	2031	156.2
Ronnie Banks, USF	9	39	-42	263	1448	1406	156.2
Desmond Robinson, ECU	9	68	127	201	1262	1389	154.3



TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Rod Davis, S Miss	12	111	53	164	13.7
Chris Moore, ECU	11	100	48	148	13.5
Zac Woodfin, UAB	12	99	50	149	12.4
Michael Boley, S Miss	13	101	50	151	11.6
Ryan Kent, Army	13	84	62	146	11.2
Tra Boger, Tulane	12	74	59	133	11.1
Robert McCune, Louisville	13	81	59	140	10.8
Nigel Eldridge, UAB	12	61	67	128	10.7
Maurice Jones, USF	11	73	44	117	10.6
Brian Hill, Army	12	51	74	125	10.4
Etric Pruitt, S Miss	13	88	44	132	10.2
Greg Washington, Army	13	66	63	129	9.9
Lance Everson, Houston	13	86	38	124	9.5
JR Reed, USF	11	66	35	101	9.2
Anthony Cannon, Tulane	11	58	42	100	9.1
Brandt Quick, Tulane	12	71	37	108	9.0
Joey Dawson, Tulane	9	56	24	80	8.9
Brent Johnson, Louisville	13	82	33	115	8.8
Mickey McCoy, ECU	12	64	41	105	8.8
Jamar Enzor, Cincinnati	12	67	37	104	8.7
Sean Lucas, Tulane	12	69	33	102	8.5
Courtney Davenport, USF	11	49	41	90	8.2
Will Gulley, Houston	13	72	30	102	7.8

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ryan Dougherty, ECU	12	64	2846	44.5
Chris Beckman, Tulane	12	65	2829	43.5
Luke Johnson, S Miss	13	79	3326	42.1
Jimmy McClary, Houston	13	61	2560	42.0
Parker Mullins, UAB	12	72	2962	41.1
Brandon Baker, USF	11	74	3002	40.6
Brent Moody, Louisville	12	51	2018	39.6
Brandon Roberson, Memphis	12	50	1975	39.5
John Braziel, TCU	13	66	2568	38.9

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Carl Jones, Cincinnati	9	135	0	15.0
Marvin Young, S Miss	33	450	1	13.6
Cory Rodgers, TCU	32	352	0	11.0
Chad McCullar, Houston	28	282	0	10.1
Ray Stith, Army	13	123	1	9.5
Jason Southall, UAB	12	113	0	9.4
Brian Fisher, USF	47	424	0	9.0

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Bo Schobel, TCU	15	97
Michael Boley, S Miss	11	76
Marcus Jones, Louisville	9	62
Joe Clay, Houston	7	41
Coot Terry, Memphis	6.5	44
Andre Frazier, Cincinnati	6	58
Terrell Paul, S Miss	6	41

TFL

	NO	YDS
Bo Schobel, TCU	27	109
Michael Boley, S Miss	23	91
Rod Davis, S Miss	20	60
Craig Kobel, USF	19	60
Marcus Jones, Louisville	17	79
Lance Everson, Houston	18	34
Coot Terry, Memphis	18	115

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
JR Reed, USF	18	570	1	31.7
John Eubanks, S Miss	17	499	1	29.4
Ricky Wilson, Houston	23	600	1	26.1
William White, Army	33	785	0	23.8
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	13	299	0	23.0
Cory Rodgers, TCU	23	509	0	22.1
Thaddeus Lewis, Cincinnati	12	265	0	22.1

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nick Hayes, UAB	12	17	20	85.0	50
Nick Browne, TCU	13	28	33	84.8	50
Darren McCaleb, S Miss	12	14	17	82.4	47
Dustin Bell, Houston	13	14	19	73.7	49
Nate Smith, Louisville	13	14	20	70.0	48
Stephen Gostkowski, Memphis	13	19	29	65.5	45

MEMPHIS TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Memphis moved to the spread offense and Danny Wimprine threw for 1,329 yards (52%) with a 14-4 ratio in 5 starts as they moved QB Travis Anglin to WR. In 2002 Wimprine started all 12 games throwing for 2,820 yards (54%) with a 23-18 ratio. True frosh Maurice Avery (PS#54) played vs S Miss when Wimprine was injured but was used mostly as a runner (27 rush att's, 9 passes). In the first game last season, Wimprine became the school's career leader in passing yards and had an outstanding season throwing for 3,174 yards (55.9%) with a 22-13 ratio while rushing for 104 gross yards. He also had 14 punts (39.4). His backup QB last year was Bobby Robison (6-3 213 Sr, PS#43JC) who had 23 TD's and 1,737 yards passing at JC in 2002. Robison had 16 pass attempts vs Tenn Tech and played in 5 games with just 5 more pass attempts the rest of the year and 130 pass yards. Patrick Byrne (6-1 211 So, PS#131) almost had his redshirt taken off in 2002 and last year had 148 yards and 3 TD's as the spring game MVP but did not see any regular season action at QB. Byrne did handle KO's. All three return. Wimprine's senior year should be his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Tigers returned their leading rusher in Dante Brown who had 902 yards (4.9). His top 3 backups were lost prior to the 2002 season and true frosh DeAngelo Williams (PS#66) became the backup. Williams, at 217 lbs, ran the 100m in 10.81 which was an Arkansas HS record. He had three 100 yard games in the first four and after the Tulane game, he was #1 in the NCAA averaging 9.3 ypc rushing. He missed a couple of games due to injury but still finished as the team's leading rusher with 684 yards (6.6). Brown had just 562 yards (4.2) and he moved on last season. Last year Williams' new backfield mate was Derron Parquet (PS#29) who transferred in from LSU. Parquet had an ankle injury early as well as some attitude problems but both improved and in the second half of the year, he had 97 yards vs Houston, 70 vs Tulane and 62 vs E Car, all in a backup role. Williams had a fantastic season simply leading the NCAA in all-purpose yards (192.1) ypg. After adding 15 lbs of muscle during the offseason, he was a much more aggressive runner. Williams had ten straight 100 yard games before suffering a season ending injury against Cincinnati and set the school's single season rushing record with 1,430 yards (5.9) while also adding 384 receiving yards and 299 on KR's. Parquet rushed for 164 yards in his start vs S Florida but was injured early in the bowl and walk-on LaKendus Cole led the team vs NT with 62 yards rushing earning a game ball. Parquet, who has 4.29 speed, finished with 487 yards (5.1) and Cole had 226 (3.2). Brian Davis (6-1 211 So) was PS#179 and has 4.4 speed, but did not get any carries. Robert Douglas (6-3 232 Sr) had 7 starts at LB in 2002 and moved to FB in Sept, greatly aiding Memphis' rushing game with his powerful blocking. Also in the mix is Taz Knockum (6-2 221 rFr, PS#95) and Jamarcus Gaither (5-10 188 rFr). Everyone is back and they add some top-notch recruits (see Newcomers). I rate this the #9 group of RB's in the country.

RB Derron Parquet

RECEIVERS - Last season the Tigers had to replace their top two receivers and then lost their leading returnee, Tavares Gideon, to an injury over the summer. West thought that Mario Pratcher would replace Gideon but he broke his collarbone in August and played in just seven games. Von Webb (6-0 177 Sr) who may be the fastest player on the team, tore his ACL in August so the receiving corps was lightly experienced. Former QB Maurice Avery stepped to the forefront and led the team with 49 rec (15.1) including 8 TD's. Darron White, who had 40 rec's (8.6) in 2002 had 37 last year but increased his ypc to 14.2 in 8 starts. Tavarious Davis finished #3 with 27 rec's (15.1). The team also returned VHT TE John Doucette (PS#19) who had 5 rec's as a true frosh and 17 last year. I list the rest of a solid 2 deep below. The only losses this year are FL Darren Garcia (9 sts, 26 rec) and LaDarius Price (21 rec, 9.6). Not listed below are WR Chris Kelley (6-1 201 Sr) who had 1 start and 11 rec and Brandon Stewart (5-5 158 rFr) and they get back their injured players. This unit is much more experienced and CUSA's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Memphis had a veteran O-line in 2002 that paved the way for 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace 4 full-time starters and four backups including a 1st Tm CUSA player and a 3rd round DC. Surprisingly the rebuilt unit was very effective and opened holes for 4.5 ypc rushing which was the best in over 10 years here and allowed just 12 sacks (3.0%). The good news for Tiger fans is that basically everyone returns and last year starting LT Jason Johnson was injured after 4 games and starting LG Andrew Handy missed the last 3 due to injury. Not even listed in the solid 2 deep below are Rusty Clayton (6-2 241 So), Bobby Garafolo (PS#413JC) who redshirted here last year, Andy Smith (6-4 298 rFr, PS#309), Abraham Holloway (6-4 328 rFr, PS#317), Jared McGowen (6-4 310 So, PS#286) and Bruce McCaleb (6-2 278 So, 137 plays). This may be the deepest OL in the NCAA, and should be one of the best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Tommy West's first year at Memphis as the DC in 2000, the Tigers had the #1 rush D in the country allowing just 73 ypg rushing and an outstanding 2.3 ypc. In 2001 they slipped to 3.8 ypc and in 2002 even more to 4.4 ypc while recording just 20 sacks. Last year the team had to replace 4 players who combined for 29 starts up front and switched to a 3-4 defense. The unit made dramatic strides under new DC Joe Lee Dunn as the defense allowed just 3.0 ypc while recording 35 sacks. This year the losses are about the same as last year as they lose NT Eric Taylor (13 sts, 82 tkls, 4 sks, 2nd Tm CUSA, #7DC PIT) and DE Treveco Lucas (10 sts, 49 tkls, 4 sks, 10 tfl). The big news this year is that Albert Means looks ready to live up to his VHT potential and was dominant in the spring and should be the top linemen in CUSA. DT Shaka Hill moved from LB last year, but didn't have as big an impact as expected but should this season. They add 4 JUCO's including Brandon Farrar who originally signed at Ole Miss. Despite the losses, they could be stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - This is probably the most crucial position for the Tigers this year. First of all, LB is very important in a Joe Lee Dunn defense and secondly, all four starters from last year depart. Gone are RCAT Derrick Ballard (13 sts, 3rd Tm CUSA, 91 tkls, 9 tfl), MLB Will Hyden (12 sts, 101 tkls, 7 tfl), WLB "Coot" Terry (96 tkls, 7 sks, 2nd Tm CUSA) and SLB Greg Harper (13 sts, 97 tkls, 15 tfl). They do have decent talent to plug in including Carlton Baker (PS#40) who originally signed with Alabama and I list the 2 deep below. This unit is clearly much weaker than last year's outstanding set of LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #22 and #26 in my pass D rankings in 2000 & 2001 the Tigers dropped to #55 in 2002. Last year they only had to replace one starter and moved up to #17 in allowing just 47.5% with a 14-11 ratio. This year basically everyone is back with the exception of CB Lee Hayes (5 sts, 11 tkls) and I list the 2 deep below. While the secondary won't get as much help from the front 7, this unit is even stronger than the 2003 version, but it may be tough to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers have blocked 25 kicks over the last 8 years, but only one has come in West's tenure. They finished #74 in my special teams rankings in 2001 and dropped to #106 in 2002. Last year West took over the special teams unit himself but surprisingly the unit did not show improvement despite signing a JUCO punter. The team's net punting improved from 32.0 to 33.2, and should be much stronger in Brandon Roberson's second season. Stephen Gostkowski hit 9 of 14 with a long of 50 in 2002 and hit 19 of 29 with a long of 45 last year. He handled KO duties for the first half of last season, but backup QB Patrick Byrne took over in the second half. The team still allowed 25.0 yards per KR. Versus S Miss they allowed an 87 yard PR for a TD and Memphis fumbled a punt at their own 12 vs Ole Miss that almost cost them the upset. Against Miss St they allowed a 100 yard KR for a TD and dropped a punt snap at their own 4, two crucial plays in the 8 point loss. Their top PR was walk-on Cole Hoppe (7.8), but he departs, while top KR DeAngelo Williams (23.0) returns. The team allowed 4 TD's on returns and had 2 punts blocked last season which hurt their grade and they finished #116 out of #117. I look for significant improvement in the special teams rankings as there really is no other way to go but up.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go in 1994 after three straight 6-5 seasons and since then the team has failed to achieve a winning record. The team yielded a TD with :04 left in the finale vs Cincinnati in West's first year as HC here and they finished 5-6 just missing out on a winning season. After slipping to 3-9 in 2002, West made a great hire bringing in my favorite DC, Joe Lee Dunn. Dunn has been the DC for four current SEC teams, most recently Miss St and he did a fine job in his first year here improving the defensive ppg allowed from 27.3 to 19.2. The OC is Randy Fichtner who is in his 4th year at that position after being the OC at Ark St from '97 to 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 Memphis had a 3-9 record but were -14 in turnovers and had your typical Turnovers=Turnaround season (see page 312). Memphis had a long list of non-favorable streaks end last year. They haven't had a 7 win season since 1976 or a winning season since 1994 their last bowl appearance was in 1971. Last year they had just 12 starters returning, but I still called for them to finish 5th in CUSA while they were just 9th in the preseason CUSA poll. Memphis' season could have been even better than the outstanding 9-4 record they achieved. They outFD'd both S Miss and UAB in losses and in the season finale vs S Florida, were missing their top RB and receiver and lost despite a 23-8 FD edge. You could argue that Memphis was the best CUSA team last year as they were the only one to win their game and on the season, outgained league foes by 151.3 ypg which was by far the best mark in the league, almost double that of the #2 team. This year Memphis has just ten lettermen lost and returns all 11 starters on offense including QB Wimprine, RB Williams and their top 3 receivers. While six starters depart on defense, Joe Lee Dunn only loses six lettermen as the entire 2nd string from last year is back and it's now the second year of his system. Keep in mind Joe Lee Dunn's defenses held Houston (34.5 ppg) and Tulane (28.1 ppg) to just 14 and 9 points. The schedule is not easy but they avoid TCU in league play and should they maintain better health then, I'd make them the favorites to walk home with the CUSA Title.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DANNY WIMPRINE SR. 6-1 222 Career pass leader here. 30 sts, 3 yrs, 7323 yds (54%), 59-35 ratio, 717 rush, 36 punts, 4 rec. Bobby Robison (6-3 213) PS#43JC LY.
RB DeANGELO WILLIAMS JR. 5-10 217 PS#66. 2 sts as true, 684 (6.6). 11 sts LY, **CUSA Off POY**, 1430 (5.9), 35 rec. Derron Parquet (5-11 219 Sr) **PS#29, LSU**, 487 yds (5.1) here LY.
WR TAVARES GIDEON SR. 6-4 210 PS#123JC. 1 st, 42 rec (11.1) in '02. ACL LY.
Tavarious Davis (6-1 198 Sr) 7 sts 27 rec (15.1) in '03. Von Webb (6-0 177 Sr) fastest WR.
WR DARRON WHITE SR. 6-0 200 34 rec (12.4) in '01. 40 rec, 9 sts in '02. 8 sts, 37 rec (14.2) LY. Ryan Scott (6-4 206 So) 5 sts, 15 rec (7.9) as true. Daniel Byram (5-7 178 Jr).
WR MAURICE AVERY JR. 6-1 210 PS#54QB. 457 all-purp yds '02 QB/RB/P. 10 sts, **2nd Tm CUSA** LY, 49 rec (15.1). Mario Pratcher (6-4 211 Jr) PS#236. 10 rec (16.5) true.
TE JOHN DOUCETTE JR. 6-2 271 **PS#19**. 7 sts as true, 5 rec. 9 starts LY. Isaac Daniel (6-0 242 Sr) 3 starts, 1 rec. Arron Bentley (6-3 292 So). Brett Russell is PS#64.
C GENE FREDERIC SR. 6-4 288 LS in both '01 & '02. 13 sts at C LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 943 plays. Stephen Schuh (6-1 287 So) 55 plays. James Corder (6-7 296 Jr) PS#234.
RG JASON MATTHEWS SR. 6-4 295 PS#415JC. 13 sts here LY, 734 plays. Kenyun Glover (6-3 307 Sr) 6 sts, 22 tkls in '01. 7 sts, 33 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 1 start, 8 tkls last year.
LG ANDREW HANDY SR. 6-2 291 PS#260. 9 sts in '02. 405 bench. 10 sts LY until inj, 595 plays. **Willie Henderson** (6-7 328 So) **PS#19**, 52 plays. Greg Billingslea (6-3 282 Jr).
RT JEREMY RONE SR. 6-3 272 2 tkls in '01. 7 games at OT in '02. 13 sts LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 581 plays. Blake Butler (6-3 296 So) **CUSA Fr Tm**, 3 starts, 568 plays.
LT DAVID DAVIS SR. 6-4 284 **PS#165JC**. RS in '02. 9 sts LY, 604 plays. **Jason Johnson** (6-3 284 Sr) PS#145TE. 2 rec in '02. 4 sts, 338 plays last year (injured).
K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI JR. 6-1 190 PS#22. 9 of 14 FG's as true, long of 50. 19 of 29 FG's in '03, long of 45. 44 of 44 xp's. 55 yd FG in HS. Ryan Ivey (6-0 198 Sr).

DT ALBERT MEANS SR. 6-4 328 **PS#3**. 11 sts, 69 tkls, 6 tfl, 2Y @ **Bama**. 9 sts here LY, 51 tkls, 2 sks. Marcus West (6-4 252 Jr) PS#99TE. 13 tkls, 2 tfl, 2Y. Rubio Phillips (6-2 250 Jr) PS#248JC.
NT LaVale Washington Jr. 6-1 265 17 tkls as true. 4 sts last year, 29 tkls, 6 tfl. Haracio Colen (6-3 286 So) PS#375. Tyus Jackson (6-3 250) PS#331JC in for spring.
DT Shaka Hill Sr. 6-3 253 **PS#60LB**. 35 tkls in '01. 5 sts in '02, 53 tkls, 1 int. 13 tkls LY. **David McNair** (6-3 256 Sr) 3 sts, 22 tkls, 3 sks LY. Lane Garcia (6-3 247 rFr) PS#333.
OLB Carlton Baker Jr. 6-2 234 **PS#40**, orig signed w/Alabama. 5 sks at JC LY. In for spg. Mike Snyder (6-2 231 So) PS#136. 5 tkls. 3 games LY. Carson Hunter (5-10 231 So).
MLB Tim Goodwell Jr. 6-2 229 PS#212, 3 tkls as true. 37 tkls in '03, 2 tfl. Charles Davis (6-0 225 Sr) PS#201. TiQuintin Morrell (6-1 205 PS#392) 6 sacks as a senior in HS.
OLB Quinton McCrary So. 6-2 222 PS#124DB. 8 tkls as true. Heath Grant is PS#105. Cato Mott (5-10 194 Jr) 9 tkls 2Y. Sheldon Taylor (6-2 207 Jr) 26 tkls in '02. 3 tkls LY. Offseason knee surg.
RCAT Javar Pollard So. 6-0 203 6 tkls, 1 tfl as true. **Greg Hinds is PS#17DB**. Lionel Pleh (5-10 191 Sr) 24 tkls, 3 years, 4.48 speed. Chase Crawford (6-3 208 rFr).
CB CAMERON ESSEX SR. 5-11 186 3 sts, 31 tkls in '01. 7 sts in '02, 39 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. 10 sts LY. 42 tkls, 5 pbu. Dustin Lopez PS#387JC in for spg. Jermaine Chambers (6-0 198 So).
CB OC COLLINS JR. 6-0 185 PS#150. 11 sts as true, 75 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. 11 sts in '03, 36 tkls, 5 pbu. Tristan Thomas (6-1 178 Sr) 49 tkls, 3Y. Brian Davis (6-1 211 So).
LCAT SCOTT VOGEL SR. 6-1 193 10 sts in '02, 69 tkls, 2 int, 13 sts LY, 69 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 11 pbu. **3rd Tm CUSA**. Derek Clenin (5-9 188 So) 4 tkls as true.
FS WESLEY SMITH JR. 6-3 194 **1st Tm CUSA**. 13 sts, 98 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 int, 8 pbu. Sam Brewer (6-1 194 So) 18 tkls in '03. Jamaal Rufus (6-4 205 So) 7 tkls, 1 tfl as true.
P BRANDON ROBERSON SR. 6-0 183 55 punts at JC in '02, 42.8 avg. 50 punts here in '03, 39.5 avg, net of 33.2. Danny Wimprine 14 punts, 39.4 average.

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QB	Will Hudgens 6-3 200 PS#112	
DL	Rubio Phillips 6-2 250 PS#248JC	
LB	Carlton Baker 6-2 230 PS#274JC	
TE	Brett Russell 6-3 220 PS#64	
DE	Brandon Farrar 6-4 255 PS#304JC	
OL	Brandon Pearce 6-5 270 PS#283	
WR	Michael Grandberry 5-10 170 PS#209	
DB	Dustin Lopez 5-10 195 PS#387JC	
DB	Rod Smith 6-1 205 PS#291	
WR	Carlton Robinzine 6-5 190 PS#248	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								LY Memphis had 5 games of 40+ pts while holding 6 foes to 16 pts or less. Last year was UM's first bowl trip since 1971. Memphis is 6-11 ATS as a home favorite since 1999 (1-4 LY).
Sep. 4	at Mississippi	A						Tigers are 0-7-2 SU & 1-6 ATS before unlined games (5 of these to Ole Miss). UM is 4-20 SU, but 15-9 ATS vs SEC the L10Y, 1-11 SU & 8-4 ATS on the road.
Sep. 11	UT-Chattanooga	G						UT-Chattanooga was 3-9 (3-5 Southern Conf) in 2003. The last meeting was a 43-10 Tiger win at the Liberty Bowl in 2001.
Sep. 18	at Arkansas St	G						Memphis is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS the last 6 meetings at home vs the Indians. The Tigers are 2-4 ATS since 2000 away vs non-conference teams.
Sep. 25	at UAB	G						Memphis is 0-4 SU & ATS the last 4 in the series. The dog has covered the last 5 meetings.
Oct. 2	Houston	G						The Tigers are 7-1 ATS the last 8 CUSA home conference openers. Memphis is 2-4 ATS the last 6 lined games before a bye.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 16	Tulane	G						The Tigers are 11-1-2 ATS since 1987 vs the Wave. Memphis is 7-1 ATS the last 8 off of a bye.
Oct. 23	at Cincinnati	A						Memphis is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS the last 4 in this series. The visitor is 6-2 ATS the last 8 series meetings.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Louisville	G						The Tigers are 4-10 SU & 10-4 ATS as a home dog since 1998. The favorite is just 1-10 ATS the last 11 in the series.
Nov. 12	S Mississippi (Fri)	G						The Tigers are 2-13 ATS vs S Miss since 1989. In 19 meetings since 1985, Tigers have avg 11 ppg & held to single digits 11 times.
Nov. 20	at E Carolina	G						The Tigers are 4-8 SU & 3-9 ATS vs the Pirates since 1990. Memphis is 1-4 ATS in the 1st of 2+ AG's & 3-5 ATS in the 2nd straight AG.
Nov. 27	at S Florida	G						Memphis is 1-2 SU, but 2-1 ATS in this short series. The Tigers are 4-1 ATS the last 5 road finales.

TOMMY WEST (Career 52-54)
4th Year at Memphis

West's records AT MEMPHIS

17-19	Straight Up	5-8	Home Favorite
15-17	Vs The Spread	3-0	Home Underdog
9-6	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
10-13	Vs Conference	5-8	Away Underdog
5-4	Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 59 (31,24,4)
Lost: 10 (2,6,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,622

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	5-6	4-7	5-6	3-9	8-4	31-48
ATS	5-5-1	6-5	7-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	5-6	37-38-1
Home Fav	3-2	2-1	0-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	11-14
Home Dog	0-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	10-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	4-4
Away Dog	2-2-1	1-4	4-0	0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2	12-15-1
Favorite	3-2	2-1	1-2	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-4	15-18
Dog	2-3-1	4-4	6-2	2-3	2-3	3-3	3-2	22-20-1
Grass	4-4	6-4	5-4	3-6	5-5	5-5	3-6	31-34
Artificial	1-1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	6-4-1
vs CUSA	2-3-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	3-4	4-4	3-5	21-26-1
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	16-12
Off SU Win	0-3-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	3-5	12-17-1
Off SU Loss	4-2	4-4	3-3	3-3	3-1	4-4	2-1	23-18

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Williams	243	1487	57	1430	10	5.9
Derron Parquet	95	501	14	487	0	5.1
LaKendus Cole	70	237	11	226	1	3.2
Darron White	30	148	20	128	4	4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Danny Wimprine	440	246	55.9	3174	22	13
Bobby Robison	21	11	52.4	130	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Maurice Avery	49	742	15.1	8	55
Darron White	37	525	14.2	5	36
Tavarious Davis	27	407	15.1	3	92
Darren Garcia	26	387	14.9	0	63
DeAngelo Williams	35	384	11.0	3	80
LaDarius Price	21	202	9.6	0	47

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Roberson	50	1975	39.5	10	33.2	2	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Stephen Gostkowski	44-44	12-12	4-8	3-8	0-1	19-29	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Hyden	101	2	5	4	1
Wesley Smith	98	1	4	8	3
Greg Harper	97	5	10	2	1
Coot Terry	96	7	11	2	1
Derrick Ballard	91	2	7	8	1
Eric Taylor	82	4	10	8	1
Scott Vogel	69	1	2	11	2
Albert Means	51	2	2	2	0
Treveco Lucas	49	4	10	0	0
Cameron Essex	42	0	1	5	0
Tim Goodwell	37	0	2	1	0
OC Collins	36	0	1	5	1
L Washington	29	2	4	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cole Hoppe	27	211	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAngelo Williams	13	299	23.0	0
Chris Kelley	12	225	18.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Burley	NL	E Tenn St	32-12	–
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9	–
03	New Orleans	-4	N Texas	27-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	30.2	22	182	4.5	263	55.3	14.7	-4	2003	8	19.2	15	110	3.0	185	47.5	15.4
9*	25.3	20	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	-14	2002	7	27.3	21	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3
7*	26.7	17	137	3.6	190	55.7	12.2	+7	2001	5	25.5	21	153	3.8	230	52.6	15.0
5*	16.0	15	105	2.6	151	53.4	16.0	-6	2000	8	18.1	15	73	2.3	203	53.3	15.2
6*	21.1	16	134	3.5	159	50.7	13.9	-2	1999	6	16.5	17	144	3.3	170	52.0	19.0
7	20.5	17	140	3.9	187	45.9	15.9	+1	1998	8	30.9	22	174	4.3	281	60.5	14.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Tennessee Tech	25	44-177	4.0	24-38	390	0	11	25-138	5.5	16-30	183	1	+2
Mississippi	17	36-117	3.3	19-34	389	1	22	30-116	3.9	26-48	292	2	+1
at S Mississippi	17	39-192	4.9	16-36	182	1	14	49-205	4.2	7-25	102	2	-3
Arkansas St	19	39-163	4.2	20-36	238	0	14	34-105	3.1	16-29	171	1	+1
UAB	20	28-89	3.2	32-42	257	5	16	41-95	2.3	14-28	231	1	-2
at Mississippi St	29	28-170	6.1	32-61	398	1	18	37-136	3.7	16-34	245	2	-1
at Houston	25	45-255	5.7	14-27	232	1	19	44-160	3.6	16-28	163	3	+2
at Tulane	25	46-288	6.3	17-31	178	0	18	45-192	4.3	12-32	105	3	0
E Carolina	28	46-225	4.9	18-33	284	0	15	39-55	1.4	16-32	168	7	+1
at Louisville	24	51-242^	4.7	17-29	201	0	12	27-57	2.1	13-31	159	3	+1
Cincinnati	18	45-167	3.7	9-28	145	1	15	34-29	0.9	18-39	272	3	-2
S Florida	23	38-187	4.9	25-51	271	1	8	47-25	0.5	8-17	167	4	-5
† N Texas	15	45-88	2.0	17-24	254	1	11	33-122	3.7	9-21	152	3	+1
TOTALS	285	530-2360	4.5	260-470	3419	12	193	485-1435	3.0	187-394	2410	35	-4
AVERAGES	21.9	41-182	4.5	20-36	263	0.9	14.8	37-110	3.0	14-30	185	2.7	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	0-3	W
at Mississippi St	+13'	10-13	W
Arkansas St	-18	31-26	L
at Tennessee	+30'	16-17	W
Missouri	+2'	17-27	L
at UAB	+3	38-14	W
Louisville	+2	31-32	W
at Tulane	E	49-7	W
S Mississippi	+5	5-20	L
Army	-12	14-10	L
at Cincinnati	-2	21-13	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	+5	3-17	L
UL Monroe	-17'	28-0	W
at Arkansas St	-7	19-17	L
at Army	-6'	26-16	W
at S Mississippi	+16'	3-24	L
E Carolina	+6'	17-10	W
at UAB	-2'	9-13	L
Houston	-9	30-33 3OT	L
Tennessee	+11	17-19	W
Cincinnati	+2	10-13	L
at Tulane	-2	14-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+18'	10-30	L
Tenn-Chatt	NL	43-10	–
S Florida	-7'	17-9	W
at Louisville	+10'	21-38	L
S Mississippi	+8	22-17	W
at Houston	-7'	52-33	W
at E Carolina	+10	11-32	L
UAB	-1	14-17	L
at Tennessee	+24	28-49	W
Army	-16	42-10	W
Cincinnati	-3'	34-36	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	52-6	–
at Mississippi	+8'	16-38	L
at S Mississippi	+11'	14-33	L
Tulane	-7	38-10	W
at UAB	-8'	17-31	L
Louisville	+10'	32-38	W
Mississippi St	-2'	17-29	L
at Cincinnati	+6'	10-48	L
Houston	-5	21-26	L
at S Florida	+16'	28-31	W
Army	-14'	38-10	W
at TCU	+14'	20-27	W

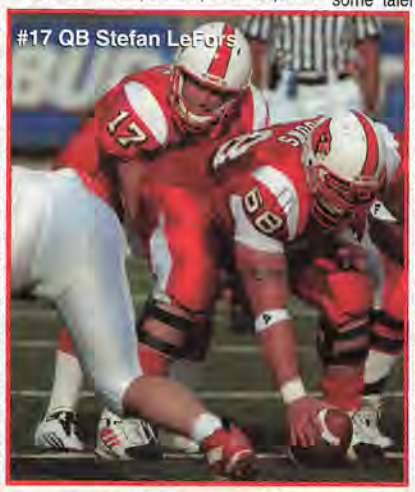
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee Tech	NL	40-10	–
Mississippi	+8	44-34	W
at S Mississippi	+5	6-23	L
Arkansas St	-16	38-16	W
UAB	-9'	10-24	L
at Mississippi St	+4	27-35	L
at Houston	+5	45-14	W
at Tulane	-4'	41-9	W
E Carolina	-17'	41-24	L
at Louisville	+6'	37-7	W
Cincinnati	-10	21-16	L
S Florida	-10	16-21	L

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Cardinals have had some great QB's recently including Chris Redman and Dave Ragone who both earned CUSA Offensive POY honors in their tenures and were drafted high by the NFL. Stefan LeFors (6-0 200) took the place of Ragone (6-4 255) last year and had a fine season in his first year as a starter. His 15 of 17 effort in the spring game was enough to earn him the starting job over true frosh Michael Bush (PS#3) and Justin Rascati (6-2 207 So, PS#121). LeFors ran the anchor on his 4x100m relay team in HS showing his speed and rushed for 487 gross yards (405 net) while passing for 3,145 (61.3%) with a 17-10 ratio while starting all 13 games. Only two UL players had a TD rushing, passing and receiving in the same year prior to last season, but both LeFors and Bush accomplished that. LeFors was sacked just seven times and intercepted just seven times in the regular season but after suffering a shoulder injury on a long run in the bowl game he threw 3 int and suffered 3 sacks in the outing. Despite his outstanding season he has to fight off some big challengers this year. Bush, who is a great all-purpose player, still wants to play QB and the team signed Brian Brohm (PS#8) who threw for over 10,000 yards in HS. It should be an interesting competition. Rascati has decided to transfer. This unit has much more experience than 2003 and has added talent.


#17 QB Stefan LeFors

RUNNING BACKS - 2002's leading rusher had just 594 yards and the leading returning rusher was TJ Patterson who had 329 (3.5). I projected Florida St transfer Eric Shelton (PS#3) as the starter and he lived up to his VHT billing rushing for 790 yards (4.8) in just six starts. Unfortunately he suffered a neck injury vs TCU and had just four carries in that game and missed three full games after that. Lionel Gates rushed for 296 yards (2.9) in two years but in four starts last year rushed for 817 (5.8) and hauled in 25 rec (14.7). Against Houston he had 140 yards rushing with 4 TD's and 91 rec yards. FB Kolby Smith (PS#104) averaged 7.3 ypc which was the best of the RB's and overall UL's 5.7 team ypc was the best in the NCAA. This year Smith will play more at RB, and Reggie Bradshaw (6-0 198 rFr, PS#180) is also in the mix. When the team uses a FB they have Adam McCauley (6-4 232 Sr), James Jackson (6-1 238 So) and true frosh Drew Steinmetz. Michael Bush had 538 gross yards (6.6) lining up in various positions but did have three starts at RB. He could even take the feature RB spot from Shelton and Gates. As long as Shelton returns healthy and Bush is in the lineup, this is one of the most talented RB corps in CUSA.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 two of my projected starters did not make it to two-a-days in August (acad & susp) and they lost two other WR's to injury. Last season only their top receiver was expected to leave but once again two of their top guys did not play due to academics including the #3 receiver from 2002. TE Ronnie Ghent was a question mark heading into the year as far as regaining eligibility and was not even on the preseason All-CUSA Team. Ghent made it back and became the first player in history to be named 1st Tm CUSA for four straight years. JR Russell became more consistent and set a UL record with 1,213 receiving yards (16.2). Broderick Clark, who has 4.36 speed, was hampered by a hamstring injury and had just 23 rec (13.6). The WR's are in great shape as all three starters are back and they have some talented backups contending for time. They also add Tennessee transfer Montrell Jones (PS#6) who had 22 rec with the Vols in 2002. TE is the major question mark as both TE's depart in Ghent (13 sts, 34 rec) and Richard Owens (5 sts, 12 rec). TE's are a big part of the offense but the WR's here are excellent, and overall the unit could be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards averaged just 3.2 ypc rushing in 2001 and only 3.1 ypc in 2002 while allowing 46 sacks. That 2002 unit was very inexperienced and Dave Ragone spent a good portion of the year running for his life. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups but did have five players back with starting experience. Jason Hilliard was the projected starter at RT but they moved Renardo Foster over from DE in August and he took the starting RT spot. The group showed remarkable improvement as they paved the way for an amazing 5.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks, partially due to having a much more mobile QB who avoided sacks. This year they must replace C Dan Koons (13 sts, 3 yr st'r), RG Jerry Spencer (13 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Jason Hilliard (2nd string). Two players return that earned 2nd Tm CUSA honors and while it will be tough to match LY's numbers, this group could come close.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cardinals had a dominating defensive front in 2002 as they allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing while the defense had 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace CUSA Def POY Dewayne White who had 10.5 sacks as well as two other starters who combined for 17 starts, 86 tackles and 9 sacks. The defense was nowhere near 2002's form as they allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 26 sacks. This year the unit appears to be in much better shape. The only loss is DT Scott Lopez (11 sts, 22 tkls, 4 tfl). Two players were disappointing last year in DT Bobby Leffew, who after 12 starts and 7 sacks as a frosh, was injured in 2002 and did not regain his form last year. The other was 311 lb DT Tyrone Saterfield who had a disappointing 2nd half of the season and was replaced in the bowl as a starter by DE Montavious Stanley. Those three figure in the rotation as does Amobi Okoye who is from Nigeria and at 16 years old benched 405 lbs last year. Okoye had 17 tackles and 2 tfl as the youngest player in college ball last year. Marcus Jones was 2nd Tm CUSA with 10 sacks. The unit is fairly deep and not listed below are Jeremy Seguin (6-2 294 Jr), Josh Williams (6-3 246 rFr, PS#218) and Brinson Harley (6-1 289 So). The new starter on the line figures to be Elvis Dumervil who has 4.6 speed and benches 440 lbs and was originally going to Florida until Spurrier quit. Also watch Chad Jorgensen (PS#39TE) who moves to DE. The defense as a whole was weak in the 2H of last season, and I expect the D-line to be much stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Cards had to replace two starters and a backup, and it was noted that the largest dropoff on the team from the starters to the backups was at LB. This year the unit is more experienced. They do lose OLB Rod Day (13 sts, 94 tkls, 2 yr st'r) and James Greene (10 tkls, 1 tfl), but four of the top six return. Robert McCune is one of the strongest and fastest players on the team. He was a sprinter on the track team in HS a two-time Alabama champion in power lifting and led the team in tackles with 143. This unit has more experience than 2003, while having better depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cards finished #3 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and #7 in 2001. They had all four starters back in 2002 but surprisingly dropped to #29. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters including a pair of NFL DC's and a 2nd Tm CUSA player and then starting CB Laroni Gallishaw was kicked off the team prior to the year so basically just one starter returned. As you would expect, the Cards dropped further in the rankings (#60) allowing 55.7% with a 19-13 ratio. This year they must replace CB Josh Minkins (13 sts, 61 tkls, 4 pbu, 2 int) but 7 of the top 8 are back and the unit is so deep that I list a 3 deep below. Others who may contribute are Thomas Miller (6-2 209 rFr, PS#103), Ray Childs (6-0 210 Sr, PS#335RB), Sergio Spencer (5-10 178 So, PS#248RB), Johnathan Russell (5-10 181 rFr, PS#232), Eric Miller (6-2 201 rFr, PS#175) and Domonique Dunbar (6-0 187 Jr, PS#280). They also add Florida transfer Antoine Sharp (PS#66WR), and I look for the Cards to move up significantly in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under former coach John L. Smith, the team usually had great special teams including a #16 finish in '01 and #8 in 2002. They blocked an amazing 9 punts in 2002 while Broderick Clark averaged 28.9 on KR's and was named CUSA's Special Teams POY. Brandon Johnson had three of those blocks at 6-5. In Petrino's first year they surprisingly dropped to #70 as they blocked just three punts, with two by Tiger Jones and Clark averaged just 19.5 on KR's (hampered by a hamstring injury). P and KO man Wade Tydlacka tore cartilage in his knee in the opener against Kentucky and Brett Moody replaced him (39.6). K Nate Smith became the career record holder for FG's and xp's at UL while having a fine year hitting 14 of 20 with a long of 48. They must replace Smith, but Moody is back as are their top P and KO man. Brandon Johnson and Tiger Jones are both back as well, so I look for them to record more than the 3 punt blocks they had last season. I expect UL to move up in the special teams rankings this year.

COACHES - Last year the Cardinals had one of the most inexperienced coaching staffs in the NCAA with Bobby Petrino, (OC at Auburn , no prior HC experience) coming in. His OC, Paul Petrino, had been a QB coach with no OC experience. DC Mike Gillhamer was a DB coach at Oregon with no DC experience. Overall the group did extremely well. This year Gillhamer moves on to become the DB coach for the CAR Panthers and the new DC is Mike Cassity who has 28 years of experience and was Illinois' DC the past 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

John L. Smith inherited a 1-10 team and guided them to 5 straight bowl games including a pair of CUSA Titles. In 2001 Louisville went 10-2 in the regular season, but only outgained foes by 40.3 ypg benefitting from +10 in turnovers. In the next year, which turned out to be Smith's last at the helm, they were -15 in turnovers and their record dropped to 7-6 showing a classic example of Turnovers=Turnaround. After double digit turnovers in 2002 you could expect improvement even under a new head coach and the Cards accomplished just that with a 9-3 regular season record. Bobby Petrino's first offense here was simply amazing as he took a team that was pegged 5th in CUSA with zero players on the 1st Tm preseason offense or defense and nearly won the league crown. The Cards averaged 34.6 ppg and 489 ypg on offense despite an inexperienced QB and having to replace their top rusher and receiver. They started off the season 7-1 but faced mostly teams with losing records although their only loss was in 2 OT's to S Florida. They dropped 3 of their final 5 games including a 37-7 pasting by Memphis at home. Louisville did outgain CUSA foes by 87.6 ypg, the second best mark in the conference despite finishing just 5-3, and had QB LeFors not gotten injured in the bowl, may have upended Miami (OH). They have the most explosive offense in CUSA this year with NFL caliber RB's in Eric Shelton and Michael Bush, top-notch WR's, QB LeFors and 3 starters back on the O-line. Defensively they have 8 starters back and figure to be improved on that side as well which is important because they allowed 27.8 ppg last year. I do 7 sets of power ratings each year and 3 of my 7 call Louisville the best team in CUSA. They avoid defending champ S Miss in league play and a key to their season will likely be Nov 2nd when they travel to Memphis. The Cards should be favored in their first 5 games, but have to travel to Miami (FL) on Oct 14th. The 2002 CUSA champs still should have another successful season and must be considered a co-favorite for the CUSA Title in their last year in the league. The Cards have 17 players on my all conf team, the most in CUSA.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB STEFAN LeFORS SR. 6-0 200 PS#172. 13 sts LY, 3145 pass (61.3%) 17-10 ratio, 487 yds rush, **1st Tm CUSA**. Brian Brohm is **PS#8**. Davis Manning (6-5 210 Fr) in for spg.

RB ERIC SHELTON JR. 6-2 247 PS#3. Fla St trans. 6 sts (inj 3) 790 yds (4.8). **Michael Bush** (6-3 240 So) **PS#3**, 845 yds at QB/RB/WR. Lionel Gates 4 sts, 817 yds (5.8).

WR JOSHUA TINCH SR. 6-3 215 PS#148. 7 sts, 33 rec (13.0) in '02. 9 sts, 26 rec (15.4), basketball tm. Harry Douglas (5-11 158 rFr) fast. Robert Haskins (5-6 175 Jr) 385 yds LY.

WR JR RUSSELL SR. 6-3 204 6 sts, 38 rec in '01 & '02. **1st Tm CUSA** in '03, 75 rec (16.2). Tiger Jones (5-11 181 Sr) 18 rec, 3Y. Jimmy Riley (6-1 204 So) PS#127.

WR BRODERICK CLARK JR. 6-0 194 4.36 spd. 4 sts, 13 rec, 28.9 avg on KR in '02. 10 sts, 23 rec (13.6) LY (inj). **Montrell Jones** (6-0 199 Jr) **PS#6**. 4.35 spd. 1 st, 28 rec (12.7) at **Tenn.**

TE Wayne Riles So. 6-4 240 PS#138. 13 games as true, 91 rec in HS. Thomas Boyce (6-6 221 rFr) PS#115. Scott Kuhn is PS#51. Gary Barnidge is PS#96.

C Will Rabatin Sr. 6-1 304 2 sts at LG, 3 at RG in '02. 13 games LY, 2nd string at C in '03. PJ Tavarczky (6-3 294 So) PS#224. Phillip Moody is PS#304.

RG Kurt Quarterman Jr. 6-5 366 PS#304. Acad ineligible in '02. 13 games in '03, 2nd string. Bubba Marshall (6-5 285 Jr) PS#351. Josh Deer (6-4 294 rFr) PS#488.

LG JASON SPITZ JR. 6-4 308 PS#242DL. 6 sts at RG in '02 until inj. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm CUSA**. 650 squat. Danny Barlowe (6-5 290 rFr) PS#474.

RT RENARDO FOSTER SO. 6-5 327 PS#67TE. 13 sts at RT as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. Michael Sturgeon (6-3 288 So) PS#409. Devon May (6-4 275 rFr) PS#235.

LT TRAVIS LEFFEW JR. 6-4 297 PS#82DL. 12 sts as rFr, CUSA Frosh Tm. 13 sts at LT LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Jeremy Darveau (6-7 312 Jr) PS#183JC. 6 games at Kentucky.

K Arthur Carmody rFr. 5-8 181 PS#84K. Accurate kicker. Todd Flannery (6-0 170 rFr). Rob Zarrilli (6-0 180 rFr). Sam Erny (5-9 180 So) is a Marshall transfer.

DE Elvis Dumervil Jr. 6-0 244 **PS#54**. 4.6 spd. 440 bench. 6 tkls as true. 1 st LY, 28 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl. Shane Bailey (6-3 277 rFr) PS#294OL. Chad Jorgensen (6-6 225 So) PS#39TE.

DT MONTAVIOUS STANLEY JR. 6-2 305 PS#127. 13 sts in '03 (12 at DE), 37 tkls, 3 sks, 10 tfl. **Tyrone Saterfield** (6-2 311 Sr) PS#213OL. 7 sts, 19 tkls in '02. 9 sts in '03, 31 tkls, 4 tfl.

DT BOBBY LEFFEW SR. 6-4 289 PS#152. 12 sts, 42 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl in '01. CUSA Fr. 3 sts in '02, 21 tkls (inj). 5 sts LY, 37 tkls, 7 tfl. **Amobi Okoye** (6-1 317 So) 16 yrs old LY, 425 bench, 17 tkls.

DE MARCUS JONES SR. 6-2 234 26 tkls, 4 sks in '01 & '02. **2nd Tm CUSA** in '03, 62 tkls, 10 sks, 7 tfl, 13 sts. Chad Rimpsey (6-3 244 Jr) 28 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 years.

SLB BRANDON JOHNSON JR. 6-5 208 PS#418DL. 18 tkls, 2 sks as rFr. 11 sts in '03, 50 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. Jonathon Jackerson (6-2 229 Sr) PS#292, 22 tkls in 3 years.

MLB ROBERT McCUNE SR. 6-0 244 **3rd tm CUSA**. Strong & fast. 2 sts, 48 tkls in '02, 13 sts LY. #1 w/143 tkls, 4 sks, 5 pbu. Must graduate to play TY. Matt Sanders (6-2 242 rFr) PS#164.

WLB Preston Smith rFr. 6-1 212 PS#185QB. Moved to LB LY. Deriontе Taylor (5-8 220 So) 6 tkls as true. Willie Johnson (6-0 212 rFr) PS#575. Lamar Myles is PS#62.

CB ANTOINE HARRIS SR. 5-10 184 5 sts, 21 rec in '01 & '02. 10 sts at CB LY, 51 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. JT Haskins (5-9 178 Sr) PS#160. 2 sts, 55 tkls, 6 pbu, 3Y. Early McCray III (5-9 193 rFr) PS#371.

CB William Gay So. 5-11 179 PS#284. 3 sts as true, 33 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu. **Antoine Sharp** (6-1 196 Jr) PS#66WR. 2 rec at **Florida**. Gavin Smart (5-9 190 So) 3 sts LY (inj) 17 tkls, 1 int.

SS BRENT JOHNSON SR. 5-11 201 PS#291. 12 tkls, 2Y. 13 sts LY, 116 tkls, 8 tfl, 4 pbu. Malik Jackson (6-2 219 rFr). Bobby Buchanan is PS#62. Jon Gannon (6-1 195 Jr) 1 st, 9 tkls in '02, inj LY.

FS KERRY RHODES SR. 6-3 205 PS#250QB. 28 tkls, 2 int, 2Y. 13 sts LY, 82 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. Brandon Sharp (5-11 181 So) PS#273, 11 tkls as true. Abe Brown (6-4 212 So) PS#81, 9 tkls LY.

P BRENT MOODY SO. 5-11 193 PS#16K. 42.7 avg as Jr in HS. 43.6 avg as senior. 51 punts here as true. 39.6 avg and net of 36.2. Todd Flannery (6-0 170 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Brian Brohm 6-4 205 PS#8
WR	Mario Urrutia 6-6 205 PS#43
DB	Bobby Buchanan 5-11 180 PS#62
LB	Lamar Myles 6-0 200 PS#62
LB	Mozell Axson 6-1 230 PS#126
LB	Johnnie Burns 6-3 225 PS#130
OL	Jeremy Darveau 6-7 320 PS#183JC
TE	Scott Kuhn 6-5 235 PS#51
RB	Drew Steinmetz 6-1 232 PS#200
WR	Elijah Daniel 6-0 175 PS#168
RB	George Stripling 6-1 185 PS#208
DB	Terrance Butler 6-2 212 PS#221
OL	Phillip Moody 6-5 260 PS#304
LB	Maurice Mitchell 6-3 220 PS#214
DL	Adrian Grady 6-3 270 PS#302
DL	Brandon Cox 6-3 225 PS#330
TE	Gary Barnidge 6-6 215 PS#96
DL	Anthony Douglas 6-4 215 PS#473
DL	Breno Giacomini 6-7 242 PS#483
DB	Marcus Folmar 5-11 175 PS#493

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#67

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Louisville is 4-2 SU & ATS in their conference openers. Cardinals are 12-6 ATS in the underdog role since 1998.
Sep. 5	Kentucky (Sun)	A						The Cards are 4-1 SU & ATS the last 5 in this series. The Cards are 2-10 ATS in their 1st lined home game.
Sep. 11	at Army	A						Louisville is 9-4 ATS the last 13 road openers. Cardinals are 10-3 SU & 9-4 ATS as away favorites.
Sep. 18	at Tulane	A						The Cards are 4-1 SU & ATS at Tulane. Entering 2004 Louisville was 11-5 ATS in conference road games.
Sep. 25	at N Carolina	G						The Cardinals are 10-1 ATS vs the ACC since 1988. UL is 6-2 ATS the last 8 non-conference road games.
Oct. 2	E Carolina	A						Louisville is 4-1 ATS the last 5 as a double digit CUSA home favorite. The Cards are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS the last 6 before a bye.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 14	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G						The Cards trail the series 0-8-1 SU & have been outscored 273-92 (30-9). UL's last Thur night National TV appearance was 26-20 OT upset of Fla St in 2002.
Oct. 22	S Florida (Fri)	A						Last year was the 1st time these 2 met & S Florida won 31-28 in 2 OT's. USF will join Louisville entering the Big East in 2005.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 2	at Memphis (Tues)	G						The favorite is just 1-10 ATS the last 11 in this series. UL is 10-3 SU, but just 4-9 ATS the last 13 in this series.
Nov. 9	TCU (Tues)	A						The Cards are 0-3 SU & ATS in this short series. Both teams will leave CUSA after TY w/TCU heading to MWC & UL to the BE.
Nov. 20	at Houston	G						The SU winner is 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings. The Cards are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS before Cincinnati.
Nov. 27	Cincinnati	A						The favorite is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1997 w/UL going 5-1 ATS L6Y. Louisville is 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 home finales.

BOBBY PETRINO (Career 9-4)
2nd Year at Louisville

Petrino's records AT LOUISVILLE

9-4	Straight Up	2-4	Home Favorite
6-6	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
1-2	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
		2-2	Vs Non-Conference

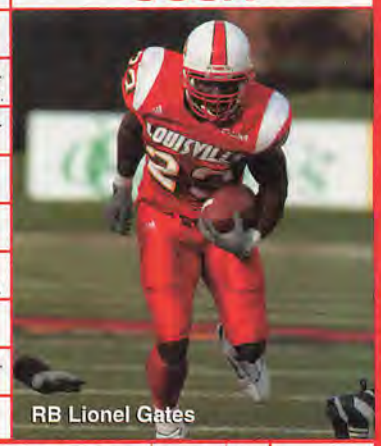
2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,23,1)
Lost: 15 (9,4,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,771

CUSA


RB Lionel Gates

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	7-4	7-4	9-2	10-2	7-5	9-3	50-30
ATS	2-9	6-4	5-5	7-3	7-4	6-6	6-6	39-37
Home Fav	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-4	14-18
Home Dog	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-4
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	12-7
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	9-8
Favorite	1-3	3-1	4-5	3-3	6-3	5-5	4-5	26-25
Dog	1-6	3-3	1-0	4-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	13-12
Grass	1-3	4-4	4-4	7-3	5-3	5-6	2-2	28-25
Artificial	1-6	2-0	1-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	4-4	11-12
vs Conf	1-5	4-2	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	26-22
vs Non-Conf	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-2	13-15
Off SU Win	0-1	4-1	3-3	6-1	5-4	2-5	4-4	24-19
Off SU Loss	2-7	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-0	4-0	1-2	11-15

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lionel Gates	141	841	24	817	11	5.8
Eric Shelton	166	830	40	790	10	4.8
Michael Bush	81	538	35	503	6	6.2
Stefan LeFors	71	487	82	405	3	5.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Stefan LeFors	357	219	61.3	3145	17	10
Justin Rascati	24	14	58.3	177	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
JR Russell	75	1213	16.2	8	66	
Ronnie Ghent	34	421	12.4	4	33	
Joshua Tinch	26	401	15.4	1	37	
Lionel Gates	25	368	14.7	0	69	
Broderick Clark	23	313	13.6	0	31	
Michael Bush	17	240	14.1	1	56	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brent Moody	51	2018	39.6	5	36.2	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nate Smith	50-52	8-9	2-4	4-7	0-0	14-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert McCune	143	4	1	5	1
Brent Johnson	116	1	7	4	0
Rod Day	94	0	3	3	1
Kerry Rhodes	82	1	2	5	3
Marcus Jones	62	10	7	2	0
Josh Minkins	61	1	5	4	2
Antoine Harris	51	0	1	6	3
Brandon Johnson	50	3	3	5	0
Montavious Stanley	37	3	10	0	0
Bobby Leffew	37	1	6	2	0
JT Haskins	33	0	0	1	1
William Gay	33	1	1	8	1
T. Saterfield	31	0	4	1	0
Elvis Dumervil	28	2	4	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Robert Haskins	23	177	7.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Broderick Clark	42	821	19.5	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Humanitarian	-1'	Boise St	31-34	L
00	Liberty	+2	Colorado St	17-22	L
01	Liberty	-3	BYU	28-10	W
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38	L
03	GMAC	+14	Miami (Oh)	28-49	L

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	34.6	23	228	5.7	261	60.0	14.1	+3	2003	4	27.8	24	170	4.3	258	55.7	15.4
5*	28.8	18	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	-15	2002	10	24.5	18	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0
8*	30.3	19	117	3.2	257	60.1	12.4	+10	2001	6	17.2	18	135	3.5	199	49.3	19.5
5	33.8	20	129	3.6	262	60.6	11.6	+11	2000	7	22.3	19	86	2.3	219	51.2	13.7
7*	36.9	26	127	4.0	333	63.5	12.5	-5	1999	8	30.4	21	169	4.2	235	55.5	13.3
8*	39.4	28	147	4.4	403	65.6	13.9	-3	1998	6	36.3	24	237	5.1	256	57.5	13.6

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Kentucky	22	44-240	5.5	14-23	180	1	21	36-108	3.0	18-32	236	2	+1
at Syracuse	18	39-185	4.7	16-25	266	0	22	41-217	5.3	19-30	229	1	+1
UTEP	23	42-191	4.5	18-28	246	0	19	43-189	4.4	10-27	111	3	+2
Temple	21	43-187	4.3	13-24	197	2	27	30-53	1.8	27-54	362	6	-1
at S Florida	19	42-187	4.5	20-41	272	2	21	38-119	3.1	26-48	256	3	+1
Army	25	37-208	5.6	20-32	411	1	18	26-97	3.7	28-55	242	1	0
Tulane	20	42-288	6.9	17-28	212	0	24	42-160	3.8	16-29	243	3	+3
at E Carolina	26	45-305	6.8	17-28	187	0	24	37-166	4.5	24-42	291	0	+1
at TCU	29	32-121	3.8	31-50	459	1	28	46-210	4.6	17-28	251	0	0
Memphis	12	27-57	2.1	13-31	159	3	24	51-242	4.7	17-29	201	0	-1
Houston	37	52-445	8.6	24-31	334	0	25	48-229	4.8	21-27	224	3	+2
at Cincinnati	21	35-315	9.0	16-27	211	0	26	42-203	4.8	20-40	336	2	-3
† Miami, Oh	22	38-237	6.2	18-27	255	3	28	33-221	6.7	21-33	376	2	-3
TOTALS	295	518-2966	5.7	237-395	3389	13	307	513-2214	4.3	264-474	3358	26	+3
AVERAGES	22.7	40-228	5.7	18-30	261	1.0	23.6	39-170	4.3	20-36	258	2.0	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	-3	56-28	W
Tenn-Chatt	NL	58-30	–
Illinois	-12	36-41	L
Oklahoma	-1	21-42	L
E Michigan	-23	45-10	W
at Army	-14	52-59 2OT	L
at Memphis	-2'	32-31	L
Houston	-4'	39-33	W
UAB	-14	23-14	L
at Cincinnati	-1	23-13	W
S Mississippi	+5	27-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	+5'	40-34 2OT	W
Grambling	NL	52-0	–
at Florida St	+33'	0-31	W
Connecticut	-30	41-22	L
at UAB	+1'	38-17	W
Cincinnati	-6	38-24	W
E Carolina	-1	25-28	L
Tulane	-14	35-32	L
at S Mississippi	+13'	49-28	W
Army	-19	38-17	W
at Houston	-11	32-13	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Mexico St	-20'	45-24	W
at Kentucky	-3'	36-10	W
W Carolina	NL	31-7	–
at Illinois	+3'	10-34	L
Memphis	-10'	38-21	W
Colorado St	-8	7-2	L
S Mississippi	-3	24-14	W
at Cincinnati	-3'	28-13	W
at Tulane	-11	52-7	W
Houston	-32'	34-10	L
at E Carolina	E	39-34	W
at TCU	-8	22-37	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	-13	17-22	L
at Duke	-17'	40-3	W
at Colorado St	+2'	33-36	L
at Army	-26'	45-14	W
Florida St	+14'	26-20 OT	W
at Memphis	-10'	38-32	L
TCU	-12'	31-45	L
E Carolina	-14'	44-20	W
Cincinnati	-9	14-24	L
at S Mississippi	-2	20-17 2OT	W
UAB	-18	41-21	W
at Houston	-15'	10-27	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	+6	40-24	W
at Syracuse	+3'	30-20	W
UTEP	-37	42-14	L
Temple	-14'	21-12	L
at S Florida	-2'	28-31 2OT	L
Army	-31	34-10	L
Tulane	-15	47-28	W
at E Carolina	-15'	36-20	W
at TCU	+2	28-31	L
Memphis	-6'	7-37	L
Houston	-11'	66-45	W
at Cincinnati	-2'	43-40	W

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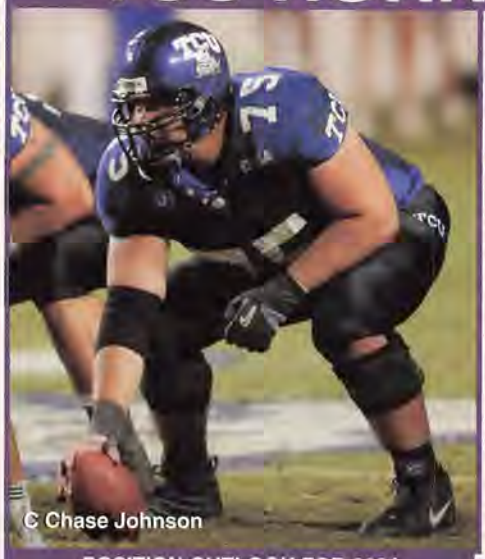
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Frogs used two QB's, Tye Gunn and Sean Stilley. With Gunn as the starter the team averaged 41 ppg and just 25 ppg with Stilley at the helm. Gunn would have led CUSA in pass efficiency (#17 NCAA) if he'd had enough attempts hitting 62.6% for 632 yards with a 6-2 ratio while rushing for 235 gross yards but only started four games due to injury. Last year he was firmly in charge as the starter, but was injured in practice prior to Vanderbilt. He returned two games later and started games 6 and 7 but was injured vs UAB and was out the rest of the year. Gunn threw for 788 yards (59.8%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 166. Brandon Hassell was slow adapting to the offense but had some outstanding games including leading the team to 782 total yards offense against Houston. He threw for 2,039 yards (56.7%) with a 10-8 ratio while rushing for 543. He did have 4 turnovers vs S Miss and in the bowl game was injured in the first half which limited his mobility in the 2H and took away the option threat but he was 7-2 as a starter. Tye Gunn is 8-0 in his career as a starting QB. The good news for Frog fans is that both return but they will have to fend off a rare VHT in James Battle (6-1 203 rFr, PS#17). Adding depth are Kyle Kummer (6-3 200 Jr, PS#141) who had one series in the bowl game and led a TD drive, Jeff Ballard (6-1 204 So, PS#44) and Chad Huffman (6-0 206 rFr, PS#137). This is the deepest QB unit in CUSA.

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for over 4,000 yards in his last two years here and was the 5th overall pick in the 2001 NFL draft. Ricky Madison, who benches 410 with 4.38 speed led the team in rushing the first four games in 2002 but was injured. In 8 starts he had 719 yards (4.6). True frosh Lonta Hobbs emerged and in just 8 games had 1,029 yards and a super 6.6 ypc. Hobbs set the TCU frosh rushing record and he was named CUSA Frosh of the Year. Last year both returned along with Corey Connally who rushed for 632 yards in 2001 and 2002. Last season Hobbs sprained his ankle vs Vandy and missed two games and was not 100% when he returned. He did rush for 117 yards in the bowl game, but finished with just 659 yards (3.9). Robert Merrill (PS#104) broke Hobbs' freshman rush record with 1,107 yards (5.5) and was 2nd Tm CUSA in 10 starts. Kenny Hayter, a Texas transfer made a huge sacrifice by moving to starting FB last year and was instrumental in the running game's success with solid blocking. He had 262 yards (5.1) and departs this season. The only other losses are Connally (19 yards) and Madison who had 206 all-purpose yards against Tulane but was lost for the year in game 2 with a knee injury. I list the FB's below. Backing up Merrill and Hobbs this year are Freddie Stoglin (5-9 189 rFr, PS#114), Kenny Boyd (6-1 214 Sr, PS#207) and this year's freshman signees. The Frogs are fortunate to have two 1,000 yard backs in the same backfield.

RECEIVERS - The Frogs had an inexperienced receiving corps last year as they lost their top two WR's who were both NFL DC's and then their #3 receiver from 2002, Kevin Brown, was not granted a sixth year. In the magazine I forecasted that Reggie Harrell would be an impact player as he is the complete package at 6-3 215. He runs sprints and hurdles on the track team and has excellent hands. Harrell did not disappoint becoming the first ever Frog receiver to top 1,000 yards in a season finishing with 1,012 (17.4). Bruce Galbert started 11 games but was only the #3 receiver last season with 19 catches (14.2). He departs as does TE Stanley Moss (4 sts, 7 rec). Everyone else returns and despite Cory Rodgers having just four starts, he had 37 rec (15.9). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. The TE position is very deep and talented. Not listed below are WR's Ryan Pearson (6-3 208 Jr), Marcus Brock (6-0 204 So, PS#128) and Erick Wilson (6-1 185 Jr) who is a JC track champ. Harrell looks like one of the top WR's in CUSA and this unit is much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A young, inexperienced O-line in 2001 paved the way for just 2.8 ypc rushing after the team had not rushed for less than 4.9 ypc the previous three years. Four starters returned in 2002 and the unit improved to 4.1 ypc while allowing 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup and the unit averaged 314 lbs. TCU once again avg 4.1 ypc while allowing 27 sacks. This year the only losses are LG John Glud (13 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup OT Jonathan Morgan. They have two solid players waiting to step in at the open position and this looks like the Frogs' best OL since 2000.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Frogs have had one of the top DL's in the country over the past five years. Last year they had a veteran unit that had 7 of the top 8 back including some stars. This unit is my major question mark for TCU this year. The D-line must replace DE Bo Schobel (13 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 2nd Tm AA, 17 sks, 10 tfl, #4DC TEN), NT Chad Pugh (PS#36, 1st Tm CUSA, 13 sts, 10 tfl), and DE Robert Pollard (13 sts, 3rd Tm CUSA, 63 tkls, 14 tfl). I list the 2 deep below including a couple of JUCO's who should play right away and Brandon Johnson is a VHT returning starter at DT. Quinton Cunigan (6-3 223 rFr) moves in from TE. Patterson usually fields a top-notch D-line, but with three All-CUSA performers departing, this unit is clearly weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and their safeties are all legitimate safeties but I will list the SS in the LB writeup. Patterson says that the SLB position has a chance to make a ton of plays as it is usually covered up by one of the best DL's and that spot has produced the leading tackler the last four years. Last year Martin Patterson moved to SLB from MLB and led the team with 103 tackles and 17 tfl. He moves back to MLB this year so it looks like either Andrew Ward or Logo Tevaseu will lead the team in tackles and I project it will be Ward. They must replace MLB Josh Goolsby (13 sts, 89 tkls, 11 tfl) SS Brandon Williams (13 sts, 68 tkls, 5.5 sks, 11 tfl, 9 pbu) as well as backups MLB Devon Davis (PS#9, 16 tkls) and SLB Andy Boerckel (8 tkls). Not listed below is William Jackson (6-0 237 rFr, PS#397DL). There is some talent in the 2 deep. Last year they had to replace the CUSA Defensive POY but this unit still looks weaker in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Normally TCU finishes high in my pass efficiency D rankings but finished #91 in 2001. In 2002, Jason Goss tied a school record with 8 int and the team moved up to #5 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace Goss and two other starters including a 2nd Tm CUSA FS. The Frogs dropped back down to #43 allowing 51.5% with an 18-18 ratio. This year the only loss is CB Tyrone Sanders (13 sts, 24 tkls, 11 pbu). Last year they lost their starting WS Marvin Godbolt, to injury in the fourth game and he still earned 3rd Tm CUSA honors. Not only is he back but they add two outstanding JUCO's who could steal starting spots."I list a talented 2 deep below and look for the Frogs to move back toward the top of the pass D rankings despite an inexperienced front seven.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Frogs finished #22 in my special teams rankings that included the kicker in 2002. Last year they had to replace a Ray Guy semifinalist at punter as well as their top KR and PR. As you would expect, the unit dropped some to #35 (includes the K). Nick Browne hit a super 28 of 33 FG's with a long of 50 but unfortunately strained his quadricep prior to the bowl game and was not able to attempt the game-tying 51 yard FG at the end. Mike Wynn (PS#18), who has a solid leg and has handled the KO's the last two years, missed that 51 yard attempt but does have solid potential as he takes over for Browne this year. P John Braziel had a net of just 34.5 and should improve in his second full year and Cory Rodgers did a solid job handling the returns avg 22.1 on KR's and 11.0 on PR's. They also add JUCO Drew Coleman who avg 23.6 on KR's. Replacing a player the caliber of Nick Browne as well as steady 3 yr LS Andy Boerckel, will be tough, but I like the overall talent in this unit and give them a shot at contending for a Top 25 spot.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a fine job as head coach here taking over when Coach Fran bolted prior to the bowl game in 2000. Patterson was CUSA's Coach of the Year in 2002 and his 27-11 record in his first 38 games is the best start for a head coach here since the famed Dutch Meyer in 1934-36. TCU extended Patterson's contract though 2008. His OC for the fourth straight year is Mike Schultz who was the RB coach here from 1998-2000. The DC last year was David Bailiff but he left to be the head coach at Texas St. Gary Patterson was an assistant under Dick Bumpas at both Navy and Utah St and hired the solid DC away from W Michigan. Bumpas runs a 4-2-5 defense, so the transition should be seamless.

PHIL'S FORECAST

TCU is fast becoming a school like VT was a few years ago. Despite not getting the most highly touted recruits out of HS, they have a great weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs. This is a TCU team that went 10-1 in 2000 and they are one of only 16 programs that have been to a bowl in each of the last six years. The 52 wins they've earned the last six years is the most since their 1930's glory days when TCU snagged a couple of National Titles. In the last 6 years they have three conference titles and three bowl wins and were #22 in the final coaches poll in 2002. Both of 2002's losses came in games they could have won as they lost one in OT and had a 22-9 FD edge in the other. Last year they only had 10 starters returning plus they were coming off a season in which they benefitted from +15 in turnovers. They still outgained CUSA foes by 64 ypg in 2003. Despite losing starting QB Tye Gunn, backup Brandon Hassell did a fine job and at one point TCU was 10-0 and were #10 in the NCAA poll and #6 in the BCS poll, the first ever team from a non-BCS conference to rank in the Top 6. Unfortunately the Frogs lost to S Miss at "The Rock" and then had a tough loss to Boise, a game in which they had a 26-19 FD edge but missed a FG at the end with their starting FG kicker hurt. That loss ended TCU's 13 game home winning streak. TCU will join the MWC in 2005 and it will be their 4th conference in ten years. Last year marked the first time they've had back-to-back Top 25 finishes since the 1950's. The Frogs return 8 starters on offense including two outstanding QB's and two RB's who have each topped 1,000 yards and are NFL caliber. They will be even more potent than last year's squad that avg'd 29.2 ppg. Last season's D took a sharp downturn at the end as they were dominating early on but allowed 55, 28, 40 and 34 points in 4 of their final 6 games including an unheard-of 684 yards allowed to Houston, followed by 580 yards the next week to Louisville. They only have 5 starters back on defense. TCU finished with a +4 turnover margin. The Frogs won the CUSA Title in 2002 and could easily have done so last year. They should have yet another successful season and if they pull an upset early at Texas Tech, they could be this year's non-BCS darling once again. TCU has the most players on my 1st Tm CUSA team (7).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRANDON HASSELL SR. 6-1 200 9 sts, 2039 pass (57%) 10-8 ratio, 543 rush LY. **Tye Gunn** (6-3 214 Jr) PS#52. 8-0 as starter. **James Battle** (6-1 203 rFr) **PS#17**.

RB LONTA HOBBS JR. 5-10 220 1029 yds (6.6) in 8 games as true! 2 sts LY (inj) 659 (3.9). **Robert Merrill** (5-10 203 So) PS#104. 10 sts, 1107 (5.5), **2nd Team CUSA**. LY.

WR Michael DePriest So. 6-0 198 PS#173. 1 st, 8 rec, fastest WR. **Otis McDaniel** is **PS#34**. **FB** Marcus Draper (5-11 233 rFr) PS#180DL. Tanner Davidson (5-9 200 Jr).

WR Cory Rodgers So. 6-1 186 PS#297QB. 4 starts as rFr, #2 w/37 rec (15.9) 861 return yards. Matt Grimmett (6-1 185 Jr) PS#337. 4.36 speed. 5 rec (12.0) in '03.

WR REGGIE HARRELL SR. 6-3 215 PS#79DB. Track team & great hands. 13 sts LY, school rec 1012 rec yds (17.4), **2nd Tm CUSA**. Quentily Harmon (6-1 184 So) 11 rec (11.7).

TE CODY McCARTY SR. 6-4 260 PS#188QB. 3 sts, 6 rec in '02, 11 sts, 16 rec (15.8) LY. **Brent Hecht** is **PS#26JC**. Chad Andrus (6-4 236 Jr) 6 rec, 2Y. Trey Englert (6-3 237 rFr) PS#60.

C CHASE JOHNSON SR. 6-3 302 PS#112DL. 1 start as rFr. 11 sts in '02. 12 starts in '03, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Ben Angeley (6-4 299 Jr) PS#349, 2 games in 2003.

RG ZACH BRAY SR. 6-4 312 TCU rec **635 lb bench**. 2 games as rFr. 1 game in '02. 13 sts in '03. Stephen Simmons (6-1 327 Sr) PS#375DL. 2 tkls, 1 sk in 2001.

LG Stephen Culp Jr. 6-4 307 PS#154. 11 games as rFr. 1 start at C (bowl) in '03. **Shane Sims** (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#64, 600 lb bench**, 2 letters. Will Oliver (6-3 280 rFr).

RT HERBERT TAYLOR SO. 6-4 282 PS#212. 13 starts at RT as rFr. **CUSA Frosh Team**. Added 12 lbs. Matty Lindner (6-4 272 rFr) PS#522. Robert Clark is **PS#95**.

LT ANTHONY ALABI SR. 6-6 323 **1st Tm CUSA** in '03. 805 squat. 12 sts in '02, 12 sts LY. Michael Toudouze (6-6 312 Jr) 1 st LY, 2 letters. Wade Sisk (6-6 276 rFr) PS#279.

K Mike Wynn Jr. 5-10 200 **PS#18K**. 9 of 12 FG's as Sr in HS. KO's in '02 & '03 here, miss 51 yd FG in bowl. Peter LoCoco (6-1 201 So). John Braziel 52 yd FG in HS.

DE Jamison Newby So. 6-3 252 PS#256. 15 tkls, 3 tfl as true. Chase Ortiz (6-3 245 rFr) PS#168. Tommy Blecke (6-3 246 rFr) PS#189OL. Jared Retkofsky (6-5 258 So).

DT BRANDON JOHNSON SR. 6-3 298 **PS#46**. 7 sts, 54 tkls in '01 & '02. 8 sts (inj) in '03. 31 tkls, 3.5 sks. Terence James (6-2 300 So) PS#398. 23 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Added 20 lbs.

NT Zarnell Fitch Jr. 6-3 304 PS#241JC. Signed w/Tenn in '03. Ranorris Ray (6-3 275 Jr) 5 sts, 38 tkls, 7 tfl in '03. Jeremy Breedlove (6-3 265 Jr) 17 tkls, 3.5 sks in 2003.

DE Chris Hayes Jr. 6-1 226 4.6 40. 18.5 sks at JC in '03. Maurice Bouldwin (6-4 270 So) PS#58TE. 13 tkls, 1 sk LY. Andrew Calovich (6-1 221 Sr) 1 st, 25 tkls in 2 years.

SLB Andrew Ward So. 6-2 228 PS#61DL. 8 games, 2 tkls as true at **Colorado** in '02. Logo Tevaseu (5-9 210 Sr) PS#133JC. 14 tkls here LY. David Hawthorne (6-0 221 rFr) PS#363.

MLB MARTIN PATTERSON SR. 6-2 228 PS#115. 11 sts at MLB in '02, 53 tkls, 11.5 tfl. 13 sts at SLB in '03, #1 w/103 tkls, 17 tfl. Shawn Brooks (6-0 202 Jr) PS#203. 6 tkls last year.

SS Brian Bonner rFr. 5-11 203 PS#205QB. Added 13 lbs. Ken Lewis (6-0 204 So) 5 tkls as true. ACL in '03. Flander Malone (5-11 200 Jr) PS#266, 15 tkls in 2 years.

CB MARK WALKER SR. 5-10 200 PS#139. 2 sts in '02, 10 tkls, 4 pbu. 12 sts in '03, 47 tkls, 5 int, 14 pbu. **2nd Tm CUSA**. Jerome Braziel (5-11 170 Sr) PS#80. 1 st, 8 tkls last year.

CB Quincy Butler Jr. 6-0 179 **PS#13JC**. 151 tkls @ JC LY. Drew Coleman PS#300JC. 1017 all-purp yds at JC LY. Matt Panfil (6-1 180 Fr) PS#212. P & K as senior in HS.

WS MARVIN GODBOLT SR. 6-0 208 **PS#53**. 11 sts as rFr, 64 tkls, 14 tfl. 9 sts in '02, 9 pbu. 4 sts LY (inj) still **3rd Tm CUSA**. David Roach (6-1 207 rFr), Eric Buchanan (5-10 196 So).

FS JEREMY MODKINS JR. 6-1 191 PS#235. 3 sts as rFr, 20 tkls. 13 sts LY, 99 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, 4 tfl. Elvis Gallegos (6-0 199 So) 18 tkls, 2 int as rFr. Gerrad Wilson (5-8 194 So).

P JOHN BRAZIEL SR. 6-3 216 22 punts as true, 37.2 average. No punts in '01 or '02. 66 punts in 2003, 38.9 avg, 34.5 net. Barefooted. Reeves Dalton (6-0 185 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Otis McDaniel	6-0 185 PS#34
DB	Quincy Butler	6-0 179 PS#13JC
QB	Shae Reagan	6-4 255 PS#34
TE	Brent Hecht	6-4 256 PS#26JC
OL	Robert Clark	6-7 250 PS#95
WR	Donald Massey	5-11 170 PS#139
DE	Chris Hayes	6-1 226 PS#184JC
DT	Zarnell Fitch	6-3 304 PS#206JC
WR	Detrick James	5-9 175 PS#152
DB	Matt Panfil	6-1 180 PS#212
WR	Drew Coleman	5-11 173 PS#300JC
DL	Giles Montgomery	6-3 235 PS#323
DB	Steven Coleman	6-2 190 PS#324
LB	Robert Henson	6-1 205 PS#278

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Northwestern (Thur)	G						TCU is 8-2 ATS (0-2 ATS the last 2 years) the last 10 season openers. This year TCU will face 5 bowl teams from last year & they are 6-1 SU & ATS vs those teams the last 2 years.
Sep. 11	SMU	G						Horned Frogs are 7-4 ATS prior to playing rival SMU since 1993. TCU is 2-1 SU & ATS vs the Wildcats in this short series.
Sep. 18	at Texas Tech	A						The visitor is 16-6 ATS in this series since 1980. TCU is 6-3 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game homestand since 1999.
Sep. 25	S Florida	G						Horned Frogs are 2-9 SU & 3-8 ATS vs the Red Raiders since 1985. TCU is 1-5-1 ATS on artificial turf the past 3 years.
Oct. 2	at Army	A						Horned Frogs are 3-9 ATS in their conference opener since 1992. TCU enters 2004 at 24-0 SU & 16-8 ATS as home favorites since 1999.
Oct. 9								Horned Frogs are 2-4 ATS in conference road openers the last 6 years. TCU is 7-1-1 SU & 3-4-1 ATS vs Service Academies (3-0 SU vs Army).
Oct. 16	at UAB	G						Horned Frogs are 4-1 ATS after a bye week the last 2 years. TCU entered 2004 at 7-12-1 ATS as an away favorite since 1999.
Oct. 23	Houston	G						Horned Frogs are 10-5 SU & 12-3 ATS vs the Cougars since 1984. Since 1988 in 11 games these 2 have averaged 68 ppg.
Oct. 30	at Cincinnati	A						The home team has won both meetings SU & ATS. TCU is 1-4-1 ATS in their 1st of 2 or more straight away games since 1999.
Nov. 9	at Louisville (Tues)	A						Horned Frogs are 3-0 SU & ATS vs the Cardinals. TCU is 7-3 ATS in road finales since 1994.
Nov. 13								
Nov. 20	S Mississippi	G						Horned Frogs are 3-1 SU & ATS vs the Golden Eagles. TCU is 10-0 SU & 8-2 ATS in November home games since 1999.
Nov. 27	Tulane	G						Horned Frogs are 5-2 SU, but 0-7 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1993. TCU has won 4 of their last 5 home finales ATS.

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Patterson's records AT TCU

27-11	Straight Up	6-7	Home Favorite
15-17-1	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
4-4	Off A SU Loss	4-6-1	Away Favorite
11-11-1	Vs Conference	4-3	Away Underdog
		4-6	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,20,4)
Lost: 18 (8,2,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,155

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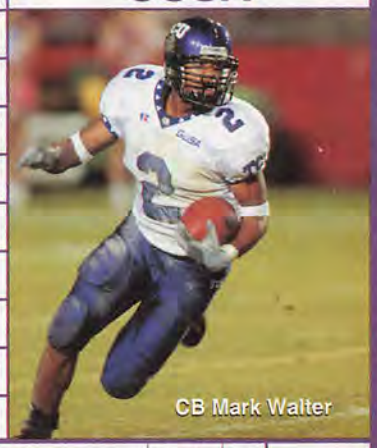
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PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	6-5	7-4	10-1	6-5	9-2	11-1	50-28
ATS	5-6	6-5	7-4	7-4	6-4	4-6-1	5-7	40-36-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-2	5-0	5-1	1-0	2-4	3-3	17-11
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	6-4
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	9-12-1
Away Dog	3-3	1-2	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	8-9
Favorite	0-1	3-2	6-3	7-4	3-2	3-5-1	4-6	26-23-1
Dog	5-5	3-3	1-1	0-0	3-2	1-1	1-1	14-13
Grass	2-4	4-5	6-3	6-3	5-2	4-5	5-5	32-27
Artificial	3-2	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1-1	0-2	8-9-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-2	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	28-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	12-11
Off SU Win	0-0	3-2	4-2	5-4	2-2	3-4-1	5-5	22-19-1
Off SU Loss	4-6	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-2	1-1	0-1	13-15

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Robert Merrill	201	1160	53	1107	4	5.5
Lonta Hobbs	169	692	33	659	9	3.9
Brandon Hassell	120	543	174	369	5	3.1
Kenny Hayter	51	267	5	262	4	5.1
Ricky Madison	28	133	3	130	0	4.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Hassell	240	136	56.7	2039	10	8
Tye Gunn	102	61	59.8	788	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Harrell	58	1012	17.4	2	98
Cory Rodgers	37	590	15.9	5	60
Bruce Galbert	19	269	14.2	1	40
Cody McCarty	16	252	15.8	0	55
Robert Merrill	16	158	9.9	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Braziel	66	2568	38.9	9	34.5	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Browne	38-38	11-12	9-10	7-9	1-2	28-33	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Martin Patterson	103	2	15	3	1
Jeremy Modkins	99	0	4	4	2
Josh Goolsby	89	2.5	9	0	2
Brandon Williams	68	5.5	11	9	0
Robert Pollard	63	3	11	1	0
Chris Peoples	61	1	0	4	2
Bo Schobel	61	17	10	3	0
Mark Walker	47	0	3	14	5
Ranorris Ray	38	2	5	0	0
Chad Pugh	35	2.5	8	2	0
Brandon Johnson	31	3.5	2	2	0
Tyrone Sanders	24	0	3	11	0
Marvin Godbolt	23	1	1	6	4
Terence James	23	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cory Rodgers	32	352	11.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cory Rodgers	23	509	22.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Mobile Alabama	+4'	E Carolina	28-14	W
00	Mobile Alabama	-7	S Mississippi	21-28	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	+5	Texas A&M	9-28	L
02	Liberty	+5	Colorado St	17-3	W
03	Fort Worth	+11	Boise St	31-34	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
4	29.2	23	208	4.1	222	57.0	14.7	+4	2003	6	21.2	17	94	2.7	256	51.5	16.5
8	30.1	18	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	+15	2002	6	18.5	13	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0
4*	24.1	18	112	2.8	209	55.4	13.3	-1	2001	4	23.8	16	95	2.7	226	53.0	13.5
10*	35.9	20	265	5.0	143	56.3	11.4	+10	2000	8	11.2	15	91	2.5	161	44.5	22.5
5*	31.0	18	236	5.0	139	57.5	12.1	+3	1999	8	17.7	16	91	2.5	188	52.0	15.7
7*	22.3	17	245	4.9	93	47.7	15.2	-2	1998	5	19.6	16	148	3.7	191	52.0	17.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Tulane	26	61 - 221	3.6	17 - 27	243	0	24	26 - 66	2.5	25 - 43	303	3	-1
Navy	16	45 - 161	3.6	14 - 20	173	1	12	54 - 132	2.4	7 - 15	75	2	-1
Vanderbilt	25	55 - 182	3.3	15 - 30	227	1	17	32 - 90	2.8	17 - 36	250	2	+2
at Arizona	19	56 - 206	3.7	12 - 24	246	5	10	29 - 33	1.1	14 - 30	276	4	+3
Army	20	41 - 182	4.4	19 - 31	265	4	10	33 - 28	0.8	14 - 30	176	6	+1
at S Florida	13	45 - 100	2.2	10 - 19	133	4	12	35 - 22	0.6	15 - 26	104	4	+1
UAB	23	48 - 212	4.4	18 - 36	193	1	14	27 - 97	3.6	11 - 30	296	1	+1
at Houston	36	65 - 407	6.3	17 - 28	375	1	27	37 - 250	6.8	17 - 37	434	6	+2
Louisville	28	46 - 210	4.6	17 - 28	251	0	29	32 - 121	3.8	31 - 50	459	1	0
Cincinnati	19	38 - 177	4.7	9 - 20	121	1	22	34 - 89	2.6	27 - 52	284	3	+1
at S Mississippi	21	52 - 169	3.3	18 - 31	260	6	15	35 - 51	1.5	14 - 23	227	3	-3
at SMU	25	50 - 193	3.9	18 - 26	180	2	13	40 - 122	3.1	7 - 16	116	4	-1
† Boise St	26	57 - 280	4.9	15 - 29	214	1	19	29 - 117	4.0	19 - 35	325	1	-1
TOTALS	297	659 - 2700	4.1	199 - 349	2881	27	224	443 - 1218	2.7	218 - 423	3325	40	+4
AVERAGES	22.8	51 - 208	4.1	15 - 27	222	2.1	17.2	34 - 94	2.7	17 - 33	256	3.1	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	+13	31-35	W
at Northwestern	-8	7-17	L
at Arkansas St	-16	24-21	L
at Fresno St	+4'	19-26 OT	L
San Jose St	-5'	42-0	W
Tulsa	-17	56-17	W
at Rice	E	21-42	L
at Hawaii	-4'	34-14	W
N Texas	-22	27-3	W
UTEP	-10'	52-24	W
SMU	-11	21-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nevada	-22'	41-10	W
Northwestern	-11	41-14	W
Arkansas St	-26'	52-3	W
at Navy	-27	24-0	L
Hawaii	-38'	41-21	L
at Tulsa	-27'	17-3	L
Rice	-23'	37-0	W
at San Jose St	-13	24-27	L
Fresno St	-13	24-7	W
UTEP	-12'	47-14	W
at SMU	-23'	62-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+30	7-21	W
at N Texas	-17	19-5	L
at SMU	-13	38-10	W
Northwestern St	NL	24-27 OT	–
at Houston	-7'	34-17	W
at Tulane	-10	22-48	L
Army	-13'	38-20	W
E Carolina	+6'	30-37	L
at UAB	+6	17-38	L
Louisville	+8	37-22	W
at S Mississippi	+10	14-12	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+3'	29-36 OT	L
at Northwestern	-6	48-24	W
SMU	-17'	17-6	L
N Texas	-12'	16-10	L
Houston	-10'	34-17	W
at Army	-19	46-27	T
at Louisville	+12'	45-31	W
S Mississippi	-2'	37-7	W
Tulane	-13'	17-10	L
at E Carolina	-8'	28-31	L
Memphis	-14'	27-20	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulane	-6'	38-35	L
Navy	-23	17-3	L
Vanderbilt	-11'	30-14	W
at Arizona	-14	13-10 OT	L
Army	-30'	27-0	L
at S Florida	+2	13-10	W
UAB	-10'	27-24	L
at Houston	-6	62-55	W
Louisville	-2	31-28	W
Cincinnati	-7	43-10	W
at S Mississippi	+3	28-40	L
at SMU	-24	20-13	L

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S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

RB Anthony Harris

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 three QB's scrambled to fill the shoes of Jeff Kelley who was the #7DC of SEA. Micky D'Angelo (PS#67) and Dustin Almond (PS#123) saw the bulk of the action with D'Angelo throwing for 1,647 yards (52.6%) with a 7-8 ratio while Almond threw for 757 (45.7%) with a 3-3 ratio. D'Angelo won the starting job heading into 2003 and started the first three games. Overall he had some solid stats throwing for 503 yards (58%) with a 2-3 ratio but suffered his 4th concussion. He played in just two more games and chose to end his football career. Almond started against Nebraska and had a horrible game hitting just 4 of 24 passes. It appeared the future was with true frosh Damion Carter (PS#173). Carter hit 14 of 17 vs the Husker backups and was impressive enough to earn a starting spot against Cincinnati in the next game. He became the first true frosh QB to start here since 1992 and one of the rare true frosh to play here overall joining the likes of some guy named Brett Favre. His first pass against Cincy was not only intercepted but returned for a TD, and in fact in the first four series the team generated zero FD's and six yards of offense. Almond relieved him and guided the victory. Carter started again the next week vs Alabama and struggled and Almond replaced him in the 2Q. Despite being passed over for the starting job, Almond did not pout and eventually started the last seven games. In his first start back, threw an 80 yard TD pass on the first play vs S Florida. He was the CUSA Off POW vs TCU in their monumental win, but hit just 11 of 33 in the bowl against a tough Utah defense. He threw for 1,877 yards (48.2%) with a 13-7 ratio. Almond and Carter (238 yds, 63.4%, 2-2 ratio) are back along with Jeremy Young (6-3 204 rFr) who was PS#63. I look for improved play from the Golden Eagles QB's, and it wouldn't surprise me to see either Carter or Young eventually take over the starting job.

RUNNING BACKS - Last season SM had to replace its #2 career leading rusher in Derrick Nix who has an outstanding combination of size and speed and would have gone on to the NFL if not for a kidney problem. James Walley (5-10 198 Sr) got in just two starts in 2002 but was productive with 256 yards (3.5). Anthony Harris, who benches 425 lbs, rushed for 324 yards (4.2) in 2002. The team welcomed back Tim Blackwell (6-0 198 Sr, PS#216) who was dismissed from the team in 2002 after rushing for 237 yards (3.2) in 2001. They added JUCO Sherron Moore (6-1 215 Sr) and Harris was moved to FB. Harris almost quit the team but stuck it out and eventually was moved back to TB and started the last 7 games. After the team had zero 100 yard rushers in the first 6, Harris had four 100 yard efforts in the final seven and led the team in rushing with 671 yards (4.2). Blackwell was leading the team in rushing with 274 yards prior to S Florida, but then was suspended for four games and finished with 332 rush (4.0) and 160 receiving. Walley had 179 yards (2.2) and Moore rushed for 239 (4.5). The good news here is that all of the top RB's return (but Walley moves to DB) and they are joined by FB Bobby Weakley (5-10 230 So), Wayne Hardy (6-0 227 So) and Larry Thomas (6-0 192 rFr, PS#341). This unit has a lot more experience.

RECEIVERS - S Miss appeared to be in good shape in 2003 with their top two receivers back, but they did have to replace one starting WR and a starting TE. Unfortunately their top returning receiver, Chris Johnson (50 rec in '02), was kicked off the team in August. Only one of the top three receivers remained and Kenneth Johnson, who was the #4 receiver in 2002, was still recovering from an ACL injury and not 100%. The top two turned out to be former walk-ons, Marvin Young (42 rec, 16.7) and DaRon Lawrence (37 rec, 14.5). Lawrence is an impressive 6-3 205 and has 4.4 speed and gets bigger, stronger and faster each season. Their best blocking WR was Antwon Courington, another good sized WR (6-2 205) who had 36 rec (14.8) in 2003. This year they should be in great shape as all three return. The only losses are WR Kenneth Johnson (17 rec) and TE Terrell Browden (13 sts, 11 rec). I list the 2 deep below and not listed is TE Pedi Causey (6-3 239 Jr, PS#240). Despite the fact that none of the starters were highly touted coming out of HS, this unit has good size and speed and is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - S Miss was last in CUSA in sacks allowed in both 2001 (38) and 2002 (48). They averaged 3.6 ypc rushing in 2002 but last year had to replace 3 starters who were All-CUSA (including an NFL DC) and a backup. The inexperienced OL opened holes for just 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. This year they must replace C Jim Hicks (13 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA, 3 yr st'r) but return 7 players with starting experience. They also add JUCO's that were in for the spring (Ricardo Clark and Joseph Leech). This is SM's best O-line in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 SM's D allowed an unusually high 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 39 sacks. Last year they had to replace two DL's who combined for 14 starts and a top backup, but did return their top 2 DE's. Surprisingly SM's D only slightly improved allowing 3.6 ypc rushing and the sack total dropped a little to 37. This year they have to replace their active DE's, Ronald Jones (11 sts, 3rd Tm CUSA, 43 tkls, 5 sks) and Terrell Paul (10 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 56 tkls, 6 sks). Six of the top 8 do return and they get some outstanding additions like JUCO Tom Johnson who was in for the spring, rFr Robert Henderson who reminds Bower of Adalius Thomas and even Chris McNair (6-3 212 Jr, PS#245) who returns to the team as a walk-on after being dismissed last year. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Johnathan Landor (6-4 272 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Despite the losses, this group should be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - In 2003 SM had to replace one starting LB but Rod Davis turned down a shot to go to the NFL where he probably would have been a mid-round pick. Davis simply was named CUSA Def POY, a 3rd Tm AA and had 164 tackles and 20 tfl. He was #5DC of MIN. He is the lone starter lost this year and five of the top six are back including Michael Boley who also turned down the NFL and hopefully will have as productive a senior season and he was 1st Tm CUSA last year. Even with the loss of its star, this group should come close to last year's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings the last 10 years has been #41. In 2002 they had 7 of their top 8 back and finished a lofty #3 in the pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace one starting CB and finished solidly once again at #10 allowing 51.9% with a 9-14 ratio. This will be DC Tyrone Nix's biggest concern heading into the season. All four starters depart as well as a backup. Gone are CB Corey Yates (12 sts, 2 int, 9 pbu), CB Greg Brooks (9 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 3 int, 12 pbu, #6DC CIN), ROV Alex Ray (12 sts, 3rd Tm CUSA, 73 tkls), FS Etric Pruitt (13 sts, 132 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu, #6DC ATL) and ROV Karone Champagne (3 tkls). They do return 3 players with starting experience, and move in RB James Walley (9 sts at RB 3Y). They also get the solid addition of Nate Young who was HM MWC in 11 starts at Wyoming in 2002 as well as JUCO Howard Overby who was in for the spring. Not listed below are Robert Johnson (5-10 175 rFr), Emmanuel Perkins (6-1 201 rFr), Marcus Anderson (5-9 187 rFr) and Eric Horne (6-1 210 Jr). With their aggressive front 7, I think Nix will be able to form a solid unit but clearly they are less experienced than 2003's top-notch group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When I think of S Miss, I think of defense and special teams. Coach Bower has done an excellent job in the special teams with a #10 finish in my rankings in 1997 and #27 in 2002. Last year, however, they fired their special teams coach, had to break in a new P and K as well as LS and holder. The LS last year was Adam Kelly who was actually a walk-on cheerleader (6-2 250 Sr). Very uncharacteristically, SM allowed 4 blocked punts in the first half of the season. They improved in the second half and P Luke Johnson ended up putting 35% of his punts inside the 20. For the season he averaged 42.1 and the team had a net of 35.5. Those four blocked punts cost them in my rankings moving them down to #54. True frosh Darren McCaleb (PS#68) had an outstanding year hitting 14 of 17 FG's with a long of 47 and two of his misses were blocked. SM also possessed a pair of 1st Tm CUSA returnmen in PR Marvin Young (13.6) and KR John Eubanks (29.4). A major surprise was the fact that SM, which had blocked 9 punts the previous three years, did not block any last season. True frosh Britt Barefoot had 67 TB's in 85 kickoffs in HS last year and will take over the kickoff duties. The good news is that everyone returns, and this unit looks like it will make a substantial improvement and should contend for Top 10 honors!

COACHES - Jeff Bower is an SM alum and now enters his 14th year with the program. He has not had a losing season in 10 years and the team has had 6 bowl trips from '97-'03. He was named CUSA Coach of the Year in 1997, 1999 and 2003. His OC is Rip Scherer who was Memphis' head coach from 1994-2000 and is in his second year in that role here. DC Tyrone Nix enters his fourth season in that role after becoming the youngest DC in college football in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2 but in the next 3 years stunningly lost 9 out of 22 league games and were just 10-9 their last 19 heading into last season. SM was in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks from Oct 10, 1999 to Nov 12, 2000 but had a streak of 4 straight bowls end in 2001. They blew a couple of opportunities in 2002 missing a 44 yard FG on the last play vs USF and had 4 missed FG's in their two-OT loss to Louisville. They returned to a bowl in 2002 but even in that game they led Okla St 23-20 in the 4Q before losing. Last year they hosted their two biggest conference games at "The Rock". I gave them an excellent shot at regaining the CUSA Title, and called for them to top 7 wins for the first time since 1999. The season did not start off well as they had their worst opening day loss under Bower getting destroyed by Cal, 34-2. SM, with its defense and special teams, managed to win seven games during the course of the year in which they were outFD'd, and they were actually outgained on the year by 62 yards despite the 9-4 record. Despite going undefeated (8-0) in league play, they were outgained by 39.6 ypg in CUSA play!! Last year's team was playing its best ball down the stretch as they knocked off undefeated TCU at "The Rock" for the conf title and after a 3-3 start, won their last six regular season games all by double digits. In the second year of Rip Scherer's offense, SM should be more explosive than the 22.5 ppg they put up last season as they have 9 starters back (4 last year). Defense is the question mark as they have had 9 and 8 starters returning in '02 & '03, but have just 4 back this year. I still rate them among the league's best defenses. They avoid conf favorite Louisville in league play and the defending champs must be considered a prime contender for the CUSA Title. Bower figures to have another successful season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DUSTIN ALMOND JR. 6-2 212 PS#123. 11 sts, 2 yrs, 2634 yds (47%), 16-10 ratio, 719 rush. **Damion Carter** (6-3 187 So) 2 sts as true. **Jeremy Young** was PS#63 LY.

RB ANTHONY HARRIS JR. 5-10 222 425 bench. 7 sts, 671 yds (4.2), 662 yds in L/7 games. Sherron Moore (6-1 215 Sr) PS#130RB, 239 yds (4.5). Tim Blackwell 569 rush, 2 yrs.

WR ANTWON COURINGTON JR. 6-2 205 3 rec as true. 9 sts in '03, 36 rec (14.8). Chris Rhoden (6-4 183 rFr) PS#115. Ivory Bradshaw (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#137.

WR DaRON LAWRENCE SR. 6-3 205 Good size & 4.4 speed. 11 sts in '03, 37 rec (14.5). Anthony Perine (6-0 173 So) PS#156. 2 rec as true. Maurice Taylor is PS#193.

WR MARVIN YOUNG SR. 6-0 165 **3rd Tm CUSA** (WR). 13 sts, 41 rec (15.0) in '02. 13 sts, 42 rec (16.7) in '03. Adam Hurst (5-10 178 rFr) PS#176. 2 rec. Todd Arnold (6-0 200 So).

TE Otho Graves Sr. 6-4 258 28 rec at JC in '01. 144 plays LY. Alan Whitney (6-3 264 So) PS#92. 1 st as true, 2 rec. Pat Corbett (6-5 270 Sr). Derek Chapman (6-5 265 rFr) PS#86.

C Addaryl Edwards Sr. 6-2 286 PS#264. 3 sts LY, 10 games, 323 reg season plays. 19 KD's Robby D'Angelo (6-2 274 So) **PS#83**. 16 plays. **LS** Stephen Daigle (6-0 228 So).

RG GEORGE BATISTE SO. 6-5 306 11 sts as rFr, 683 snaps, 56 KD's. Kendel Wheeler (6-3 290 Jr) PS#314. Ricardo Clark is PS#364JC. In for spring.

LG TRAVIS COOLEY SO. 6-3 280 PS#437. 6 sts as rFr (miss 4 inj) 312 plays. Bradley Worthington (6-4 303 Jr) PS#355. 5 games, 2 yrs. Andy Nobles (6-4 296 rFr) PS#513.

RT JEREMY PARQUET SR. 6-7 337 PS#108. 1 st, 239 plays in '01. 13 sts in '02. **1st Tm CUSA** LY, 13 sts, 807 plays, 54 KD's. Myron Powe (6-4 310 Sr) PS#156. 151 plays LY.

LT CHRIS WHITE SR. 6-3 280 PS#122JC, 13 sts, 835 plays, **3rd Tm CUSA** LY. Neal Mead (6-4 315 Jr) PS#139. 6 sts, 12 KD, 463 plays. Joseph Leech is **PS#189JC**.

K DARREN McCALEB SO. 5-11 167 PS#68. Impressive as true frosh, 14 of 17 FG's, long of 47, 2 of 3 misses blocked. Britt Barefoot is PS#18K. 67 TB's in HS last year.

DE Akeem Lockett Jr. 6-2 250 PS#146LB. 3 sts, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. 2Y. **Tom Johnson** is PS#163 JC. In for spg. DeMarcus Barner (6-0 242 Sr) PS#270JC. Matthew Chatelain (6-2 244 rFr).

DT ERIC SCOTT SR. 6-0 317 L/9 sts in '02, 34 tkls. 13 sts LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**. 39 tkls, 7 tfl. Greg Casnave (6-3 286 So) PS#184. 27 tkls. Jared Parten (6-2 271 rFr) PS#261.

NT CHAD RUFFIN SR. 6-0 295 2 sts, 34 tkls in '02. 7 sts LY, 38 tkls, 7 tfl. Terrance Ford (6-1 300 Jr) PS#277. 6 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl in '03. Martavious Prince (6-2 285 rFr) PS#302.

DE Robert Henderson rFr. 6-3 250 PS#288LB. LeVon Pears (6-0 256 Sr) PS#182. 3 sts, 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 2Y. Jonathan Palmer (6-3 260 So) PS#47TE. Cedrick Jones is PS#128.

SLB MICHAEL BOLEY SR. 6-3 228 **1st Tm CUSA, 2x's.** 13 sts, 142 tkls, 16 tfl in '02. 13 sts LY, 151 tkls, 11 sks, 12 tfl. Turned down NFL. Terry Anderson (6-2 220 Sr) 32 tkls, 3Y.

MLB Kevis Coley Jr. 6-1 223 **PS#46**. 12 tkls in '02. 20 tkls in '03. Dillon Cleckler (6-2 233 Sr) 1 st, 76 tkls, 3Y. James Denley (6-2 221 rFr) PS#385.

WLB ANTOINE CASH SR. 6-1 223 78 tkls, 1.5 sks in '02. 12 sts in '03, 74 tkls, 8 tfl. Naton Stewart (6-3 239 Jr) PS#166WR. 18 tkls in '03. Carsha Stromas (6-2 208 Sr).

CB Seth Cumbie Sr. 5-11 179 18 tkls in '02. 1 st, 20 tkls, 297 plays LY. Howard Overby PS#346JC. In for spring. Caleb Hendrix (5-10 177 So) PS#304WR, 6 rec last year.

CB John Eubanks Jr. 5-11 177 PS#205. 2 sts as rFr, 11 tkls. 4 sts LY, 31 tkls, **1st Tm CUSA KR**. Jasper Faulk (5-10 185 So) **PS#68**, 2 tkls. James Nelson (5-10 165 rFr) PS#294WR.

ROV Nate Young Sr. 5-11 188 **11 sts @Wyoming**, 102 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 int, 5 pbu, **HM MWC** in '02. **James Walley** (5-10 198 Sr) 9 sts at RB, 733 yds, 3Y. Pierre Hutchins (5-8 179 Sr).

FS Trevis Coley Jr. 6-2 216 PS#123. 5 tkls in '02. 1 st in '03, 79 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. Darrell Bennett (6-0 210 Jr) 1 st WR in '02. 13 tkls LY. John Archie (6-2 222 So) 2 tkls.

P LUKE JOHNSON JR. 6-0 247 13 sts, 79 punts, 42.1 avg, net of 35.5, 28 inside the 20 in 2003! Britt Barefoot PS#18. 43.8 average in HS, 9 of 10 FG's, 38 rec.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	C.J. Barrows	6-2 195 PS#71
DL	Cedrick Jones	6-6 225 PS#128
RB	Cole Mason	6-1 240 PS#116
LB	Gerald McRath	6-2 210 PS#138
DL	Tom Johnson	6-3 280 PS#163JC
WR	Ivory Bradshaw	6-2 185 PS#137
QB	Travis Clark	6-0 200 PS#114
OL	Joseph Leech	6-4 283 PS#189JC
TE	Shawn Nelson	6-4 220 PS#50
K	Britt Barefoot	6-1 170 PS#18
DL	Eric Phillips	6-6 250 PS#212
DL	Philip Tobias	6-4 280 PS#224
WR	Maurice Taylor	6-0 160 PS#193
DL	Eric Elijah	6-3 305 PS#248
DB	Howard Overby	5-11 191 PS#346JC
WR	Tony Miner	5-10 200 PS#212
OL	Ricardo Clark	6-1 300 PS#364JC
DB	Ladarius Webb	6-0 160 PS#304
OL	Wesley Housley	6-3 270 PS#447

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46-36-2	Vs Conference	24-24	Away Underdog
	26-28-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (27,21,4)
Lost: 14 (5,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,645

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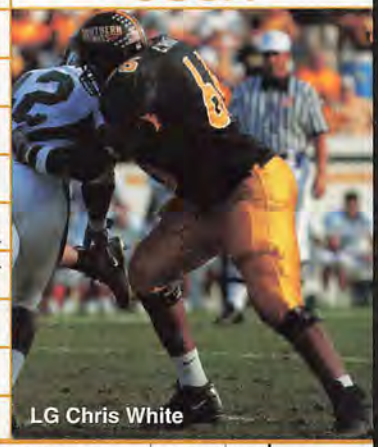
Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#56

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4								Eagles are 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS on Homecoming day last 7 years. SM the last 7 years is 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS vs the SEC. S Miss is 6-0 ATS the last 6 as a single digit favorite.
Sep. 11	at Nebraska	A						Golden Eagles are 9-3 ATS in road openers since 1992 (but 0-2 ATS L2Y). Southern Miss is 2-7 ATS the last 3 years as an away dog.
Sep. 18	California	A						Golden Eagles are 6-1 SU & 4-2 ATS since 1997 in home openers. Pending last week S Miss is 2-9 ATS vs non-CUSA teams the last 3 yrs.
Sep. 25	at Tulane	A						The home team is 7-2 ATS in this series since 1995. After going 7-14-1 ATS vs CUSA from 2000-'02 S Miss was 7-1 ATS LY.
Oct. 2	at S Florida	G						Golden Eagles are 3-8 ATS L/11 gms in the 2nd of 2 straight road contests. The home team is 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS in this series.
Oct. 7	Houston (Thur)	A						Golden Eagles are 5-3 SU & ATS on Thursdays since 1992. The home team is 5-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 16	at Alabama	G						Golden Eagles are 1-6 SU & ATS vs the Crimson Tide since 1997. S Miss is 6-1 ATS after playing on a Thursday since 1992.
Oct. 23	E Carolina (HC)	A						The visitor is 10-3-1 ATS in this series since 1990. S Mississippi is 1-7 ATS the week prior to a bye the last 3 years.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Cincinnati	A						Golden Eagles are 5-2 SU but 2-5 ATS vs the Bearcats since 1995. S Miss is 8-5-1 ATS coming off a bye week S/'96 but 1-3-1 ATS the L/5.
Nov. 12	at Memphis (Fri)	G						Golden Eagles have outscored the Tigers 257-83 in the last 10 meetings. Southern Miss has covered 11 of the last 12 in this series.
Nov. 20	at TCU	G						Golden Eagles are 1-3 SU & ATS vs the Horned Frogs. Southern Miss is 5-4 SU, but 3-6 ATS in road finales last 9 years.
Nov. 27	UAB	A						Golden Eagles are 4-0 SU, but 1-2-1 ATS vs the Blazers. Southern Miss is 6-1 SU & ATS in home finales since 1997.


LG Chris White

STADIUM: M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	8-3	7-4	6-5	7-5	9-3	52-27
ATS	8-2-1	6-5	5-5	5-5	4-7	2-8-1	8-4	38-36-2
Home Fav	4-0	4-0	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-2	4-1	19-10
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3
Away Fav	3-0-1	2-2	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	3-0	13-10-2
Away Dog	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-2	6-13
Favorite	7-0-1	6-2	4-3	3-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	32-20-2
Dog	1-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	6-16
Grass	6-2-1	5-4	4-5	3-4	4-7	2-6-1	7-3	31-31-2
Artificial	2-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	7-5
vs CUSA	5-0-1	4-2	3-3	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	26-20-2
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	12-16
Off SU Win	4-2-1	4-2	2-4	3-3	2-4	1-5	5-3	21-23-1
Off SU Loss	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-3-1	3-0	14-10-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Harris	158	708	37	671	7	4.2
Tim Blackwell	82	355	23	332	3	4.0
Sherron Moore	53	257	18	239	0	4.5
James Walley	83	219	40	179	0	2.2
Dustin Almond	92	333	177	156	3	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dustin Almond	251	121	48.2	1877	13	7
Micky D'Angelo	69	40	58.0	503	2	3
Damion Carter	41	26	63.4	238	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marvin Young	42	703	16.7	7	80
DaRon Lawrence	37	536	14.5	2	50
Antwon Courington	36	532	14.8	3	60
Kenneth Johnson	17	253	14.9	0	45

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Luke Johnson	79	3326	42.1	8	35.5	4	28

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Darren McCaleb	31-32	9-9	2-3	3-5	0-0	14-17	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rod Davis	164	4	16	4	0
Michael Boley	151	11	12	5	0
Etric Pruitt	132	0	5	10	3
Trevis Coley	79	1	0	3	3
Antoine Cash	74	2	6	0	0
Alex Ray	73	0.5	1	4	1
Terrell Paul	56	6	5	2	0
Ronald Jones	43	5	5	2	0
Eric Scott	39	3	4	1	0
Chad Ruffin	38	1	6	0	0
Dillon Cleckler	38	0	1	0	0
Corey Yates	36	0	0	9	2
John Eubanks	31	1	0	1	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marvin Young	33	450	13.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Eubanks	17	499	29.4	1
Jasper Faulk	9	182	20.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Humanitarian	-17	Idaho	35-42	L
99	Liberty	-5'	Colorado St	23-17	W
00	Mobile Alabama	+7	TCU	28-21	W
02	Houston	+10	Oklahoma St	23-33	T
03	Liberty	+2	Utah	0-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

S MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	22.5	16	122	3.0	203	51.6	14.4	+5	2003	8	17.4	17	156	3.6	174	51.9	19.0
7	21.7	18	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	-3	2002	9	18.3	17	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4
9*	25.3	19	96	2.6	245	58.7	13.5	+7	2001	4	16.9	17	102	2.9	200	52.0	17.8
7*	26.2	18	107	2.8	216	56.7	12.4	+2	2000	7	16.9	15	109	2.9	159	50.0	15.8
4	27.8	16	117	3.1	204	54.4	11.6	+11	1999	8	15.8	16	87	2.4	205	51.9	18.5
7*	31.7	20	144	3.9	260	57.3	12.6	-4	1998	5	19.8	18	160	3.8	183	55.6	17.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at California	16	36-65	1.8	20-34	212	7	21	48-260	5.4	11-18	157	2	0
at UAB	16	48-117	2.4	14-20	197	2	19	32-114	3.6	23-37	262	2	+2
Memphis	14	49-205	4.2	7-25	102	2	17	39-192	4.9	16-36	182	1	+3
Nebraska	19	37-108	3.0	18-42	211	2	11	45-141	3.1	6-15	124	5	-4
at Cincinnati	8	32-44	1.4	12-24	156	1	20	55-213	3.9	11-25	106	1	+1
at Alabama	16	35-17	0.5	22-37	244	5	12	50-243	4.9	3-7	12	0	-1
S Florida	16	44-155	3.5	11-24	182	4	20	31-77	2.5	23-52	288	5	0
Louisiana-Lft	26	46-264	5.7	18-29	286	0	8	33-94	2.8	14-23	106	4	-1
at Houston	18	35-136	3.9	17-26	237	0	23	52-205	3.9	15-30	158	3	+2
Tulane	20	50-166	3.3	11-17	231	1	21	35-104	3.0	21-36	244	1	0
TCU	15	35-51	1.5	14-23	227	3	21	52-169	3.3	18-31	260	6	+3
at E Carolina	18	47-190	4.0	11-24	208	0	18	39-108	2.8	20-35	239	4	+1
† Utah	11	30-69	2.3	13-39	144	5	12	45-104	2.3	8-19	124	3	-1
TOTALS	213	524-1587	3.0	188-364	2637	32	223	556-2024	3.6	189-364	2262	37	+5
AVERAGES	16.4	40-122	3.0	14-28	203	2.5	17.2	43-156	3.6	15-28	174	2.8	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-10	48-14	W
NW LA St	NL	40-6	–
at Nebraska	+27	13-20	W
at Texas A&M	+11	6-23	L
at E Carolina	-2	39-22	W
Army	-24'	24-0	L
Cincinnati	-17'	28-20	L
at Alabama	+1'	14-35	L
at Memphis	-5	20-5	W
Louisiana-Lft	-37	48-0	W
at Louisville	-5	30-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+9	16-19	W
at Alabama	+6'	21-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6	28-6	W
Memphis	-16'	24-3	W
S Florida	NL	41-7	–
at Tulane	-14	56-24	W
at Houston	-16'	6-3	L
Louisville	-13'	28-49	L
at UAB	-10	33-30 2OT	L
at Cincinnati	-5	24-27	L
E Carolina	-6	9-14	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-12'	17-9	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-24'	35-10	W
UAB	-6	3-0	L
at Memphis	-8	17-22	L
at Louisville	+3	14-24	L
Houston	-20'	58-14	W
at Penn St	+1'	20-38	L
Tulane	-18	59-6	W
at E Carolina	+1'	28-21	W
at Alabama	+7	15-28	L
TCU	-10	12-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jackson St	NL	55-7	–
Illinois	-6	23-20	L
Memphis	-11'	33-14	W
at Alabama	+7	7-20	L
at Army	-29	27-6	L
at S Florida	-3	13-16	L
Cincinnati	-10	23-14	L
at TCU	+2'	7-37	L
at UAB	-7	20-13	T
Louisville	+2	17-20 2OT	L
at Tulane	-6'	10-31	L
E Carolina	-9'	24-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+4	2-34	L
at UAB	-3	17-12	W
Memphis	-5	23-6	W
Nebraska	+10'	14-38	L
at Cincinnati	+7'	22-20	W
at Alabama	+10'	3-17	L
S Florida	-2'	27-6	W
Louisiana-Lft	-23'	48-3	W
at Houston	-5'	31-10	W
Tulane	-17'	28-14	L
TCU	-3	40-28	W
at E Carolina	-14'	38-21	W

UAB BLAZERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Thomas Cox (PS#92) excelled as an option QB for UAB and played from 1999 to 2002. Darrell Hackney took over and started the last 8 games in 2002 and after the team averaged just 226 ypg in the first four, they averaged 358.6 ypg with him at the helm. They accomplished this despite the fact that he sprained his ankle in the 9th game and was not 100% the rest of the year. Hackney returned for a soph season last year, and he reminds me of Steve McNair as he is big, mobile and very elusive under pressure. When scrambling it often looks like he's throwing it away, but he can rifle it into the right area for the catch, which he did numerous times against S Miss last year. The Hackney legend got bigger in the opener of 2003 vs Baylor when the team trailed with :62 left and no time-outs and Hackney hit a 30 yard pass and then a 50 yard TD pass for the win. This, despite the fact that he reinjured his knee with 9:30 left. Hackney was not 100% at all last year but still had 320 yards in total offense vs TCU but in that game he was lost for the rest of the season. In just seven games he threw for 1,659 yards (50.7%) with a 9-6 ratio while rushing for 130. It looked like true frosh Jake Tompkins (PS#68) would take the backup job, but he quit the team in August. Chris Williams (PS#268) and Curtis Falany (PS#419) battled for it. Williams has the stronger arm and is more of a gambler while Falany is more of a cerebral QB. Williams' first start was at Georgia in front of 92,000. Williams brought the option capability to the offense which UAB did not use as much with Hackney's knee problems. Against Tulane, Williams hit just 11 of 30 and also lost a fumble at the 3 and Falany had an impressive 4Q and would start the next week vs S Florida. Williams threw for 607 yards (41.1%) with a 3-5 ratio while rushing for 56 yards. Falany threw for 280 yards (54.5%) with a 3-2 ratio and 21 yards rushing. WR Lance Rhodes, who was a HS QB also filled in and had 28 yards rushing vs S Florida (2 passes on the year). Not only do all 4 QB's return, but this year they add Chad Wilmott (PS#45JC) who threw for 2,284 yards with a 24-8 ratio at JUCO last year. I think Hackney will be one of the best QB's in CUSA if he remains healthy. Should he get injured again, the backups are in much better shape so this unit should be significantly improved in 2004, and Brown will let Hackney run more with the stronger depth.

RUNNING BACKS - HC Brown likes to use a TB by committee and in 2002, three backs topped 319 yards rushing with true frosh Dan Burks (PS#149) leading the team with 554 yards (4.5) despite having just 41 yards after 4 games. Last year the top 3 all returned so the unit appeared in great shape. It was a much different story, however, as backup Kendal Gibson, who rushed for 460 yards in 2002 opted to transfer in August. Burks took a medical redshirt. Theron Dudley, who was the #3 rusher in 2002 with 319 yards, was injured and lost for the season vs Tulane. At one point, 5-8 walk-on Trey Chaney took over the starting job and had a team record 29 att's vs Memphis. He ended up leading the team with 479 yards (3.5). Bo Moncur, a walk-on who was recruited by both Minnesota and NCSt, with 4.4 speed rushed for 136 yards against Baylor in the opener but then was plagued by injuries and finished with just 325 yards (4.3). True frosh Corey White (PS#122) was the biggest of the five RB's, and HC Brown said he was probably the fastest. White saw little action and played mostly FB. In his first action at TB he rushed for 138 yards vs Tulane and also had 123 vs Houston. This year they get Burks back healthy and will have White around at TB all year and everyone else returns. Not listed below are Bryan Buckner (6-1 185 Jr) and Adrian Brown (5-11 185 Sr) as well as this year's true frosh. I look for significant improvement in the UAB RB numbers.

OG Andy Galloway

RECEIVERS - Last year UAB had to replace their leading receiver, Willie Quinnie but had almost everyone else back. It became apparent during the offseason that Roddy White would be the feature WR as he is who Hackney looked to as first choice in most patterns. White averaged an outstanding 21.6 ypc on his 39 rec's and should continue to improve. Nick Coon had a huge game vs Army with 91 and 45 yard rec's and is 6-2 with 4.4 speed. He averaged 36.2 ypc last year. At the start of the year they talked of using Lance Rhodes at QB, WR, KR and PR and the Ariz St transfer struggled early with 3 lost fumbles in the first 3 games, but finished with 10 catches (17.4). Bradly Chavez (6-0 195 Sr) had 22 rec's (16.2). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and basically everyone returns plus they added a JUCO to help take some of the coverage off of White in Reggie Lindsey (PS#133). Jason Southall had 11 starts at receiver in 2001 and one last year. He has 23 rec's in 3 years. Not listed below are Willie Edwards (6-3 215 rFr), Charles Griffin (6-2 180 Sr) and Terrell Matthews (6-2 180 So). I thought the unit played well last year and had good talent it looks like one of the more solid receiving units in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UAB's O-line paved the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one full-time starter who was 2nd Tm CUSA and three players who combined for 13 starts so basically they had 3 starters returning. They used just six OL's all year including Barker White who was lost for the season in October, so the backups played very little. As you would expect, the unit did very well as they allowed just 14 sacks. With the myriad of RB injuries, they did well to pave the way for 3.6 ypc rushing. Unfortunately this year the unit is the question mark of the offense as they must replace RG Larry Coachman (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), LT Wilbert Hamilton (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Artavious Williams (11 sts) and LT Barker White (3 sts until inj). There is some decent talent in the 3 deep that I list below and Brown went the JUCO route to rebuild this unit bringing in four who should all contribute. This unit is less experienced than last year's version but should form a solid group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's defense was nicknamed the 'Steel Shield' and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing while recording 28 sacks in 2001. They had to replace five big-time players in 2002 including 1st and 2nd round DC's and the inexperienced unit allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while recording just 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters again and it was young with just 3 upperclassmen among the top 11. They also were very injury plagued. At one point at the end of the season vs Houston, the team had a TE and LB among the starting D-line. They allowed an un-Blazer-like 4.4 ypc rushing while recording just 23 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Chris Mason (11 sts, 39 tkls) and DE Anthony Garrett (8 tkls, 2 sks). Not only do 7 players return with starting experience, they bring in Jackson St, E Tenn St and JUCO transfers and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are DE Cortlin Johnson (6-2 235 So) who started one game but was lost to injury and DT Tony Williams (6-2 350 Jr). This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - UAB had an extremely inexperienced LB corps in 2002 with the top six LB's heading into the season all underclassmen with no starting experience. Last year they had to replace 2 players who combined for 5 starts and 83 tackles but everyone else returned. Zac Woodfin, who set a school record with 120 tackles in 2002, reset it in 2003 with 149. Nigel Eldridge was the #2 tackler and Gaylon Black returned from a season ending injury after 3 starts in 2002 and had 66 tackles last year. This year the only loss is Kyle Bissinger who moves to DE. Basically 5 of the top 6 are back, and I list the 2 deep below. This is one of the best LB units in CUSA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UAB finished #23 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but had to replace 5 players who combined for 27 starts in 2002 and finished #63 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace just one starter and appeared to be in good shape but S Thurman Pearson (99 tkls starting in '02), missed the year due to injury. Their top CB, Dio Hill, was bothered by tendinitis in his ankle and was very limited recording just 15 tackles so basically only one full-time starter returned. The Blazers still finished a respectable #34 in my pass D rankings allowing 57.9% with an 11-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Thomas Arnold (5 tkls) but the top 8 DB's all return plus they get the healthy return of Hill and Pearson. Not even listed below are Will Evans (5-9 175 So), Brandon Register (5-11 185 So, PS#352, 2 sts, 13 tkls), Blake Prime (5-11 190 Jr, 10 tkls, L2Y) and Carnell Williams (6-1 185 rFr, PS#370) who is nicknamed "Escalade." This looks like one of CUSA's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UAB was #102 in my special teams rankings in 1998 but Coach Brown visited with VT's Frank Beamer and took his special teams philosophies to heart. They finished #38 in 1999 and the next two years were #51 and #43. After an unusual #96 finish in 2002, they moved back up to #61 last year despite the fact that they had a frosh punter and young returnmen. This team has blocked 16 punts in the last five years. K Nick Hayes already holds UAB's record for most career FG's. Hayes is back for his senior season after hitting an outstanding 17 of 20 FG's (long 50). P Parker Mullins avg'd 41.1 with a net of 36.1. All of the key returnmen are back and UAB blocked 3 punts last year including two by Jhun Cook against Army. They did lose their LS Newton to a season ending injury vs S Florida and T Wilbert Hamilton and WR Roddy White filled in as the #2 LS Cortlin Johnson was also out. With everyone back, I look for this unit to contend for Top 25 honors.

COACHES - Watson Brown enters his tenth year at UAB with a record of 47-54. Brown is also UAB's AD. His OC is Pat Sullivan who enters his sixth year and was formerly the head coach at TCU. The DC is Wayne Bolt who has molded some fine D's at Troy St from '98-'02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team in 1991. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995 they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no football office and no locker room. They joined CUSA five years ago and have an amazing (for such a young program) record of 20-15 in conference play. UAB has the third best record among CUSA schools over the last five years trailing just S Miss (27-9) and Louisville (26-10). They play at historic Legion Field but in front of far less than half of the Stadium's capacity. The Blazers had a streak of two straight winning seasons end in 2002 and while they have gone 4-4 in league play each of the last two years, as the team has dropped to 5-7. The strength of their two winning seasons was their "Steel Shield" defense and with just 2 starters back in 2002, the ppg allowed went from 18.7 to 30.8. Last year they had 6 defensive starters back with a new DC Wayne Bolt and the D was much stronger allowing 23.9 ppg. QB Darrell Hackney is one of the most exciting QB's in the college game, but last year he was lost for the season with an injury and UAB struggled without him. He had guided a come-from-behind win vs Baylor and was in the midst of a fine season. Last year's team had just 9 seniors and did suffer a tough loss vs TCU, the game in which Hackney was injured when they were winning and later vs Tulane fumbled at the 3 and 2 in that loss. They also only lost to league champ S Miss by 5, a game in which they had a 19-16 FD edge and almost upset Capital One Bowl bound Georgia, losing by 3 even without Hackney. They only lose 9 lettermen, the fewest in CUSA. They have almost their entire 2 deep back on defense and should resemble the '01 defense. Offensively, as long as Hackney stays healthy, they should be solidly improved. Watson Brown made an accurate assessment in the spring noting that 29 Blazers have undergone surgeries over the past 2 years. "We've got to rid ourselves of the injury bug" he said, "the team that stays healthy wins championship games." As long as injuries don't crop up, UAB has the potential for a winning season and could be a surprise contender in CUSA.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DARRELL HACKNEY JR. 6-2 235 8 sts in '02, 1977 pass (51%) 14-7 ratio, 242 rush. 7 sts LY until inj. 1659 pass (51%) 9-6 ratio, 130 rush. **Chad Wilmott is PS#45JC.**

RB DAN BURKS SO. 6-0 205 PS#149. 2 sts as true, 554 (4.5). **Corey White** (6-2 225 So) PS#122. 3 sts as true, 332 yds (4.3). Bo Moncur (6-0 210 So) 4.4 spd, 325 yds.

WR REGGIE LINDSEY JR. 5-10 185 PS#133JC. 4.45 speed. Chico Cleveland (6-2 228 Sr) 10 sts, 38 rec (12.2) 3 yrs. Norris Drinkard (6-0 195 So) PS#293, 4.38 speed.

WR RODDY WHITE SR. 6-3 205 4.3 spd. 11 sts, 39 rec (14.9) in '02. 12 sts, 3rd Tm CUSA, 39 rec (21.6). Bradly Chavez (6-0 195 Sr) 3 sts, 22 rec. Marculus Elliott (5-9 190 So) PS#166.

WR NICK COON SO. 6-2 180 4.4 spd. L/5 sts, 10 rec (**36.2**). **Lance Rhodes** (5-10 185 Jr) PS#105. Ariz St trans QB/WR 5 sts LY. Jason Southall (5-9 175 Sr) PS#380.

TE CEDRIC HAMPTON JR. 6-3 275 PS#24. 1 st, 2 rec in '02. 6 sts, 5 rec LY. **Sam Dudley** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#65, 8 sts, 4 rec in '02. 6 sts, 1 rec LY. Lynorse Garrett (6-5 230 Jr) PS#49.

C MATT BATUSIC JR. 6-3 295 PS#340DL. 2nd string as rFr, 1 st. 12 sts LY. Rodney Outlaw (6-2 300 Jr). PS#399JC. RS here last year. **LS** John Newton (5-10 205 Sr).

RG Marcel Binion Sr. 6-4 320 PS#218JC. 1 st here LY, 365 bench. Nick Benton (6-3 310 Jr) PS#142JC. Alan Klinner (6-4 305 Jr) PS#490. Justin Irvin (6-5 280 So).

LG ANDY GALLOWAY SR. 6-5 310 PS#199. 4 sts, CUSA Fr Tm in '01. 10 sts in '02. 9 sts in '03. **Tommie Keyes** PS#67JC in for spring. Quinton Harris (6-6 330 So) PS#163.

RT Marcus Lampton Jr. 6-5 315 PS#150JC. Jamarius Dismuke (6-5 320 rFr) PS#276. Julius Wilson is PS#261JC. Paul Linsky (6-4 300 Jr) 2 letters.

LT Cornelius Rogers So. 6-4 320 2nd string as rFr. Adam Truitt (6-4 290 Fr) PS#147 in '03. Joey Horne (6-6 310 So) **PS#98**. Emilio Thompson (6-8 325 So).

K NICK HAYES SR. 6-1 180 PS#37. 10 of 15 FG's in '01, long of 50. 17 of 22 FG's in '02, long of 48. 17 of 20 FG's LY, long of 50, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Brent Dye (6-0 185 So).

DE JERMAINE McELVEEN SO. 6-5 245 12 sts LY, 63 tkls, 6 sks, 6 pbu, CUSA Fr Tm. David Miller (6-3 265 So) PS#318, 22 tkls, 3 tfl. Vincent Pollard (6-2 230 Sr) 13 sks JC in '02, 6 tkls LY.

NT SAM WILLIAMSON JR. 6-5 295 16 tkls in '02. 4 sts LY, 35 tkls, 2 sks. **Ernest Respress** (6-5 300 Jr) 5 sts, 62 tkls, 6 tfl, 2Y. Tony Haynes-Dalton (6-4 285 So) E Tenn St trans.

DT SHAMAR ABRAMS SR. 6-1 320 PS#103. 10 sts, 84 tkls, 8 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 86 tkls, 11 tfl. Clarence Respress (6-1 305 So) is PS#230JC in for spring.

DE Sam Kendrick Jr. 6-5 265 PS#211OL. 3 sts LY until injury. 29 tkls, 2Y. Kyle Bissinger (6-3 255 So) PS#250QB, 33 tkls LY. Larry McSwain (6-1 240 So). Jackson St trans.

WLB ZAC WOODFIN SR. 6-2 240 PS#221. **1st Tm CUSA**. 480 bench! 12 sts, 120 tkls in '02. 12 sts, 149 tkls, 8 tfl last year. Darrius Taylor (6-0 235 Sr) 95 tkls, 3Y, PS#371.

MLB NIGEL ELDRIDGE SR. 6-2 235 435 bench. 9 sts, 104 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts in '03, 125 tkls, 5 tfl. DeMarcus Rodgers (6-1 235 Sr) PS#141. 53 tkls LY. Marcus Mark (6-2 230 So) 8 tkls.

SLB GAYLON BLACK SR. 6-1 230 3 sts in '02 (inj) 32 tkls. 11 sts in '03, 68 tkls, 4 tfl. Jeffery Williams (6-1 225 rFr) PS#208. David Sigler (6-3 245 rFr) PS#609.

CB BOBBY KEYES SR. 6-0 185 PS#416JC. 12 sts here LY, 50 tkls, 2 int, 12 pbu. Durrell Fuqua (5-11 175 rFr) PS#165RB. Jhun Cook (5-10 190 Jr) 5 sts WR, 29 rec, 2 years.

CB CARLOS HENDRICKS SR. 5-10 190 PS#315. 10 sts in '02, 3 int, 5 pbu. 8 sts LY, 53 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. **Dio Hill** (5-11 180 Sr) PS#137. **Top CB in '02**. 12 sts, 12 pbu. Inj'd in '03, 15 tkls.

SS JUSTIN WHITMORE JR. 6-0 180 4.43 spd. Auburn transfer. 8 sts LY, 60 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. Dominique Cosper (5-11 190 Jr) 1 st in '03. 40 tkls. Gerod Condry (6-2 210 rFr).

FS JULIUS WAINWRIGHT JR. 6-2 190 7 sts in '02, CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 1 int. **Thurman Pearson** (6-1 190 Sr) PS#290. **11 sts, 99 tkls, 7 tfl, 7 pbu** in '02. RS last year.

P PARKER MULLINS SO. 5-11 180 72 punts as rFr, 41.1 avg and solid net of 36.1. Also 1-1 passing. Bradly Chavez (6-0 195 Sr). Brent Dye (6-0 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Chad Wilmott 6-4 215 PS#45JC
OL	Tommie Keyes 6-0 295 PS#67JC
WR	Reggie Lindsey 5-10 185 PS#133JC
OL	Nick Benton 6-3 310 PS#142JC
OL	Marcus Lampton 6-5 315 PS#150JC
DT	Clarence Respress 6-1 305 PS#230JC
OL	Julius Wilson 6-5 310 PS#261JC
LB	Kris Guyton 6-3 215 PS#269
DL	Jerrickus Speights 6-5 233 PS#361
RB	Brandon Alexander 5-10 190 PS#339
DL	Shun Williams 6-2 225 PS#393
WR	Vernard Hoover 6-4 195 PS#378
LB	Joe Henderson 6-2 200 PS#382
RB	Nolan Hughey 6-0 210 PS#428

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Baylor	G						UAB is 9-3 ATS the last 5 years as a double digit road dog. UAB is 2-10 SU, but 9-3 ATS in September away games since 1997. The Blazers are 16-9-1 ATS off a straight up loss since 1999.
Sep. 11								Blazers are 1-5 SU but 4-2 ATS vs Big 12 schools since 1997. UAB is 6-3 ATS prior to a bye, but 0-3 ATS the last 3 games.
Sep. 18	at Florida St	G						UAB is 0-6 SU & 2-3 ATS being outscored on avg 37-6 vs current ACC tms. The Blazers are 5-0-1 ATS since 1999 after a bye week.
Sep. 25	Memphis	G						Blazers are 4-0 SU & ATS vs Memphis the last 4 meetings. The dog is 5-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 2	at Cincinnati	A						UAB is 11-5-1 ATS in CUSA road games since 1999. The underdog is 5-1 ATS in the 6 lined meetings.
Oct. 9	at Mississippi St	G						UAB is 1-6 SU & 3-2 ATS being outscored on avg 31-10 vs the SEC S/'96. Watson Brown was Mississippi St's OC for the 1991-1992 season.
Oct. 16	TCU	G						UAB has covered their only 2 meetings ('01 & '03). TCU is 1 of 5 schools that were in a bowl last year that UAB plays this yr.
Oct. 23	at Tulane	A						Blazers are 2-2 SU & 0-3-1 ATS vs Tulane. Pending 10/2: UAB is 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 on artificial turf.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	S Florida	G						UAB is 5-3-1 ATS in November home games since 1997. LY in their 1st ever meeting, UAB was outFD'd & outgained, but had a +5 TO margin.
Nov. 13	Houston	G						UAB is 3-1 ATS the last 4 home finales. Blazers are 3-1 SU & ATS vs Houston the last 4 games.
Nov. 20	at Army	A						UAB is 4-0 SU, splitting ATS vs Army (0-2 ATS L2Y). The Blazers are 2-5-1 ATS the last 8 games as an away favorite.
Nov. 27	at S Mississippi	A						UAB is 0-4 SU & 2-1-1 ATS vs the Golden Eagles since 2000. In their 4 losses to S Miss, UAB has lost by a combined 18 pts.

WATSON BROWN (Career 65-123-1)(Div IAA 14-8)
10th Year at UAB

Brown's records AT UAB

47-54	Straight Up	5-10	Home Favorite
37-32-2	Vs The Spread	10-3-1	Home Underdog
19-15-1	Off A SU Loss	3-5-1	Away Favorite
23-16-2	Vs Conference	19-14	Away Underdog
		14-16	Vs Non-Conference

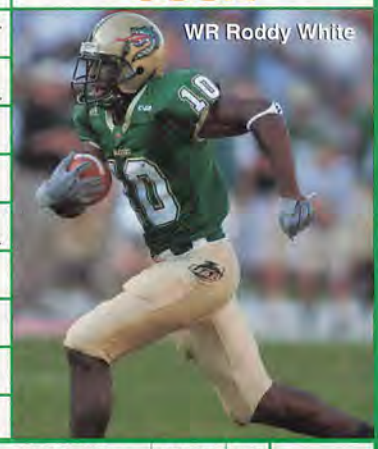
2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (23,26,4)
Lost: 9 (5,4,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,238

CUSA


WR Roddy White

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (83,091)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	5-6	7-4	6-5	5-7	5-7	37-42
ATS	4-4	3-5	7-3-1	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	5-7	37-32-2
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-3	5-10
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	1-1	10-3-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	3-5-1
Away Dog	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	4-2	19-14
Favorite	1-1	0-1	1-1-1	2-2	3-3	1-3	0-4	8-15-1
Dog	3-3	3-4	6-2	5-1	3-1	4-3-1	5-3	29-17-1
Grass	3-3	2-5	6-3	5-2	6-4	4-4-1	5-7	31-28-1
Artificial	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	6-4-1
vs CUSA	2-1	0-3	4-1-1	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	4-4	23-16-2
vs Non-CUSA	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	14-16
Off SU Win	2-1	1-1	1-3	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	2-3	16-14-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-4	5-0-1	4-0	1-3	3-3	3-3	19-15-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Trey Chaney	136	510	31	479	2	3.5
Corey White	77	349	17	332	4	4.3
Bo Moncur	76	337	12	325	1	4.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Darrell Hackney	209	106	50.7	1659	9	6
Chris Williams	90	37	41.1	607	3	5
Curtis Falany	33	18	54.5	280	3	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Roddy White	39	844	21.6	7	95	
Nick Coon	10	362	36.2	3	91	
Bradly Chavez	22	356	16.2	1	46	
Chico Cleveland	16	192	12.0	1	36	
Lance Rhodes	10	174	17.4	1	63	
Jhun Cook	12	152	12.7	0	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Parker Mullins	72	2962	41.1	10	36.1	2	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Hayes	26-27	7-7	4-6	5-6	1-1	17-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Zac Woodfin	149	3	5	1	2
Nigel Eldridge	128	1	4	2	1
Shamar Abrams	84	2	9	3	0
Julius Wainwright	79	0	1	2	1
Gaylon Black	66	0	4	1	0
Jermaine McElveen	63	6	1	6	0
Darrius Taylor	62	0	1	3	1
Justin Whitmore	58	0	4	6	3
DeMarcus Rodgers	53	0	0	1	0
Carlos Hendricks	51	1	1	7	1
Bobby Keyes	51	0	2	13	2
Dominique Cosper	42	1	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Lance Rhodes	18	139	7.7	0	
Jason Southall	12	113	9.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jason Southall	22	440	20.0	0	
Jhun Cook	13	247	19.0	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	20.4	16	132	3.6	217	48.7	17.1	-5	2003	6	23.9	20	178	4.4	208	57.9	16.1
8*	22.3	18	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	+1	2002	2	30.8	20	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4
6*	24.1	17	161	3.7	142	48.3	12.6	+3	2001	9	18.7	16	57	1.9	209	54.7	14.2
8*	21.6	17	164	3.8	153	49.7	14.6	+1	2000	7	17.5	18	84	2.4	207	52.8	16.7
8*	22.5	16	140	3.4	138	50.2	12.4	+3	1999	6	25.4	21	142	3.7	226	52.9	14.5
7*	21.5	18	173	3.8	128	46.7	13.9	-5	1998	7	28.0	19	131	3.3	218	56.9	12.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Baylor	18	35-149	4.3	14-31	254	1	21	37-166	4.5	20-38	227	2	0
S Mississippi	19	32-114	3.6	23-37	262	2	16	48-117	2.4	14-20	197	5	-2
Troy St	19	28-89	3.2	20-38	248	1	19	51-256	5.0	11-18	131	0	-2
at S Carolina	11	25-60	2.4	18-40	171	0	18	43-214	5.0	14-21	208	2	-2
at Memphis	16	41-95	2.3	14-28	231	1	20	28-89	3.2	32-42	257	5	+2
Cincinnati	16	45-105	2.3	12-21	277	4	18	30-100	3.3	21-43	219	1	0
at TCU	14	27-97	3.6	11-30	296	1	23	48-212	4.4	18-36	193	1	-1
at Georgia	12	37-101	2.7	12-21	97	1	20	34-116	3.4	20-33	221	2	+1
Army	13	39-156	4.0	5-16	181	1	18	28-55	2.0	36-55	251	3	-2
Tulane	23	45-237	5.3	14-36	262	1	20	37-244	6.6	16-33	255	0	-2
at S Florida	17	44-110	2.5	12-21	167	1	18	41-192	4.7	12-32	144	2	+5
at Houston	19	45-276	6.1	9-18	153	0	29	59-375	6.4	9-14	196	0	-2
TOTALS	197	443-1589	3.6	164-337	2599	14	240	484-2136	4.4	223-385	2499	23	-5
AVERAGES	16.4	37-132	3.6	14-28	217	1.2	20.0	40-178	4.4	19-32	208	1.9	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+22	28-31	W
at Virginia Tech	+24	10-31	W
Houston	+7	29-10	W
UL Monroe	-13'	47-0	W
Memphis	-3	14-38	L
at Cincinnati	+6	24-21 OT	W
at Wake Forest	+6'	3-47	L
at Louisville	+14	14-23	W
E Carolina	+13	36-17	W
Louisiana Tech	+8	20-41	L
at Tulane	-3	23-20 OT	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Chat	NL	20-15	–
at Kansas	+9	20-23	W
at LSU	+16'	13-10	W
Louisiana-Lft	-19	47-2	W
Louisville	-1'	17-38	L
Memphis	+2'	13-9	W
Middle Tenn	-10	14-9	L
at E Carolina	+14	16-13	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	21-33	L
S Mississippi	+10	30-33 2OT	W
at Army	-8	27-7	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	41-13	–
at Florida St	+29	7-29	W
Army	-16	55-3	W
at S Mississippi	+6	0-3	W
at UCF	-2'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	-7'	17-31	L
Tulane	-9	34-27	L
at Memphis	+1	17-14	W
TCU	-6'	38-17	W
at Houston	-15'	43-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	6-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+32	3-51	L
Troy St	-1'	27-26	L
Pittsburgh	+6'	20-26	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	0-34	L
Memphis	+8'	31-17	W
Houston	-3'	51-34	W
at Tulane	+4'	14-35	L
at Army	-8	29-26	L
S Mississippi	+7	13-20	T
E Carolina	+3'	36-29	W
at Louisville	+18	21-41	L
at Cincinnati	+17	23-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Baylor	-9	24-19	L
S Mississippi	+3	12-17	L
Troy St	-11'	9-20	L
at S Carolina	+14	10-42	L
at Memphis	+9'	24-10	W
Cincinnati	+5'	31-14	W
at TCU	+10'	24-27	W
at Georgia	+29	13-16	W
Army	-21'	24-9	L
Tulane	-13'	24-38	L
at S Florida	+6'	22-19	W
at Houston	+1	28-56	L

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 the Bearcats had to replace their all-time career leader in total offense in Deontey Kenner. They got a huge signee in Gino Guidugli (PS#47) who had also been recruited by Notre Dame and Kentucky. The true frosh took over starting the final 10 games and guided three 4Q comebacks including a TD pass with :07 vs Army and another with :04 left vs Memphis. He got knocked out of one game and true frosh George Murray (PS#126) forfeited his redshirt. Murray, who is more of an option runner (202 rush) threw for 130 yards (57%) in six games. Murray moved to WR in 2002 and had 26 rec's (10.7). Guidugli added 15 lbs of muscle and led a comeback win against TCU in 2002. He was hurt in 2 games and Murray threw for 57 yards and rushed for 121. Guidugli had the second best TD/int ratio in school history in 2001 (17-9) but only had a 22-21 ratio in 2002 with 5 int's in the bowl game. He still broke four single season school records including passing yards (3,543, 55%) breaking Greg Cook's school record of 3,272. He also set a new school record with 472 attempts which had something to do with the new mark. I expected Guidugli to improve upon his numbers last year but with a brand-new receiving corps, he slumped. For the season he threw for 2,704 yards (53.4%) with a 14-10 ratio. When Guidugli was injured vs S Miss, it was Murray that got the bulk of the QB duties. E Michigan transfer Collin Carey (6-2 207 Sr) had 33 yards passing at EM in 2001 and got in 3 pass attempts last year. He will battle Todd Spitzer (6-5 220 rFr, PS#138) and this year's true frosh for the backup job. Guidugli has had seven 4Q comebacks in his career and I look for him to have, by far, his best season at Cincy especially with new OC Don Treadwell.

RUNNING BACKS - DeMarco McCleskey departed last year after setting the school single season rushing record with 1,361 yards (4.3) and 15 TD's. Ohio St transfer Richard Hall (PS#41) had 264 yards (4.5) in a relief role. While Hall does not have the type of power McCleskey does, he is speedy and elusive and I expected big things from him last year. Hall would have topped 1,000 yards had he remained healthy as he missed most of 4 games due to injury to finish with 777 yards (4.2) and added 22 rec's (11.5). Tedric Harwell, who has 250 career yards rushing and 4.49 speed, moved to DB this spring. FB Booker Vann who had 628 career rush yards coming into last year, had just 84 (3.4) in 4 starts. Derrick Eddington (PS#265) rushed for 138 yards in the opener against EC but played in just 8 other games finishing with 269 rush (5.0) and 103 receiving. Carl Jones (PS#266), who was a WR and a DB in his first two years here, moved back to RB in 2003 and when Hall was injured vs Rhode Island, Jones rushed for 187 yards on 27 carries. Jones finished with 410 yards (5.0). I list the rest of the 2 deep below including FB. With basically everyone back and the outstanding addition of true frosh Delbert Ferguson (PS#22) along with Hall remaining healthier, I see solid improvement in the RB numbers this year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace 3 players who combined for 2,618 rec yards including the UC career leader in rec's and another WR who was a 5th round DC. Guidugli, with an inexperienced receiving corps, saw his numbers drop. Former QB George Murray led the team in rec's with 30 (9.0). Derick Ross (PS#107) started 8 games and led the team in rec yards with 483 (16.7). Thaddeus Lewis moved from CB to WR in game 7 and had 25 rec's (10.4) in five starts. JUCO Hannibal Thomas emerged down the stretch with 15 rec's in the last two games. Cincinnati HS QB star Mike Daniels (5-7 185 So, PS#181QB) had 7 rec's (18.0) in his first year at WR and is a deep threat. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Lewis departs along with TE Dennis Hart (1 st, 13 rec, 15.5). Not listed below are WR's Daniels, Charlie Vample (6-0 184 So, PS#118), Walter Dudley (5-11 183 Sr, 1 rec), Clint Parks (6-5 205 rFr, PS#378), Jeff Henderson (6-1 198 Sr), Rodney Carter (6-0 187 Jr) and TE Hank Davis (6-4 239 rFr). This unit is much more experienced, and I look for good sized improvement.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the O-line paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including their top OL and a 1st Tm CUSA selection. Although 8 of the top 10 returned, of the 3 returning starters, LT Kyle Takavitz moved to LG and RG Travis McGee lost his starting spot after 2 starts. The only player that returned as a starter to his 2002 position was C Josh Shneyderov who missed 3 games with injury. This year they must replace Shneyderov (9 sts, 3 yr st'r) as well as RT Anthony Colton (4 sts) and RG McGee (2 sts). Last year's O-line did open holes for its best ypc rushing in 4 years (3.8) while allowing just 20 sacks. Four starters are back this year so this should be one of CUSA's top offensive fronts.

LB Tyjuan Hagler

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2002 defense allowed 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 34 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace a 3rd round DC and four other players who combined for 37 starts. Trent Cole has the nickname "Scrap Iron" for his chiseled, fat-free physique and took over Antwan Peek's DE spot and earned 1st Tm CUSA honors. The lightly experienced D-line allowed 3.7 ypc but the sack total dropped to 22. This year the only losses are DT Ka'Son Love (9 sts, 63 tkls, 7 tfl), DT John Feaster (8 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Tommy Simpson. I list DT Mike Wright as a returning starter as he would have started more than 6 games if he hadn't suffered a sprained ankle. Not listed in the 3 deep below are DE Donald Germany (6-0 229 Jr, 1 sk, 625 squat), Craig Worthen (6-3 210 rFr, PS#384), Lateef Taylor (6-1 296 So), Darrell Brown (6-3 264 Jr) and this year's true frosh. I expect a much bigger impact from Mich St transfer DT Lonnie Simmons. Frazier and Cole should form a formidable pass rushing duo at DE and this group is much more experienced than the 2003 version.

#24 RB Richard Hall
#83 TE Dennis Hart

LINEBACKERS - In Minter's early years, UC used to field one of the top LB corps in the country on a yearly basis. However, the unit's production has dropped off recently. In 2001 the starters logged most of the action. In 2002 they changed that philosophy alternating 6 LB's with those six all topping 49 tackles. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but 4 of the 6 returned including Jamar Enzor who did not start in 2002 but led the LB's with 91 tackles. Last year Enzor started at MLB and led the team again, this time with 137 tackles, 49 more than the #2 man. All 3 senior starters return to this unit provided Tyjuan Hagler and Jason Russell graduate to earn their 5th seasons after being PO's in 2000. They also move in four game starting WR Kevin Hazel (PS#44, 4 rec, 2Y). Not listed below is Michael Brown (6-2 234 Jr, 10 tkls), Tony Carvitti (6-0 225 So, 5 tkls) and true frosh Anthony Hoke (PS#166). This unit is more experienced than the 2003 version, and should be one of CUSA's best units.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UC usually finished in the upper half of my pass D rankings under Minter including a #29 finish in 2002. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including an NFL DC but did have 11 lettermen returning. UC finished a solid #28 in my pass D rankings allowing 50.4% with a 17-19 ratio. This year they lose FS Franklin Callicott (11 sts, 58 tkls, 2 int), CB Zach Norton (2nd Tm CUSA, 54 tkls, 4 int, 2 pbu, 3 yr st'r) and FS Thaddeus Lewis (1 st, 13 tkls). They move RB Tedric Harwell to CB and do have 5 of the top 8 returning. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jeremy Jackson (5-10 183 Sr) and this year's true frosh. This looks like another solid Bearcat secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bearcats had some fine finishes in my special teams rankings under Minter including #12 in 1997 and #29 in 1998. They were #12 once again in 2001 but stunningly dropped to #111 in 2002. Last year the team had to replace its outstanding kicker Jonathan Ruffin who hit 19 of 22 FG's as well as their top PR. Punter Chet Ervin was set to just concentrate on FG's but another P did not emerge, so Ervin held on to his punting job. He hit 10 of 17 with a long of 44 handling the long FG's while Chris Manfredini, a true frosh hit a super 10 of 11 FG's with a long of 41 on shorter kicks. Manfredini did miss an xp and a 26 yd FG vs Memphis. I expected improvement in the special teams numbers last year but surprisingly the Bearcats finished #113 as they had 4 punts blocked against them and yielded 3 TD's for a -7 in the TD/Blk category. This year the only loss is Thaddeus Lewis who averaged 7.8 on PR's and 22.1 on KR's. I look for Ervin to greatly improve upon his net punting of 31.3 and 32.7 the last two years and this unit should move up significantly in the special teams rankings.

COACHES - The new head coach is Mark Dantonio who has been the DC at Ohio St the last 3 years including their National Championship season. He was the DC at Youngstown St and Butler Community College and this is his first HC job. His OC is Don Treadwell who was Ball St's OC last year and the Mich St WR coach the previous 3 seasons. DC Pat Narduzzi was the Miami OH DC last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Bearcats were just 2-6 in their CUSA games last year and it cost Rick Minter his job. A very interesting stat from 2003 is that UC actually outgained league foes by 86 ypg, the 3rd best mark in the conference showing that it was indeed a jinxed season and one that could have been much better. They lost to S Miss by 2 despite a 20-8 FD edge, lost to S Florida in two OT's (in a game they led almost start to finish), lost to Memphis by 5 and Louisville by 3. With a new HC and a new attitude, the team (with 17 returning starters including QB Guidugli) looks much stronger than last year's version which had just 9 starters back. Mark Dantonio steps into an excellent situation as this is not a rebuilding year and is a team that should have achieved much better than their 5-7 finish last year which was their first losing mark since 1999. UC could be this year's surprise of CUSA and have an excellent shot at finishing above .500. UC is my 10th most improved team in the country (see page 19) which means that they should be bowl eligible.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB GINO GUIDUGLI SR. 6-3 220 PS#47. 10 sts as true. 2856 yds (59%). 17-9 ratio. 14 sts in '02, **2nd Tm CUSA**. 3543 yds (55%) 22-21 ratio. 12 sts LY, 2704 yds (53%) 14-10 ratio.
RB RICHARD HALL SR. 5-11 208 PS#41. Ohio St trans. 264 yds (4.5) in '02. 9 sts (inj) 777 yds (4.2) LY. Delbert Ferguson is **PS#22** in for spg. Carl Jones (5-9 187 Jr) 410 yds.
FB Kyle Koester Jr. 6-0 240 PS#70. Indiana transfer. 69 yds here LY. Ken Smith (5-11 234 So). Brad Bury is PS#210LB. Terry Arnold (5-10 190 So) PS#82, 107 yds.
WR GEORGE MURRAY SR. 6-1 194 217 pass, 472 rush, 3 years QB/WR. 4.41 spd. 26 rec in '02. 7 sts, 30 rec LY. Cedric Dawley (6-1 193 Sr) PS#215JC. 4 sts, 23 rec (8.0).
WR HANNIBAL THOMAS SR. 6-3 205 PS#212JC. 22 rec LY (18.8). 15 L/2 games. **Derick Ross** (5-10 186 Jr) PS#107. 8 sts, 29 rec (16.7). Bill Poland (6-3 180 So) PS#121, 5 sts as true, 13 rec.
TE AJ LUCIUS SR. 6-3 250 14 sts, 3 rec in '02. 6 sts LY, 3 rec. Benched 225, 18 reps. Brent Celek (6-4 240 So) 3 sts as true, 2 rec. Doug Jones (6-4 275 rFr) PS#131.
C Matt Webster Jr. 6-3 273 PS#469. 2 games in '02. 12 games in '03, 2 starts. Joel Yakovac (6-2 283 Jr) 1 st as rFr. 4 games LY. **LS** Patrick Farfsing (6-3 195 So).
RG MATT MERCER SR. 6-3 300 PS#249. 715 squat. 9 games in '01, 3 sts at DT in '02, 9 tkls. 11 sts on OL, 380 bench LY. Ryan Brown (6-2 275 Jr) PS#191. 3 games LY (inj).
LG KYLE TAKAVITZ SR. 6-4 303 14 sts at LT in '02. 12 sts at LG LY. **1st Tm CUSA**. Adam Shorter (6-6 291 Sr) PS#228. 1 st, 29 games, 3Y. Jon Tobin (6-3 290 rFr) PS#384.
RT CLINT STICKDORN SR. 6-6 308 TE. Moved to OL in '01, 5 games. 14 in '02. 8 sts, 735 squat LY. Jeremy Schlicher (6-5 283 Sr) 18 games, 3Y, 775 squat. Digger Bujnoch (6-4 265 rFr).
LT STEVE EASTLAKE SR. 6-5 280 225 bench 24x's. 2 games in '02. 12 sts at LT in' 03. Frank Straub (6-6 305 So) **PS#75**, 5 games. Jeremy Bolton (6-5 305 rFr) PS#398.
K CHET ERVIN JR. 6-3 186 PS#58. Hit 10 of 17 FG's, long 44. Chris Manfredini (5-9 165 So). Hit 10 of 11 FG's in '03, long of 41. 27 of 29 xp's.

DE ANDRE FRAZIER SR. 6-5 211 4.59 spd. 3 sts, 47 tkls, 10.5 tfl in' 01. 6 sts, 62 tkls, 6 sks in '02. 12 sts LY. **2nd Tm CUSA.** 56 tkls, 7 sks. Angelo Craig (6-5 205 rFr) PS#377.
DT Lonnie Simmons Sr. 6-4 300 PS#92. **Michigan St** transfer. 380 bench, 4 games here LY. Jon Newton (6-3 270 rFr) PS#193. Jordan Roth (6-2 270 rFr) PS#316.
DT MIKE WRIGHT SR. 6-5 291 Ashland transfer. Tore ACL in '02. 6 sts LY (inj). 32 tkls, 5 tfl. 225 bench 18x's. Chris Flores (6-2 230 rFr) PS#232. Jamie Wimmer (6-4 280 So).
DE TRENT COLE SR. 6-4 250 PS#92LB. 10 sts in '02, 87 tkls, 5 sk, 7 tfl. **1st Tm CUSA** in '03, 88 tkls, 14 tfl. 7% BF, 37"VL. Adam Roberts (6-3 240 Jr) 1 st, 56 tkls, 2Y, 6 tfl.
OLB TYJUAN HAGLER SR. 6-2 222 PS#98DB. 13 sts, 79 tkls, 18 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 84 tkls, 9 tfl, 440 bench. **Jamey Murphy** (6-2 234 Sr) 49 tkls in '02. **78 tkls LY**, 385 bench.
MLB JAMAR ENZOR SR. 6-1 222 91 tkls, 4.5 sks, 10 tfl in '02. 11 sts LY. #1 w/137 tkls, **3rd Tm CUSA**. Jermaine Wilson (6-0 219 Sr) 1 st, 45 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 years.
OLB JASON RUSSELL SR. 6-2 210 2 sts in '02, 58 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts LY, 66 tkls, 5 tfl. Kevin Hazel (6-0 206 Sr) **PS#44WR**. 4 sts LY, 4 rec. Dominic Ross (6-0 197 So).
CB Tedric Harwell Sr. 5-11 188 PS#253RB. 4.47 speed. 345 bench. 845 all-purp yds 3 yrs. Brian Dodd (5-9 188 So) 4.44 spd, 2 tkls. Jonathan Jackson (5-10 198 Sr) 1 tkl.
CB DAVEN HOLLY SR. 5-11 184 **4.39 spd, 2nd Tm CUSA**. 17 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 23 tkls, 6 int, 9 pbu. John Bowie (5-11 186 So) PS#285. 2 tkls, as rFr last year.
SS DOUG MONAGHAN SR. 6-3 210 11 sts as true, 115 tkls, CUSA Frosh Team. 11 sts in '02, 88 tkls, 6 pbu. 12 sts LY, 70 tkls, 4 pbu. Anthony Williams (6-1 190 rFr) PS#261LB.
FS Tyjuan Jones Fr. 6-3 210 PS#108. JaJuan Hall (6-0 185 So) 4 tkls as true. Antoine Horton (5-10 178 So) PS#327, 4.58 speed. Jonny Zwitt (5-11 205 Jr) PS#192RB.
P CHET ERVIN JR. 6-3 186 PS#58. 66 punts in '02, 38.0 avg, net of 31.3. 63 punts in '03. 38.9 average and net of 32.7. Jordan Lear (6-7 225 rFr) PS#49.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Delbert Ferguson 6-1 223 PS#22
DB	Tyjuan Jones 6-3 210 PS#108
QB	Earnest Jackson 6-3 200 PS#83
RB	Jon Carpenter 5-11 215 PS#153
DL	Marcus Winston 6-2 225 PS#169
DB	K.L. Smith 6-0 170 PS#179
LB	Anthony Hoke 6-1 235 PS#166
OL	Khalil El-Amin 6-5 310 PS#245
RB	Bradley Glatthaar 5-11 215 PS#198
DB	DeAngelo Smith 6-0 180 PS#209
LB	Brad Bury 6-1 245 PS#210
QB	Dustin Grutza 6-3 200 PS#178
QB	Carlos Simpson 5-10 195 PS#185
RB	Butler 'Trae' Benton 6-1 210 PS#259
DB	Lamonte Nelms 6-3 210 PS#298
DL	Adam Hoppel 6-2 250 PS#376
DB	Haruki Nakamura 5-10 180 PS#384
OL	Trevor Canfield 6-5 300 PS#665

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Ohio St	G						This will be the Bearcats last year as CUSA members, as next year they will begin play in the Big East. Cincinnati is 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 home finales.
Sep. 11	Miami, Oh	A						This series began in 1893 w/OSU leading 11-2 SU (Cincy 2-0 ATS). Bearcats are 1-5 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs the Big 10 the last 5 years.
Sep. 18	at Syracuse	A						The underdog is 7-3 ATS in this "The Battle for the Victory Bell". Bearcats are 2-4 ATS vs non-conference teams at Nippert Stadium L2Y.
Sep. 25	at E Carolina	G						Cincy is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS (won SU & ATS in 2000) vs the Orangemen. Pending 9/4 the Bearcats are 11-2 ATS L/13 away vs non-conf foes.
Oct. 2	UAB	A						Cincy is 4-9 SU, but 9-4 ATS vs the Pirates the last 13 meetings. The Bearcats are 1-6 SU & ATS in CUSA road openers since 1997.
Oct. 9	at Army	A						Cincy is 5-2 SU, but 2-4 ATS vs UAB their last 7 games. The Bearcats are 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS since 2000 in CUSA home openers.
Oct. 16								The Bearcats are 3-1 SU, but 0-4 ATS vs the Black Knights since 1998. Cincinnati has won 4 of their last 5 ATS prior to a bye week.
Oct. 23	Memphis	A						The visitor has covered 6 of 8 in this series. The Bearcats are 9-2 ATS after a bye week the last 8 years.
Oct. 30	TCU	A						The home team is 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series. The cats are 10-5 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game homestand since 1989.
Nov. 6	at S Mississippi	A						The road team is 5-2 ATS & the dog is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1992. Pending earlier results, the Bearcats are 8-2 ATS as away dogs L3Y.
Nov. 13								LY's 1st ever meeting even though going to 2 OT's only totalled 41 pts & 598 yds. The Bearcats last 6 home finales have avg 60 ppg.
Nov. 20	S Florida	A						Cincinnati is 1-5 SU & ATS vs Louisville the last 6 years. The Bearcats are 6-2 ATS the last 8 in lined road finales.
Nov. 27	at Louisville	A						

MARK DANTONIO (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Cincinnati

Dantonio's records AT CINCINNATI

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

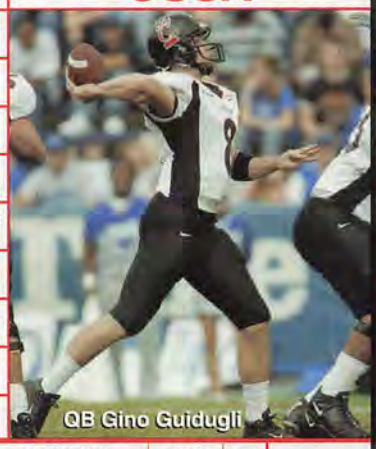
2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (25,23,3)
Lost: 13 (6,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,827

CUSA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STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	2-9	3-8	7-4	7-4	7-6	5-7	38-42
ATS	4-7	4-7	6-4	7-4	6-5	9-4	4-7	40-38
Home Fav	2-3	0-0	1-1	3-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	12-12
Home Dog	0-1	2-4	1-2	2-0	2-1	1-0	0-1	8-9
Away Fav	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-3	2-1	0-1	5-9
Away Dog	1-0	1-2	4-1	1-3	2-0	3-0	3-2	15-8
Favorite	3-6	1-1	1-1	4-1	2-4	5-4	1-4	17-21
Dog	1-1	3-6	5-3	3-3	4-1	4-0	3-3	23-17
Grass	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	14-12
Artificial	3-5	3-5	2-3	6-2	4-3	5-4	3-4	26-26
vs CUSA	1-5	2-4	2-4	4-3	4-3	6-2	2-6	21-27
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-1	19-11
Off SU Win	1-6	1-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	2-3	17-16
Off SU Loss	3-0	2-5	4-3	2-2	2-2	4-2	1-4	18-18

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Richard Hall	185	814	37	777	8	4.2
Carl Jones	82	435	25	410	1	5.0
Derrick Eddington	54	286	17	269	1	5.0
Gino Guidugli	76	341	175	166	0	2.2
George Murray	30	149	16	133	3	4.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Gino Guidugli	425	227	53.4	2704	14	10
George Murray	7	3	42.9	30	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derick Ross	29	483	16.7	1	64	
Hannibal Thomas	22	413	18.8	3	61	
George Murray	30	270	9.0	0	21	
Thaddeus Lewis	25	261	10.4	1	23	
Richard Hall	22	252	11.5	2	39	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chet Ervin	63	2451	38.9	13	32.7	4	18
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Chris Manfredini	27-29	6-7	3-3	1-1	0-0	10-11	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamar Enzor	137	2	4	6	2
Trent Cole	88	5	9	1	0
Tyjuan Hagler	84	3	6	0	0
Jamey Murphy	80	1	2	2	0
Doug Monaghan	70	0	0	4	2
Jason Russell	66	2	3	4	1
Ka'Son Love	63	1	6	1	0
Franklin Callicott	58	0	2	2	2
Andre Frazier	56	7	4	2	0
Zach Norton	54	0.5	2	2	4
Adam Roberts	40	0	1	0	0
John Feaster	32	1	3	0	0
Mike Wright	32	0	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thaddeus Lewis	23	179	7.8	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Tedric Harwell	16	268	16.8	0
Thaddeus Lewis	12	265	22.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
50	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	13-14	–
97	Humanitarian	-2'	Utah St	35-19	W
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25	L
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo	16-23	L
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	25.3	21	165	3.8	228	52.7	15.6	0	2003	4	26.6	17	144	3.7	189	50.4	12.5
8*	29.2	20	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	+1	2002	8	23.5	18	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5
4	28.0	22	135	3.4	271	58.2	14.5	+4	2001	5	24.2	20	189	4.7	199	53.2	16.1
10*	24.1	20	137	3.4	214	51.4	14.6	+12	2000	8	23.8	19	143	3.8	225	58.7	15.5
3*	25.0	23	172	4.5	252	53.0	17.0	+2	1999	3	26.3	20	177	4.4	207	53.4	14.6
6*	23.5	22	174	4.1	244	54.0	17.8	-17	1998	6	41.5	21	240	5.8	240	58.1	11.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Carolina	24	56-361	6.4	14-27	128	0	8	32-57	1.8	16-26	146	4	-1
at W Virginia	16	49-165	3.4	17-36	146	3	12	40-118	3.0	10-31	125	1	0
Temple	25	38-136	3.6	29-44	321	2	22	31-107	3.5	28-48	415	1	+1
at Miami, Oh	15	33-152	4.6	17-40	226	3	25	38-98	2.6	31-49	377	3	-1
S Mississippi	20	55-213	3.9	11-25	106	1	8	32-44	1.4	12-24	156	1	-1
at UAB	18	30-100	3.3	21-43	219	1	16	45-105	2.3	12-21	277	3	0
Army	22	56-186	3.3	17-28	159	0	13	26-6	0.2	11-27	132	3	+3
at S Florida	21	49-118	2.4	20-36	212	1	19	48-168	3.5	14-31	100	3	-3
Rhode Island	24	42-228	5.4	20-28	332	1	21	60-371	6.2	2-5	58	1	-2
at TCU	22	34-89	2.6	27-52	284	3	19	38-177	4.7	9-20	121	1	-1
at Memphis	15	34-29	0.9	18-39	272	3	18	45-167	3.7	9-28	145	1	+2
Louisville	26	42-203	4.8	20-40	336	2	21	35-315	9.0	16-27	211	0	+3
TOTALS	248	518-1980	3.8	231-438	2741	20	202	470-1733	3.7	170-337	2263	22	0
AVERAGES	20.7	43-165	3.8	19-37	228	1.7	16.8	39-144	3.7	14-28	189	1.8	0.0

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-19	41-3	W
Troy St	NL	24-31	–
Wisconsin	+27	17-12	W
at Ohio St	+33	20-34	W
at Houston	+6'	20-23	W
UAB	-6	21-24 OT	L
at S Mississippi	+17'	20-28	W
at Miami, Oh	+4	52-42	W
Louisville	+1	13-23	L
at E Carolina	+10	34-48	L
Memphis	+2	13-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Army	-14	23-17	L
Syracuse	+7'	12-10	W
at Wisconsin	+14'	25-28 OT	W
at Indiana	+5	6-42	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-24	L
Houston	-5	48-31	W
at Louisville	+6	24-38	L
Miami, Oh	-5	45-15	W
UAB	-5'	33-21	W
at Memphis	-2	13-10	W
S Mississippi	+5	27-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+8	14-19	W
at Army	-5	24-21	L
at Miami, Oh	-2'	14-21	L
Tulane	-10	46-33	W
at UAB	+7'	31-17	W
at Houston	-10'	29-28	L
Louisville	+3'	13-28	L
Connecticut	-25	45-28	L
E Carolina	+7'	26-28	W
at Memphis	+3'	36-34	W
UL Monroe	-26'	42-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-3'	36-29 OT	W
W Virginia	-4'	32-35	L
† Ohio St	+18'	19-23	W
at Temple	-4'	35-22	W
Miami, Oh	-5'	26-31	L
at Tulane	-4'	17-35	L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-23	W
Memphis	-6'	48-10	W
at Louisville	+9	24-14	W
Houston	-14'	47-14	W
at Hawaii	+3'	19-20	W
UAB	-17	31-23	L
at E Carolina	-7'	42-26	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Carolina	-8	40-3	W
at W Virginia	+7	15-13	W
Temple	-13'	30-24 3OT	L
at Miami, Oh	+7	37-42	W
S Mississippi	-7'	20-22	L
at UAB	-5'	14-31	L
Army	-27'	33-29	L
at S Florida	+3	17-24 2OT	L
Rhode Island	NL	31-24	–
at TCU	+7	10-43	L
at Memphis	+10	16-21	W
Louisville	+2'	40-43	L

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Last year in the first season of Art Briles' offense, it appeared they were in pretty good shape at QB with both of 2002's QB's, Nick Eddy (2,054 yards) and Barrick Nealy (542) returning. Both participated in the spring but Nealy transferred and Eddy had academic troubles which prevented him from following up on his promising performance in the spring game (17-21 for 325 yards and 4 TD's). It appeared the new QB would be Blade Bassler (6-4 220 Jr, PS#46) who played in one game as a QB in 2002. Kevin Kolb's (PS#51) knowledge of Briles' offense was good as he played at the same HS that Briles coached at five years ago and that was key in him winning the starting job. When the dust cleared Kolb led all the freshmen in the NCAA in completions, attempts, yards, TD's and even more importantly, wins. Ironically Kolb's first TD came on a wishbone run vs Rice and vs TCU he had 578 total yards of offense becoming just the fourth QB in NCAA history to top 400 yards passing and 100 yards rushing in a single game. His overall stats were impressive with 3,131 yards (61.1%) with a 25-6 ratio, 598 gross rush yards, and he set a CUSA record for interception % at 1.67%. Both he and last year's backup Bassler are back. Also in the mix is Art's son, Kendal Briles (PS#22) who was a DB at Texas with 10 tackles and 2 int in 2002 but opted to transfer with a shot at the QB position here. Matt Stanley (6-3 205 Jr) is also in the mix. While it will be tough for Kolb to improve very much on last year's numbers, this unit is much more experienced than it was in August 2003.

QB Kevin Kolb

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Joffrey Reynolds became the first UH RB to have four straight 100 yard games since 1977 including a huge 300 yard effort vs E Car which set a CUSA record. Reynolds also set a CUSA record for rushing yards in a single season 1,545 yards (4.9) and it was the 3rd best season ever at Houston behind Robert Newhouse (1,757 in 1971) and Paul Gibson (1,550 in 1968). While he was a big loss in 2003 the team had a rare VHT in Anthony Evans (PS#28) returning. For the first half of the season Evans, Bobby Tillman (74 yds) and FB's Jackie Battle and Matt Schirmer (6-0 240 Sr, PS#153) basically split the duties. Battle finished with 560 yards (5.5) starting four games including 124 yards in the bowl while Tillman started two and Schirmer six. Former HC Dimel called Battle "a 250 lb Emmitt Smith." Evans finally lived up to his VHT billing over the final five. He rushed for 116 vs S Miss' tough D, a career high 140 vs Army and set career highs in three consecutive weeks with 146 vs L'ville and 165 vs UAB finishing with 1,149 yards (4.9). Also in the mix are Anthony Alridge (5-10 165 rFr, PS#88), Carl Francis (5-10 245 Sr, 31 yds, 4.4) and this year's newcomers including VHT LSU transfer Ryan Gilbert (PS#39)!! The only loss is Tillman, and this group looks like the best in CUSA and is BCS conference caliber.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Cougars had to replace three of their top four receivers but had Brandon Middleton back who despite being 3rd on the team in rec with 28, led the team in rec yards with a super 24.1 ypc. Last year Middleton, who averaged over 20 ypc in his career, was 2nd in the NCAA with eight 100 yard games and finished with 1,250 yards and a super 22.7 ypc including 14 TD's. Redshirt frosh Vincent Marshall had a big spring game and ended up leading the team in rec with 60 (13.5). This year the team must replace Middleton as well as TE Jonathan Pritchett (4 sts, 17 rec, 3rd team CUSA), WR Harrison Arceneaux (3 sts, 1 rec) and WR Shang Moore (5 sts, 9 rec). I list the 2 deep below. TE Stephen Cucci (PS#56) has 9 career starts and was granted a 6th year of eligibility after missing last year with injury. QB Blade Bassler is also practicing at TE, and they have a VHT rFr in WR Bennie Swain (PS#36) who should win the starting job. Overall this group has more experience but with the loss of its most dangerous weapon, I'll call the group down a notch in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars averaged 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 19 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace four starters from the OL and learn a new system, but surprisingly the unit thrived. It was one of the largest units in the NCAA averaging 6-3 326 and they paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks in 367 pass attempts (6.6%). This year they must replace C Rex Hadnot (13 sts, 1st Tm CUSA, 3 yr st'r, #6 DC MIA), RG Bubba Evans (8 sts), RT Matt Mattox (13 sts, 2nd Tm CUSA) and backup C Jason Barganier. This year's group actually has more experience than they did heading into last season and still has good bulk with the projected starters averaging 6-3 314. They could come close to matching last year's outstanding numbers despite the loss of two all-conference players.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 with an inexperienced defensive front, Houston allowed 4.8 ypc rushing while recording just 11 sacks. They had to replace three starters in 2002 and had 3 frosh start at times but trimmed it to 3.7 ypc rushing while recording 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 19 starts, but did have 5 players back with starting experience. Once again three freshmen earned playing time including two who started ten games combined. The star was DE Joe Clay (2nd Tm CUSA) who had 7 sacks and 22 qbh in his 2nd year as a starting DE. This year the only loss is DE Farouk Adelekan (6 sts, 34 tkls, 7 tfl). Seven of the top 8 are back plus they bring in an HT JUCO in DJ Johnson (PS#47JC). This unit has far more experience and should greatly improve upon the 5.1 ypc they allowed last year.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars shifted from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 in 2003 and had to replace two LB starters due to graduation. They then lost one returning starter, Justin Davis, prior to the season and MLB Damien West (PS#35) after six starts to a knee injury. This year they must replace West (46 tkls, 8 tfl) and backup Corbin Mozisek (14 tkls) but do have 4 of the top six back including two outstanding OLB's in Lance Everson who led the team in tackles (126) and tfl (17) and VHT Bryant Brown (PS#31) who missed 2002. The Cougar's D was weak last season but the improved LB unit will help make it a tougher D in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Houston was #93 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters including an NFL DC and two backups. They then lost CB Delenell Reid (5 sts) prior to the season. Surprisingly the Cougars moved up to #76 in my pass D rankings allowing 54.7% with a 27-14 ratio. This year they must replace SS Jermain Woodward (13 sts, 99 tkls, 5 pbu) and CB Roland Cola (7 sts, 41 tkls) but everyone else returns, and they move in SLB Courtney Brooks who had 3 starts last year. This is a pretty experienced group with a couple of HT backups (Pope and Sterling) from 2003 who combined for 55 tackles and may work their way into starting time. The secondary is more experienced than the 2003 unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cougars finished #62 in my special teams rankings in 2002 with the kickers included and only had to replace their top PR last year. FG man Dustin Bell hit 12 of 14 with a long of 44 in 2002. He displayed his great leg strength by hitting a 65 yard FG in practice in December of 2002 and a 67 yarder at a kicking camp in HS and also had 43.3% TB's in '02. He hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 49 last year and returns for his senior season. P Jimmy McClary was on the preseason Ray Guy list, and averaged a career best 42.0 per punt and must be replaced. Chad McCullar did a solid job on PR's (10.1) and Ricky Wilson on KR's (26.1). Overall Houston surprisingly finished #47 in my special teams rankings including kickers due mostly to a poor net punting average of 33.7. I list the replacements at punter below but with Bell and the top returnmen back, I look for this unit to move up the rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Art Briles played here from 1974-1977 and for 12 years he was one of Texas' most successful HS head coaches at Stephenville HS. He guided the team to 4 state titles and they were 90-2-1 in a 6 year stretch. Briles is also the OC. They run a hurry-up offense and it is a very complex system in which they run the option as well as the spread at times. The DC is Ron Harris who was the DL coach at Texas Tech and is now in his 2nd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Houston had a run and shoot offense with Jack Pardee and John Jenkins at the helm. When they hired Kim Helton the administration wanted anything but the run and shoot. Helton did a great job and after having just 45 scholarship players in his second year he led the team to a CUSA Co-Championship in 1996 and the Liberty Bowl. Surprisingly after a 7-4 season with three losses to bowl squads he was given the axe. His "boring", run-oriented offense averaged 370 ypg and 23.1 ppg. Dana Dimel was brought in and they went to a more "wide open", aggressive, pass-base offense. In the first two seasons, Dimel's squads averaged just 19.2 and 17.3 ppg but they did average 26.7 ppg in his final season ('02) winning five games which was two more than his first two seasons combined. Last year the Cougars had just 3 starters back on offense and 4 on defense for new HC Art Briles but his brand-new multiple offense, which included the option confounded opponents and they averaged 34.5 ppg and 458 ypg despite using a true frosh at QB. The offense was one of just 3 teams in the NCAA to score 40+ points in 7 games. There is no offensive playbook as Briles keeps it all on film. Briles relied on youngsters with 11 freshmen and soph's among his 22 starters and the team rolled to a 5-1 startling beginning. They finished the regular season 7-5 and got to their first bowl since 1996, their CUSA Title year. The defense, as you would expect, struggled with just 4 starters back and allowed Louisville 779 yards and TCU 782. Only six IA schools have gone from zero wins to a bowl in two seasons and they accomplished that last year and landed 5 players on the all-CUSA Frosh team. This year their offense figures to be downright explosive. Kevin Kolb showed unbelievable command of the offense as a true frosh and should be improved as a soph. Kolb has weapons like IB Anthony Evans, and some solid receivers to work with. They had just one starter returning on the O-line last year so they actually have more experience with two back this season. The defense should be vastly improved as they were #100 on that side of the ball last year but have 9 all-conference caliber players on the defense in 2003. Houston lands 9 players on my 1st and 2nd Tm CUSA teams which is the second most in the league. There were five CUSA teams that finished with a winning record last year and Houston played four of them, but lost those four games by an average of 20 ppg. That concerns me as they take on four CUSA contenders on the road in conference play plus must face both Oklahoma and Miami (FL). They have the most difficult schedule in CUSA this year, and will need to pull a road upset or two to match last year's 7 win total. Despite being a much stronger team, they may find it tough to get back to a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KEVIN KOLB SO. 6-3 220 PS#51. 1st UH true to start an opener. 13 sts, 3131 pass (61.1%). 25-6 ratio, 598 rush, Kendal Briles (5-11 195 Jr) **PS#22**. Texas transfer.
IB ANTHONY EVANS JR. 5-10 215 **PS#28**. 3 sts, 1149 yds (4.9) LY. **Ryan Gilbert** (5-10 206 Jr) **PS#39**. LSU transfer. **Jackie Battle** (6-2 250 So) 4 sts, 560 yds (5.5).
WR VINCENT MARSHALL JR. 5-7 170 **4.38 speed**. #1 w/60 rec (13.5) as rFr, 147 yds rush (10.5). Donnie Avery (5-11 175 rFr) PS#144. Josh Carethers (6-2 205 So).
WR Leonard Gibson So. 6-1 205 12 sts as rFr. 25 rec (12.3) CUSA Frosh Tm. **Bennie Swain** (6-2 175 rFr) **PS#36**. Josh Hairston (5-9 165 Jr). Raphael Hearne (6-3 200 So).
WR CHAD McCULLAR JR. 5-10 170 PS#153. 9 sts in '03, 35 rec (11.5). 28 PR (10.1). Perry McDaniel (5-8 170 rFr) PS#267. Mark Hopkins (6-4 208 Sr) PS#290, 12 rec 3Y.
TE Stephen Cucci Sr. 6-4 270 PS#56. 6 sts, 16 rec (9.6) in 2000. RS in '01. 3 sts, 12 rec (14.4) in '02, inj LY. Blade Bassler (6-4 220 Jr) PS#46QB. Jacob Jones (6-1 225 So).
C Sterling Doty So. 6-1 290 Army transfer. Played for Briles in HS. John Harrell (6-1 280 So) **PS#53DL**. 16 tkls as true. Byron Alfred (6-2 280 rFr) PS#336.
RG David Douglas Jr. 6-3 335 10 games as rFr. 6 sts in '03 (1 st 5) but lost his job. Jeremy Davis (6-2 300 So) PS#461. Jeff Akeroyd (6-3 290 rFr) PS#344.
LG ROY SWAN JR. 6-2 350 PS#147. Last 5 sts at LG in '02. CUSA Frosh Team. 12 sts in '03, devastating run blocker. Dustin Dickinson (6-3 280 rFr) PS#464.
RT John McGilvray Jr. 6-5 285 PS#274. 1 game as rFr, lettered. 1 st at LT in '03. Beau Tuft (6-5 290 rFr) PS#141. James Hong (6-5 300 Jr). Chase Mock (6-1 320 So).
LT PHIL HAWKINS SR. 6-5 312 PS#475JC. 2 games here in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03. Jason Wagner (6-5 290 rFr) PS#457. Willie Thomas III (6-3 360 Sr). 1 game in 2002.
K DUSTIN BELL SR. 6-2 230 KO's in '01. Hit 12 of 14 FG's in '02, long of 44. Hit 14 of 19 FG's in '03, long of 49. 66 straight xp's. 36 TB's on 79 KO's last year.

DE JOE CLAY SR. 6-1 260 7 sts in '02, 33 tkls, 10 tfl. 13 sts in '03, **2nd Tm CUSA**. 87 tkls, 7 sks, 9 tfl, 22 qbh. Kendrick Goss (6-4 270 Sr) 2 sts, 32 tkls, 6 tfl in 2003.
DT MARQUAY LOVE SO. 6-0 300 PS#194. 5 sts as true, CUSA Frosh Tm. 36 tkls, 3 sks. Gerard Richard (6-3 300 Jr) 24 tkls, 2 sks, 1 st LY. DJ Johnson is **PS#47JUCO**.
DT KADE LANE JR. 6-2 260 12 sts as true, 28 tkls, 2 tfl, CUSA Frosh Tm. 13 sts LY, 70 tkls, 5 tfl. LC Kirkpatrick (6-2 275 So) PS#144, 2 tkls. Lance Kargl was PS#522 LY.
DE EDDIE McCRAY SO. 6-3 231 5 sts as true, 39 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. **Matthew Bentley** (6-2 280 Jr) 5 sts in '02, 7 sts LY at DT, 74 tkls, 6 sks L2Y. Travis Griffith (6-5 260 Sr) PS#247, 28 tkls, 2Y.
SLB LANCE EVERSON SR. 6-2 230 PS#242. 44 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 13 sts in '03. #1 w/126 tkls, 18 tfl. Micah Kellum (6-4 200 rFr). Andrew Reese (6-1 205 Jr). Jamie Green (6-1 236 Sr).
MLB Ashley Subingsubing Sr. 6-0 225 PS#348JUCO. 9 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Trent Allen (6-1 220 rFr) PS#168. James Fitch (6-0 220 Jr) Texas Tech trans. Austin Griffith (6-2 200 rFr).
BLB BRYANT BROWN JR. 6-2 220 **PS#31**. 18 tkls as true. RS in '02. 12 sts LY, 88 tkls, 3 sks, 9 tfl. **Wade Koehl** (6-2 215 So) 5 sts as true, 61 tkls, 4 tfl. Tristen Robertson (6-1 210 Jr) PS#189.
CB WILLIE GASTON JR. 5-10 185 PS#169. 6 sts in '03, 23 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Courtney Sterling (5-7 170 Jr) **PS#48**. 23 tkls in '03. Byron Carter (5-10 185 rFr).
CB STANFORD ROUTT SR. 6-1 190 4 sts as true, 26 tkls, 4 pbu. 2 sts in '02, 22 tkls. 9 sts LY, 28 tkls, 4 int, 8 pbu. Ricky Wilson (5-10 180 So) 4 sts as true, 34 tkls, 2 int, 23 KR (26.1).
SS Courtney Brooks Sr. 6-3 220 3 sts at SLB in '03. 31 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl. Roshawn Pope (5-10 190 Jr) PS#66WR. 21 tkls as true. 32 tkls, 1 int LY. Jonathan Fantroy (5-9 195 Jr).
FS WILL GULLEY JR. 6-4 205 PS#128WR. 3 tkls as true. 13 sts in '03. #2 w/104 tkls, 4 int, 7 pbu. Rocky Schwartz (5-11 180 rFr) PS#197QB. Marcus Ross (5-11 175 rFr).
P Justin Laird So. 6-2 195 PS#74. JJ Wyatt (5-11 210 Sr) holder on FG's, one pass attempt. 40 avg as senior in HS. **Dustin Bell** (6-2 230 Sr). Kevin Kolb could punt.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	DJ Johnson 6-3 295 PS#47JC
WR	Ivory Williams 5-10 175 PS#71
OL	Sir Vincent Rogers 6-3 270 PS#160
LB	Cody Lubojasky 6-3 200 PS#153
LB	Brendan Pahulu 6-3 214 PS#163
DB	Kenneth Fontenette 6-0 165 PS#231
LB	Rodney Rideau 6-2 210 PS#208
DL	Chris Pilot 6-1 215 PS#286
TE	Brian Boehm 6-5 220 PS#88
OL	Mark Kimmey 6-5 274 PS#412
OL	Cody Pree 6-2 280 PS#429
TE	Mark Hafner 6-3 200 PS#125
QB	Kendal Briles 5-11 195 PS#279
LB	James Fitch 6-0 220 PS#378
LB	Ryan Gilbert 5-10 206 PS#379
WR	Curtis Shaw 6-1 170 PS#396
RB	Harold Taylor 6-0 210 PS#440
DB	Sean Bailey 5-11 175 PS#476
DL	Phillip Hunt 6-3 250 PS#494
DB	Ernest Miller 6-2 190 PS#523
OL	Michael Bloesch 6-2 270 PS#582
OL	Sterling Doty 6-1 290 PS#592
OL	Jake Ebner 6-2 270 PS#596
DL	Victor Crosby 6-4 280 PS#822

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	at Rice	A					
Sep. 11	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 18	Army	G					
Sep. 23	Miami, Fl (Thur) (Reliant Stadium)	G					
Oct. 2	at Memphis	G					
Oct. 7	at S Mississippi (Thur)	A					
Oct. 16							
Oct. 23	at TCU	G					
Oct. 30	Tulane	G					
Nov. 6	E Carolina (HC)	G					
Nov. 13	at UAB	G					
Nov. 20	Louisville	G					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Entering 2004 Houston is only 6-12 SU & 4-14 ATS in CUSA HG's S/'99.
Cougars face 2 recent NCAA Champs TY in Oklahoma ('00) & Miami, Fl ('01).
Houston is 3-10 ATS in the 1st game of a 2+ game homestand since 1993.

The Cougars are 2-5 ATS in road openers the last 7.
Houston is 10-4 SU & 9-5 ATS vs Rice since 1987.

Cougars are 7-22 SU & 11-18 ATS the last 29 games as an away dog.
Houston is 4-13-2 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game road trip since 1991.

The Cougars are only 5-14 ATS in home openers since 1983.
The visitor is 5-1 ATS in this series since 1998.

As a home dog of 17+ pts the Cougars are 0-10 SU, but 6-4 ATS S/'83.
Houston is 7-3 ATS the last 10 games at home vs non-conference foes.

The visitor is 4-0 SU & ATS the last 4 in this matchup.
Pending earlier results, UH is 10-22-1 ATS off a SU loss the last 5 years.

The Cougars are 0-2 SU & ATS the last 2 being outscored 89-24!
Houston has not fared well prior to an off week going 2-9 ATS before a bye S/'97.

The Cougars are 4-14 ATS vs the Horned Frogs since 1981.
Houston is 10-4 ATS after a bye week since 1995.

The Cougars are 3-4 SU & 2-5 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1996.
The visitor is 5-2 ATS in this series the last 7.

The visitor is 4-1 SU & ATS in this series since 1998.
Houston is 4-11 SU & 5-10 ATS in November the last 4 years.

The Cougars are 4-9 ATS the last 13 road finales.
The home team is 3-1 SU & ATS in this short series.

Cougars are 9-18 ATS S/'76 in home finales but have won 2 straight years.
Houston is 5-3 ATS since 1985 vs the Cardinals.

ART BRILES (Career 7-6)

2nd Year at Houston

Briles' records AT HOUSTON

7-6	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
6-5-1	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Underdog
2-2-1	Off A SU Loss	2-0-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
	2-1-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (18,22,3)
Lost: 16 (10,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,807

CUSA

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	7-4	3-8	0-11	5-7	7-5	28-51
ATS	4-7	6-5	5-6	2-9	4-7	5-7	6-5-1	32-46-1
Home Fav	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	6-13
Home Dog	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	1-1	1-2	9-9
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	4-4-1
Away Dog	2-4	2-2	2-2	1-5	2-2	3-3	1-2	13-20
Favorite	0-2	2-3	3-3	0-3	0-2	1-3	4-1-1	10-17-1
Dog	4-5	4-2	2-3	2-6	4-5	4-4	2-4	22-29
Grass	2-5	5-3	4-6	2-6	4-6	4-6	5-3-1	26-35-1
Artificial	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-1	1-1	1-2	6-11
vs Conf	3-3	3-3	1-5	2-5	2-5	2-6	4-4	17-31
vs Non-Conf	1-4	3-2	4-1	0-4	2-2	3-1	2-1-1	15-15-1
Off SU Win	1-2	2-1	3-3	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-3	12-13
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-4	1-3	1-6	4-6	2-5	2-2-1	16-30-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Evans	236	1183	34	1149	9	4.9
Jackie Battle	102	567	7	560	9	5.5
Bobby Tillman	97	468	26	442	1	4.6
Kevin Kolb	139	598	252	346	7	2.5
Vincent Marshall	14	160	13	147	1	10.5
Matt Schirmer	34	144	4	140	2	4.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Kolb	360	220	61.1	3131	25	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Middleton	55	1250	22.7	14	74
Vincent Marshall	60	812	13.5	7	81
Chad McCullar	35	403	11.5	1	34
Leonard Gibson	25	307	12.3	2	50
Jonathan Pritchett	17	161	9.5	1	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy McClary	61	2560	42.0	0	33.7	1	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dustin Bell	56-56	7-7	2-4	5-8	0-0	14-19	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lance Everson	126	1	17	3	0
Will Gulley	104	0	1	7	4
Jermain Woodard	99	0	3	5	1
Bryant Brown	88	3	9	0	0
Joe Clay	87	7	9	2	0
Kade Lane	70	3	2	4	0
Wade Koehl	61	0	4	3	1
Damian West	46	1	8	0	0
Roland Cola	41	0	0	4	0
Eddie McCray	39	3	4	2	0
Matthew Bentley	39	3	1	0	0
Marquay Love	36	3	1	0	0
Farouk Adelekan	34	2	5	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chad McCullar	28	282	10.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ricky Wilson	23	600	26.1	1
Roshawn Pope	22	474	21.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	Sun	+2'	Oklahoma	14-40	L
85	Cotton	+7	Boston College	28-45	L
88	Aloha	-4'	Washington St	22-24	L
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse	17-30	W
03	Hawaii	+10'	Hawaii (3OT)	48-54	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
3	34.5	24	216	4.3	243	60.8	13.3	-6	2003	4	36.0	22	209	5.1	232	54.7	12.2
6	26.7	19	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	-16	2002	6	32.8	19	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3
7	17.3	19	93	3.1	249	55.3	19.8	-11	2001	5	39.3	22	211	4.8	224	59.9	11.1
6*	19.2	19	71	2.2	269	57.7	17.7	-5	2000	3	33.6	20	137	3.4	224	49.7	10.7
9*	23.1	18	210	5.0	160	55.2	16.0	+9	1999	9	19.0	18	109	2.9	210	46.8	16.8
7*	23.1	20	143	3.8	225	55.6	15.9	-7	1998	3	28.8	20	142	3.6	226	56.6	12.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Rice	22	49-194	4.0	17-23	246	0	14	46-206	4.5	6-13	36	1	+2
at Michigan	8	28-74	2.6	15-31	64	6	28	51-392	7.7	14-31	144	1	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	18	51-256	5.0	8-18	157	1	15	40-139	3.5	5-22	57	2	-4
Mississippi St	24	49-198	4.0	20-29	321	2	19	32-112	3.5	24-42	360	2	+3
at E Carolina	24	44-160	3.6	20-29	277	1	14	36-105	2.9	10-27	95	4	+1
at Tulane	34	66-256	3.9	22-39	283	3	25	21-116	5.5	25-34	264	1	+2
Memphis	19	44-160	3.6	16-28	163	3	25	45-255	5.7	14-27	232	1	-2
TCU	27	37-250	6.8	17-37	434	0	36	65-407	6.3	17-28	375	1	-2
S Mississippi	23	52-205	3.9	15-30	158	2	18	35-136	3.9	17-26	237	0	-2
at Army	31	70-260	3.7	24-28	301	2	10	28-10	0.4	11-29	198	6	-3
at Louisville	25	48-229	4.8	21-27	224	3	37	52-445	8.6	24-31	334	0	-2
UAB	29	59-375	6.4	9-14	196	0	19	45-276	6.1	9-18	153	0	+2
† Hawaii	25	54-185	3.4	19-34	332	1	30	38-114	3.0	29-47	527	6	0
TOTALS	309	651-2802	4.3	223-367	3156	24	290	534-2713	5.1	205-375	3012	25	-6
AVERAGES	23.8	50-216	4.3	17-28	243	1.8	22.3	41-209	5.1	16-29	232	1.9	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-2'	28-3	W
at Alabama	+13'	10-37	L
Louisiana-Lft	-21	45-0	W
at UAB	-7	10-29	L
Cincinnati	-6'	23-20	L
at N Carolina	+6'	20-12	W
at Louisville	+4'	33-39	L
E Carolina	+4'	3-19	L
Tulane	-13'	36-31	L
at LSU	+3	20-7	W
at Army	-4'	26-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	E	27-30 OT	L
at LSU	+13	13-28	L
Army	-16'	31-30	L
at Texas	+24	0-48	L
SMU	-10'	17-15	L
at Cincinnati	+5	31-48	L
at Memphis	+9	33-30 3OT	W
S Mississippi	+16'	3-6	W
at Tulane	+2	23-41	L
at E Carolina	+15	20-62	L
Louisville	+11	13-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-1'	14-21	L
Texas	+31	26-53	W
TCU	+7'	17-34	L
at Army	-1	14-28	L
Memphis	+7'	33-52	L
Cincinnati	+10'	28-29	W
at S Mississippi	+20'	14-58	L
at S Florida	+11	6-45	L
at Louisville	+32'	10-34	W
UAB	+15'	21-43	L
at Georgia	+31'	7-35	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	+7'	24-10	W
Tulane	-2'	13-34	L
Louisiana-Lft	-9	36-17	W
at Texas	+36	11-41	W
at TCU	+10'	17-34	L
at UAB	+3'	34-51	L
Army	-14'	56-42	L
at Memphis	+5	26-21	W
E Carolina	-1	48-54 3OT	L
at Cincinnati	+14'	14-47	L
S Florida	+13	14-32	L
Louisville	+15'	27-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-4'	48-14	W
at Michigan	+27'	3-50	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7	21-14	T
Mississippi St	+4'	42-35	W
at E Carolina	-1'	27-13	W
at Tulane	+1'	45-42	W
Memphis	-5	14-45	L
TCU	+6	55-62	L
S Mississippi	+5'	10-31	L
at Army	-10'	34-14	W
at Louisville	+11'	45-66	L
UAB	-1	56-28	W

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 1998 Shaun King set a Tulane record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL with Tampa Bay. Patrick Ramsey took his place and simply broke King's single season record with 3,410 yards (60.4%) and set 20 Tulane records in 1999. When Ramsey completed his career in 2001 he left as the #1 DC of WAS and was the starter there last season. JP Losman (PS#6) originally signed with UCLA and threw for 722 yards in 10 games in 2000. He played in just 3 games in 2001 with 487 yards passing. He won the starting job in 2002 and threw for 2,468 yards (57.4%) with a 19-10 ratio, but the team allowed 42 sacks and his WR's dropped a lot of passes. Losman looked great in the opener vs TCU last year taking many hits but staying in the pocket until the last second and guiding the team to 35 points vs an extremely tough defense. He was one of seven finalists for the Johnny Unitas Award and #1DC of BUF. For the season Losman threw for 3,077 yards (59.5%) with an outstanding 33-14 ratio while rushing for 293 yards. He will clearly be missed. The backup last year was Nick Cannon (PS#70) who played in four games and attempted 2 passes for 16 yards. In his senior year of HS he threw for 2,665 yards (64.4%) with a 28-6 ratio. Ricard Irvin (6-2 195 rFr) was PS#77 and threw for over 4,000 yards as a senior with a 36-7 ratio. Also on the roster is Chris Dawson (6-2 218 Jr). I expect Lester Ricard (PS#26) to win the job. Ricard originally signed at LSU and redshirted there in 2002 and sat out here last year. Of the three contending QB's, I think Richard has the potential to be the 4th straight Tulane QB to make it to the NFL, but overall this unit is much less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Mewelde Moore burst on the scene here as a true frosh and had some outstanding numbers in his career becoming just the 2nd player in NCAA history to top 4,000 yards rushing and 2,000 receiving. He also set the CUSA record with twenty-two 100 yard rushing games. Moore would have had his 3rd straight 1,000 yard rushing season had he not missed the final 3 games of 2003 with a broken hand. He finished with 915 yards rushing (4.9) and was still the 2nd leading receiver with 39 (10.5). Jovon Jackson (PS#262) had 168 yards rushing (4.4) as a true. In his first start (vs UAB) last year he had 183 yards rushing on 26 carries (7.0). Jackson was injured in the 2Q vs S Miss and the team was forced to go to 3rd stringer Chino Fontenette (PS#450). Jackson returned to lead the team with 85 yards in the season finale vs EC. Overall Jackson rushed for 377 (4.6) with Fontenette earning just 33 yards (3.3). FB Kris Coleman (PS#190) had 120 yards (3.4) in 5 starts. While Jackson spent last summer working on his receiving, he only had 5 grabs (3.0) and although he is a strong back, he is not as elusive as Moore. Also in the mix are Ray Boudreaux, Max Koeck (5-8 185 So), Ian Miller (6-0 240 So) and Army transfer Adam Wood (6-1 255 Jr). Moore (#4DC MIN), Fontenette and Coleman all depart. While the team only had Moore for 9 games in 2003, I do not see an NFL caliber back like him on this roster, and this unit is clearly weaker.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 a rare VHT (for here), Roydell Williams (PS#24) led the team in receiving yards with 886 as a true frosh. In 2002 they looked to be in great shape as they only had to replace their #3 WR but Williams was injured in the 3rd game (a game in which he had 10 rec) and missed the rest of the year. Last year 8 WR's returned with starting experience. The WR coach said that Chris Bush was like night and day from 2002 to 2003 and despite being suspended for the opener, he finished #4 with 33 rec (17.6). Dropped passes plagued this unit for a second straight year. Williams lived up to his billing once again with 1,006 yards receiving (15.2). The #3 WR was Tristan Smith, another VHT (PS#40) who had 37 rec (8.2). Bubba Terranova (PS#80) had 19 rec (13.3). During the spring, TE's Bobby Hoover (PS#86) and Jerome Landry were listed as co-starters. Unfortunately Hoover went down in August with an injury, so Landry became the starter and was backed by Tye Graham (6-2 238 Jr) and all three return. Landry was a WR in HS with 170 career rec, but has bulked up to 260 lbs to play here. The good news is that most everyone returns with the only losses being Nick Narcisse (12 sts, 15, 10.9) and James Dunn (2 sts, 10, 8.5). While I expect the stats to be down this year for the receivers due to the new QB, this unit is actually more talented and experienced than last year's version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Heading into 2002 Tulane had to replace four longtime starters, and one assistant coach labeled the 2002 O-line "young, inexperienced and undersized." The 16 scholarship OL's on the team consisted of 10 frosh, 2 soph, 2 juniors, just 2 seniors and only two players were over 300 lbs. The OL was overpowered early on and paved the way for just 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 42 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and did not have a senior in the offensive front. The numbers improved as the Green Wave line allowed just 27 sacks while the team averaged 3.9 ypc rushing. Naturally this year everyone returns and there are some talented true and rFr that will contend for time. Whoever wins the starting job at QB will be well protected.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulane's defensive front was inexperienced and injury plagued from 1999-2001 and twice the team allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing. In 2002 they had a senior laden group and the defense allowed just 4.4 ypc while recording 48 sacks which was actually the best in CUSA. After the Texas game, Longhorn HC Mack Brown referred to Tulane as having the most athletic defensive front Texas had faced up to that point. Last year five seniors who combined for 29 of those sacks departed, and then the unit lost DE Daniel Nevil, DT Wallace Mateen (2 sts) and DE Michael Roberts (7 sts) for the rest of the season due to injuries. The group was extremely inexperienced and had an all-frosh D-line against TCU in the 3Q. They moved LB's and even a WR to the D-line to help depth. Surprisingly Tulane "only" allowed 4.9 ypc rushing but the defense recorded just 15 sacks. This year they must replace DT Terrence Tarver (12 sts, 36 tkls, 5 tfl) and Nevil (5 sts, 27 tkls, 3 sks). I list the 2 deep below and due to last year's injuries six different players return with starting experience. They also add a solid crop of true frosh, so this should be a vastly improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Tulane had an inexperienced LB corps in 2002 and true frosh Anthony Cannon tied John Kerr of Indiana as the leading true frosh tackler in the country with 114. All 3 starters were expected to return last year but Wesley Heath (9 sts in '02) missed the season with a high ankle sprain, so basically only two starters were back. This year they must replace MLB Brandt Quick (108 tkls, 6 tfl, 9 sts), but Heath is expected back. Last year's starting SLB Brandon Spincer moved to safety in the spring, but there is always the possibility he could return here. This group looks just as experienced as last year but played a lot of underclassmen in 2003 so the group is a year older and stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 Tulane finished #11 in my pass D rankings thanks mostly to their star CB Lynaris Elpheage who was a rare VHT (PS#30) and opted to leave early for the NFL but went undrafted (signed by TBay). The other 3 starters all departed last year as well and I called for a precipitous crash in the pass D rankings last year but surprisingly they "only" fell to #65, allowing 53.8% with a respectable 19-14 ratio. This year they must replace CB Alton Widemon (PS#148) who had six starts as a true frosh but quit the team in the spring and SS Winfred Brown (5 sts, 41 tkls). Everyone else returns and I list a very experienced 2 deep below. I expect improvement in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane finished #104 in my special teams rankings in 2001. TU, aided by two players who made the NFL in K/P/KO man Seth Marler and outstanding returnman Lynaris Elpheage, they moved all the way up to #25 in 2002. Unfortunately last year those two departed and they installed freshmen as starters at both K and P. Heading into the season they had numerous candidates trying out for the KR and PR positions with nobody taking charge. True frosh PK Barrett Pepper (PS#57) only attempted 7 FG's hitting 3. He also handled the KO's and I look for marked improvement from him as a soph. P Chris Beckman was a rFr that averaged a solid 43.5 on 65 boots with an outstanding net of 38.1. The first time true frosh Fred Smith touched the ball in a college game, he simply took a KR back 100 yards vs TCU for a TD. On the season he averaged just 21.8 ypr. He was also the top PR (10.5) although James Dunn (5.4) had more returns. Basically everyone is back and despite the youth and inexperience of the 2003 squad, the Green Wave still finished a respectable #40 in my rankings which means that they have Top 25 potential.

COACHES - Chris Scelfo took over a 12-0 team that suffered massive graduation losses and the team fell to 3-8 in his first season, but he has since rebounded to become the first HC to coach Tulane in two bowl games. His OC is his brother Frank Scelfo who turned down a job at Pitt in the offseason. Their DC is Eric Schumann who had been SMU's DC from 1997 to 2001 and led the Mustang D to a #22 finish in total defense in 2001. His first unit here made tremendous strides allowing just 21.7 ppg after yielding 41.3 ppg in 2001. He now enters his 3rd season here.

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'99	5★	College POY	Nebraska (-9') Kansas St	41-15	WIN!
'99	5★	Pro POY	Carolina (+7') Green Bay	33-31	WIN!
'99	5★	Bowl POY	Washington (+10') Kansas St	20-24	WIN!
'99	5★	Playoff POY	UNDER 37' TB/Wash	14-13	WIN!
'00	5★	College POY	Wisconsin (-6') Indiana	43-22	WIN!
'00	5★	Pro POY	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32	loss
'00	5★	Bowl POY	Louisville (+2) Colorado St	17-22	loss
'00	4'★	Playoff POY	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10	WIN!
'01	5★	College POY	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17	WIN!
'01	5★	Pro POY	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14	WIN!
'01	5★	Bowl POY	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17	WIN!
'01	4'★	Playoff POY	Green Bay (-3') San Fran	25-15	WIN!
'02	5★	College POY	Washington (+6) Oregon St	41-29	WIN!
'02	5★	Pro POY	Pittsburgh (-8') Carolina	30-14	WIN!
'02	5★	Bowl POY	Arizona St (+18') Kansas St	27-34	WIN!
'02	4'★	Playoff POY	Tampa Bay (-6) San Fran	31-6	WIN!
'03	5★	College POY	Wisconsin (-1') Michigan St	56-21	WIN!
'03	5★	Pro POY	Dallas (-2) Washington	27-0	WIN!
'03	5★	Bowl POY	Arkansas (-2') Missouri	27-14	WIN!
'03	4'★	Playoff POY	Dallas (+3) Carolina	10-29	loss

17-3 85% L/5Y!

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had consecutive winning seasons here so it is no historian's surprise after their 8-5 2002 team took home the Hawaii Bowl Title that the Greenies slipped to 5-7 last year. They did have a couple of close losses in conf play losing by 3 to both TCU and Houston last year. In 2002 they were outgained in league play by 81.6 ypg but were the beneficiaries of +22 turnovers. Showing the Turnovers=Turnaround premise Tulane was once again outgained by 75.1 ypg in league play but were +5 in turnovers for the year finishing 3-5 vs CUSA foes. Tulane has 18 starters back which is the second most in the league and lose just 15 lettermen. Despite losing their star QB and RB, they should still be decent on offense. Defense is where this team will make its biggest strides. Last season 18 different players missed at least one game due to injury including 15 who started or were projected to start. The team was filled with frosh on that side and allowed 35.3 ppg and 465 ypg. The young squad showed its best in the final two games when allowing a season low 397 and 339 yards. The schedule is not easy as they face some of the league's toughest teams on the road but if a capable QB emerges, they could match or beat last year's 5 win total.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Lester Ricard So. 6-5 225 **PS#26** orig at **LSU**. RS @ LSU in 2002. Nick Cannon (6-3 215 So) PS#70. 2nd string in '03, 2 passes. Richard Irvin (6-2 195 rFr) PS#77.

RB Jovon Jackson Jr. 5-11 210 PS#262. 168 yds (4.4) as true. 2 starts, 377 yds (4.6) in '03. Ray Boudreaux (5-10 195 rFr) PS#246. Adeboye Tuyo is PS#207.

WR CHRIS BUSH SR. 6-1 205 6 sts in '02, 20 rec (12.7). 8 sts LY, 33 rec (17.6). Preston Brown (6-4 210 So) PS#86. 11 tkls LY. Carl Davis (5-11 180 Sr) 12 sts, 47 rec, 3Y.

WR ROYDELL WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 190 **PS#24**. 12 sts, 56 rec (15.8) in '01. RS. 12 sts, 1006 yds (15.2) LY. **1st Tm CUSA**. Fred Smith (5-8 175 So) PS#106. **935** ret yds. Ken Guidroz PS#90LY.

WR TRISTAN SMITH SR. 6-0 188 **PS#40**. 2 sts, 43 rec (8.7) in '02. 6 sts, 37 rec (8.2) LY. Bubba Terranova (6-3 205 Jr) PS#80. 19 rec LY. Damarcus Davis (6-0 190 So) 21 rec in '02.

TE BOBBY HOOVER JR. 6-4 255 PS#86. 3 sts as true, 15 rec (9.1). 8 sts in '02, 11 rec (8.6). RS LY. Jerome Landry (6-4 260 Jr) PS#125. 4 sts, 12 rec, 2Y. Gabe Ratcliff is PS#24.

C JOE TRAINA JR. 6-3 285 PS#241. 5 games as rFr, 12 starts in '03 (11 at C, 1 at RG). Aryan Barto (6-4 270 rFr) PS#376. **LS** Lane Macaluso (6-2 242 Sr).

RG DONALD MADLOCK JR. 6-4 295 PS#290. 10 games as true. 11 sts in '03. Joe Mitchell (6-3 298 Sr) 18 games in 3Y. 2nd string RG in '03. Percy Huff is PS#192.

LG MATT TRAINA JR. 6-3 285 PS#236. 13 sts as rFr. CUSA Frosh Tm. 12 sts at LG in '03. Mark Burgess (6-5 295 So) PS#160. Chris Bordelon (6-4 285 rFr) PS#324.

RT JIMMY KOSIENSKI SR. 6-7 290 PS#155. 12 games, 60 snaps as rFr. 13 sts in '02, 849 snaps. 10 sts at RT in '03. Derek Rogers (6-5 295 So) PS#165. 2 starts in 2003.

LT CHRIS McGEE JR. 6-4 285 PS#210. 13 sts at LT as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 12 sts LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**. Robert Hand (6-6 270 So) PS#40TE. Scott Holt (6-5 288 rFr) PS#150.

K BARRETT PEPPER SO. 5-10 185 PS#57. 10 of 16 FG in HS long of 49 and 94% of KO's into EZ. Hit 3 of 7 FG's here as true, long of 41. Michael Sager (5-9 194 So).

DE MICHAEL ROBERTS JR. 6-3 260 27 tkls, 4 tfl as true. First 7 sts (until inj), 25 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Alvin Johnson (6-3 280 So) PS#206. 2 sts, 39 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Taylor Bertin (6-2 250 So).

DT TAUREAN BROWN SO. 6-6 290 PS#153. 8 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Justin Wade (6-3 290 rFr) PS#320. Tremell Jack (6-3 280 So) PS#181. 6 tkls in 2003.

DT Bamm Mateen Jr. 6-0 300 PS#235LB. 7 sts as true, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. 1 st, 14 tkls in '02. 2 sts LY then inj'd. Michael Purcell (6-1 280 So) 4 sts, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. Frank Morton is PS#80.

DE BILLY HARRISON SO. 6-4 240 PS#83LB. 7 starts as true, CUSA Frosh Tm. 65 tkls, 8 tfl. Craig Morris (6-2 240 So) PS#164LB. 12 tkls LY. Ryan Johnson (6-5 250 Fr) is PS#47.

WLB ANTHONY CANNON JR. 6-0 232 13 sts, 114 tkls, 7 tfl in '02. 10 sts, 102 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Patrick Benford (6-0 230 So) PS#286, 1 st, 37 tkls. Gerald Brobbey (5-9 185 Sr) RB in spring.

MLB Kelvin Johnson So. 6-2 252 PS#219DL. 3 sts at MLB, 49 tkls, 6 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm. Blake Baker (5-10 220 Sr) 6 sts, 85 tkls, 5 sks, 2 years. Jimmy Coleman is PS#280.

SLB WESLEY HEATH SR. 6-0 225 PS#103DB. 67 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. **9 sts** in '02, 64 tkls, 5.5 tfl. RS LY. Antonio Mason (6-0 220 Jr) 2 sts, 20 tkls LY. Michael Cox is PS#159.

CB SEAN LUCAS JR. 5-11 200 54 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu, 2 sts as true. 12 sts LY, 102 tkls, 5 int, **3rd Tm CUSA**. Darren Sapp (6-0 198 Jr) 3 sts, 44 tkls, 2 yrs. Carlis Jackson (6-0 175 rFr).

CB BRUCE YOUMANS JR. 5-10 188 PS#116WR. 5 sts LY, 40 tkls, 7 pbu. Jeremy Foreman (6-2 175 So) PS#146. 3 sts, 10 tkls. Israel Route (5-9 175 So), 1 st, 45 tkls, 4 pbu, **CUSA Fr Tm**.

SS TRA BOGER SR. 6-1 210 PS#89QB. 10 sts, 117 tkls, 2 years. **2nd Tm CUSA** LY. 133 tkls, 3 int. **Brandon Spincer** (6-2 210 Jr) PS#99. 14 starts, 128 tkls, 2Y.

FS JOEY DAWSON SR. 6-2 195 2 starts in '02, 45 tkls, 2 pbu. 7 sts in 2003, 80 tkls, 2 pbu. Terrence Peterson (5-11 210 So) 1 tkl as rFr. Bart Grasso (6-0 185 So).

P CHRIS BECKMAN SO. 6-2 195 41.0 average as senior in HS. Ray Guy HS list. 65 punts as rFr, 43.5, super net 38.1, **2nd Tm CUSA**. Nick Beucher (6-0 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Ryan Johnson 6-5 250 PS#47
DL	Frank Morton 6-2 290 P5S#80
TE	Gabe Ratcliff 6-2 230 PS#24
OL	Michael Parenton 6-3 298 PS#97
QB	Scott Elliott 6-1 172 PS#84
OL	Percy Huff 6-4 325 PS#192
LB	Michael Cox 6-4 190 PS#159
DL	Avery Williams 6-0 295 PS#199
RB	Adeboye Tuyo 5-11 190 PS#207
WR	Joe Goosby 6-0 190 PS#171
RB	Ryan Bewley 5-11 195 PS#218
DL	Michael McCabe 6-4 250 PS#261
OL	Tom Danel 6-7 290 PS#353
LB	Jimmy Coleman 6-0 195 PS#280
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	
Sep. 4	at Mississippi St	G						The Green Wave are 1-5 SU & ATS vs Mississippi St since 1989. Tulane is 5-11 ATS in their last 16 non-conference games.
Sep. 11	Florida A&M	A						FAMU will face 6 Div IA opponents this year as next season they move up. The Rattlers finished 6-6 LY as a Div IAA Independent.
Sep. 18	Louisville	A						Tulane is 2-8 SU & 3-7 ATS vs the Cardinals since 1986. May apply: Tulane is 9-1 ATS the last 2 years after a SU win.
Sep. 25	S Mississippi	A						The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 years. Green Wave is 15-5 ATS the last 20 lined games before a bye.
Oct. 2								
Oct. 9	at E Carolina	G						TU is 4-11-1 ATS the last 16 games after a bye week. Tulane is 2-5 SU, but 5-2 ATS vs the Pirates all-time.
Oct. 16	at Memphis	G						Green Wave is 2-8 SU & 1-8-1 ATS their last 10 trips to Memphis. Pending LW: Tulane has covered 6 of their last 8 CUSA road games.
Oct. 23	UAB (HC)	A						In their 4 meetings, TU is 2-2 SU & 3-0-1 ATS vs UAB w/the avg score of 54 ppg. Last year they combined for 43 FD's & 998 yds of total offense.
Oct. 30	at Houston	G						Tulane is 5-2 ATS overall vs the Cougars. Their last 6 games have averaged 65 ppg.
Nov. 6	Navy	A						Tulane has been sunk ATS 9 out of the last 11 times by Navy. Green Wave is 11-6-1 ATS their last 18 November games.
Nov. 13	Army	A						The Wave is 4-1-1 ATS their last 6 home finales. The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 games in this series.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	at TCU	G						TU is 3-8 SU all-time vs TCU but has covered each of the last 7 meetings. The Wave is 6-1-1 ATS their last 8 regular season finales.

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tulane is 4-8 ATS in home openers the last 16 years (2 NL).
Wave is 12-3 ATS in their last 15 road openers.
Green Wave is 12-8 ATS the last 20 games on grass.

CHRIS SCELFO (Career 26-34)
6th Year at Tulane

Scelfo's records AT TULANE

26-34	Straight Up	7-5	Home Favorite
27-27-1	Vs The Spread	6-6-1	Home Underdog
13-16-1	Off A SU Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
20-15-1	Vs Conference	11-13	Away Underdog
	7-12 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,25,3)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,635

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	11-0	3-8	6-5	3-9	7-5	5-7	42-38
ATS	7-3-1	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	3-8	8-3	6-5	41-34-2
Home Fav	2-0-1	4-2	2-2	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	13-7-1
Home Dog	1-2	0-0	0-0-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-1	7-8-1
Away Fav	3-0	3-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	9-5
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	2-4	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	12-14
Favorite	5-0-1	7-4	2-2	2-3	1-1	3-1	2-1	22-12-1
Dog	2-3	0-0	2-4-1	4-2	2-7	5-2	4-4	19-22-1
Grass	1-1	2-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	5-1	2-3	17-14
Artificial	6-2-1	5-3	2-3-1	3-3	1-5	3-2	4-2	24-20-2
vs CUSA	4-1-1	3-3	2-3-1	5-2	2-5	6-2	5-3	27-19-2
vs Non-CUSA	3-2	4-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	14-15
Off SU Win	2-3-1	6-4	1-2	2-3	1-2	6-0	3-1	21-15-1
Off SU Loss	4-0	0-0	3-3-1	4-1	2-5	2-3	2-4	17-16-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mewelde Moore	185	975	60	915	5	4.9
Jovon Jackson	82	405	28	377	2	4.6
Kris Coleman	35	122	2	120	1	3.4
JP Losman	77	293	213	80	2	1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
JP Losman	422	251	59.5	3077	33	14
Nick Cannon	2	2	100.0	16	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Roydell Williams	66	1006	15.2	9	78
Chris Bush	33	581	17.6	8	87
Mewelde Moore	39	408	10.5	4	45
Tristan Smith	37	305	8.2	5	22
Bubba Terranova	19	253	13.3	3	27
Nick Narcisse	15	163	10.9	2	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Beckman	65	2829	43.5	10	38.1	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Barrett Pepper	40-43	1-2	1-2	1-3	0-0	3-7	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tra Boger	133	0	2	6	3
Brandt Quick	108	1	5	2	0
Sean Lucas	102	0	5	5	5
Anthony Cannon	102	0	2	3	0
Joey Dawson	80	0	2	2	0
Billy Harrison	65	3	5	2	1
Brandon Spincer	63	1	3	5	0
Kelvin Johnson	49	1	5	0	0
Israel Route	45	1	1	4	1
Taurean Brown	42	2	5	0	0
Winfred Brown	41	0	1	2	1
Bruce Youmans	40	0	2	7	0
Alvin Johnson	39	1	3	6	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Smith	10	105	10.5	0
James Dunn	18	97	5.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Fred Smith	38	830	21.8	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Liberty	+2'	Penn St	6-9	L
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34	L
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24	L
98	Liberty	-7	BYU	41-27	W
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	28.1	22	132	3.9	258	59.5	13.9	+5	2003	3	35.3	25	244	4.9	221	53.8	13.1
5	27.8	19	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	+22	2002	9	21.7	21	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1
6*	28.7	22	134	3.9	292	57.5	14.8	+2	2001	6	41.3	25	249	5.2	241	58.3	11.9
7*	29.9	25	129	3.6	324	56.9	15.2	-2	2000	11	31.5	22	178	4.5	256	54.0	13.8
8	25.4	23	93	2.9	327	58.6	16.6	-10	1999	3	36.3	21	244	5.1	206	60.0	12.4
10*	45.0	27	207	4.8	302	67.1	11.3	+17	1998	6	24.6	21	160	4.2	261	57.6	17.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
TCU	24	26-66	2.5	25-43	303	3	26	61-221	3.6	17-27	243	0	+1
Northwestern St	21	24-83	3.5	29-48	353	3	25	50-229	4.6	20-40	261	1	-2
Mississippi St	26	31-112	3.6	29-47	349	1	23	37-225	6.1	16-33	246	3	+3
at Army	26	35-129	3.7	26-34	350	2	29	42-142	3.4	29-48	339	3	+7
at Texas	17	36-156	4.3	13-29	186	4	26	52-302	5.8	14-24	213	1	-3
Houston	25	21-116	5.5	25-34	264	2	34	66-256	3.9	22-39	283	1	-2
at Louisville	24	42-160	3.8	16-29	243	3	20	42-288	6.9	17-28	212	0	-3
Memphis	18	45-192	4.3	12-32	105	3	25	46-288	6.3	17-31	178	0	0
at Navy	22	35-145	4.1	27-40	214	0	25	58-357	6.2	2-7	57	2	+1
at UAB	20	37-244	6.6	16-33	255	0	23	45-237	5.3	14-36	262	1	+2
at S Mississippi	21	35-104	3.0	21-36	244	1	20	50-166	3.3	11-17	231	1	0
E Carolina	17	38-82	2.2	14-20	227	5	22	43-213	5.0	13-27	126	2	+1
TOTALS	261	405-1589	3.9	253-425	3093	27	298	592-2924	4.9	192-357	2651	15	+5
AVERAGES	21.8	34-132	3.9	21-35	258	2.3	24.8	49-244	4.9	16-30	221	1.3	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-48	L
SMU	-3'	53-19	W
Army	-14	48-28	W
at Syracuse	+14'	17-47	L
at Mississippi	+12	13-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-32	L
at E Carolina	+10'	7-52	L
Memphis	E	7-49	L
at Houston	+13'	31-36	W
at Navy	+8'	21-45	L
UAB	+3	20-23 OT	T

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+19	20-49	L
at E Carolina	+21	17-37	W
at SMU	+1	29-17	W
Cincinnati	-3'	24-19	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-20'	38-37	L
S Mississippi	+14	24-56	L
at Army	-4	17-21	L
at Louisville	+14	32-35	W
Houston	-2	41-23	W
Navy	-13'	50-38	L
Memphis	+2	37-14	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+11	35-70	L
at LSU	+21'	17-48	L
E Carolina	+9'	24-51	L
UCF	+5'	29-36	L
Southern	NL	41-7	–
at Cincinnati	+10	33-46	L
TCU	+10	48-22	W
at UAB	+9	27-34	W
at Army	-1'	35-42	L
Louisville	+11	7-52	L
at Navy	-2'	42-28	W
at S Mississippi	+18	6-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Southern	NL	37-19	–
at Houston	+2'	34-13	W
at E Carolina	+8'	20-24	W
at Memphis	+7	10-38	L
Texas	+31'	0-49	L
at UL Monroe	-13'	52-9	W
Cincinnati	+4'	35-17	W
UAB	-4'	35-14	W
Navy	-16'	51-30	W
at TCU	+13'	10-17	W
Army	-19	10-14	L
S Mississippi	+6'	31-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	+6'	35-38	W
Northwestern St	NL	27-24 OT	–
Mississippi St	+3	31-28	W
at Army	-16'	50-33	W
at Texas	+29'	18-63	L
Houston	-1'	42-45	L
at Louisville	+15	28-47	L
Memphis	+4'	9-41	L
at Navy	+10	17-35	L
at UAB	+13'	38-24	W
at S Mississippi	+17'	14-28	W
E Carolina	-9	28-18	W

SOUTH FLORIDA BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to last season the Bulls basically had just two QB's in their short history with Chad Barnhardt being the first and then Marquel Blackwell taking over as a rFr in 1999. Blackwell ended up throwing for 9,108 career yards and holds 19 school records with a 30-12 record as a starter. In 2002 he threw for 2,590 yards (57.1%) with an outstanding 18-3 ratio and his shoes were very difficult to fill last year. Ronnie Banks trimmed down from 256 over the summer to 230 lbs and won the starting job. For the season Banks got in 8 starts and threw for 1,448 yards (48.7%) with an 8-8 ratio while rushing for 90 yards. Banks had 7 int in the first four games but just one in the final five that he played in. He seemed to lose confidence after the TCU game where he suffered nine sacks. He sat out Charleston Southern to rest a sore knee and Pat Julmiste (PS#213) attempted just 7 passes with WR Brian Fisher coming in as the option QB in the wishbone. Fisher played QB on-and-off during the year, mostly in running situations and attempted 23 passes for 107 yards while rushing for 163. Banks hit just 1 of 6 for 3 yards vs Cincinnati and Julmiste led the comeback in the 2H guiding the team to 24 points even though he only threw for 67 yards. He got the start the following week vs ECar and then split time with Banks against UAB. Banks injured his back vs UAB and Julmiste took all of the snaps vs Memphis hitting 8 of 17 for 167 yards and guided another upset. For the season Julmiste threw for 402 yards (44.1%) with a 3-3 ratio. The good news is that all three return plus Evan Kraky (PS#33) who missed 2003 with ankle surgery is also available. WR Cedric King was moved to QB in the spring but could move back to WR. David Mullins was moved to safety. Also in the mix is Anthony Severino (6-2 185 rFr, PS#357) and true frosh Louis Gachette (PS#153). This unit was well below average last year and is much more experienced and even has added talent. I look for solid improvement in the passing numbers, and it could be substantial if Kraky lives up to his potential.

DT Lee Roy Selmon

RUNNING BACKS - S Florida has not really had a go-to workhorse feature back the last couple of years. Five different RB's started in 2001, and in 2002 three different players earned starting assignments. Last year Clenton Crossley was the team's leading rusher prior to E Car but was injured and got in just 21 yards the last three games to finish with 441 yards (5.2). DeJuan Green (PS#58, Georgia transfer) came on down the stretch starting 8 games and finished #1 with 490 yards (4.3). Vince Brewer had 3 starts and 277 yards (4.2) after rushing for over 800 yards combined in his first three years. Brewer and Green depart as does Quinton Callum (47 yds). I list the 2 deep below and Crossley, who is a power back, will have to fend of VHT Andre Hall who rushed for over 3,000 yards the last 2 years at JUCO. It wouldn't surprise me if some of this year's true frosh signees see action immediately. Even with the loss of a talent like Green, this unit could be more productive especially if Hall qualifies and lives up to his potential.

RECEIVERS - Last season USF lost their #1 and #3 receivers from 2002 and then their #4 man, Chris Iskra, played very little and had just 2 rec. Elgin Hicks (PS#24), a Florida transfer, was one of the key returnees but never lived up to his VHT billing. He had his best season in three years but only totalled 28 rec (16.1). Huey Whittaker (11 sts, 39 rec, 13.2) led the team in receiving but was limited because of inconsistent QB play. This season both Whittaker and Hicks depart and the top WR is multiple threat Fisher (PS#198) who played WR, QB and RB. Fisher may miss some time this year after an off field incident. True frosh SJ Green got in 7 starts last year, but had just 4 rec. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and six players return with starting experience including two TE's. Not listed below are TE's Derek Carter (6-4 240 Jr), Scott Wolf (6-4 255 Jr, PS#115DL GT trans) and WR's Darren Haliburton (6-3 205 So, PS#173QB, questionable for fall due to legal trouble), JB Garris (6-2 180 rFr, PS#274QB) and Bryan Williams (6-0 180 Jr) as well as this year's true frosh. While this group comes close to last year in overall experience, I do not see any game breakers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 USF had to replace 3 starters from their OL and the inexperienced unit paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing and allowed just 19 sacks even though 2 frosh ended up starting along with 3 soph's. Naturally last year the group basically returned intact. G Shelly Houston got in one start but then was dismissed from the team. Surprisingly the numbers dropped to 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks although they did play a tougher schedule including the outstanding defensive fronts of Alabama, TCU, Louisville and S Miss. This year the only losses are Houston, Kenny Huebner (7 gms) and C Jason Lehman (2nd string). Six players return with starting experience and the unit is 3 deep in decent talent (see below). This should be a much improved offensive front in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF is known for its tough D. In 2002 they allowed just 87 rush ypg (2.3 ypc) while recording 40 sacks. Last year the defensive front lost 3 starters plus a backup who was drafted in the 4th round. As you would expect, the numbers slipped as they allowed a solid 3.0 ypc rushing but the sacks dropped to 29. This year they are in much better shape up front as basically everyone returns and they have some outstanding additions. Added to the mix this year is rFr Eric Thomas (PS#58), Antonio Searcy (PS#82JC) and Kansas transfer Keith Watts who had a sack vs Nebraska while at Kansas in 2002. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Siaosi Uhatafe (6-2 240 rFr), Jon Simmons (6-5 245 Jr), Curtis Chance (6-3 290 rFr, PS#430OL), Allen Cray (6-1 265 rFr), Tavarious Robinson (6-4 245 So, PS#346, 13 tkls as true), Jason Allen (6-2 230 Sr, 1 st in 3 yrs) and this year's true frosh. This unit is a lot more experienced and should be another formidable Bull defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last season USF had 5 of their top 6 LB's back only having to replace their #1 tackler. Devon Davis was slated to start at WLB but ended up losing the job to Stephen Nicholas. This year two starting LB's depart in SLB Courtney Davenport (11 sts, 88 tkls, 4 tfl) and their #1 tackler, MLB Maurice Jones (11 sts, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA) as well as backup LB Julian Johnson (6 tkls). Only 3 of the top 6 return but they add some talented rFr like Ronnie McCullough (PS#71), Josh Balloon (PS#78RB) and Ben Moffit (PS#120) as well as true frosh Brouce Mompremier (PS#46). I think the overall athletic talent receives an upgrade, but the unit is less experienced and may suffer some growing pains.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - USF has had some solid DB's in their short history including CB Anthony Henry who had 10 int for the Cleveland Browns in 2001. In 2002, with 6 of their top 8 players back, USF finished #69 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace 3 players who combined for 8 starts and 101 tackles and returned their star, FS JR Reed. Reed was voted 1st Tm CUSA and had 102 tackles, 7 int, 6 pbu and was #4DC of PHI. Also gone this year are SS Kevin Verpaele (11 sts, 86 tkls, 3rd Tm CUSA) and CB Ron Hemingway (9 sts, 27 tkls, 2 int). I like the 2 deep I list below. For example, CB Bruce Gipson who had 2 starts at CB last year and 6 pbu, is listed 3rd string. They have some solid rFr ready to play plus Purdue transfer Jeremy Burnett at S and converted QB David Mullins at SS. Not listed below are Sam Miller (5-11 190 rFr, PS#361) and Sidney Simpson (5-9 175 Sr, 36 tkls, 3 yrs). USF finished #25 in my pass D rankings allowing just 49.1% with a 14-13 ratio. I think this has the makings of a pretty good group but it is less experienced and missing its star.

SPECIAL TEAMS - S Florida has had excellent special teams rankings each year since joining IA. In 2001 they finished #17, were #14 in 2002 and finished an outstanding #9 in 2003. Last year's finish was surprising as they had to replace their outstanding returnman, DeAndrew Rubin (26.8 KR, 14.9 PR) as well as their P who had a net of 36.2. The new P, Brandon Baker, simply averaged 40.6 and increased the net to 37.2. They uncovered another outstanding KR in JR Reed (31.7). The top PR turned out to be Brian Fisher (9.0). Another area of strength for SF was kickoffs and Justin Geisler is back for a his fourth straight year handling those duties (team allowed 15.2 per KR). Santiago Gramatica comes from an NFL kicking family and has been rather inconsistent. He hit just 3 of 11 FG's with a long of 33 in his first year but improved to 16 of 21 with a long of 41 in 2002. Last year he slipped to 12 of 20 with a long of 45 with one miss from 50+. This year they must replace Reed who also averaged 23.7 on three PR's but have everyone else back. Leavitt has three Top 20 finishes in three years and if he can uncover another outstanding returnman, he has a shot at 4 in a row.

COACHES - Head Coach Jim Leavitt has a 51-26 record in 7 years at USF, and a 24-9 record in the last three years since joining IA ball. Because of his success, his name has popped up countless times in head coaching searches, but he's refused interviews for bigger schools to continue his building job here. OC Mike Hobbie is in his fourth year in that post. Co-DC Rick Kravitz is in his 8th year and Wally Burnham (FSU & SC) in his 4th year sharing the DC job. USF added former Duke Coach Carl Franks as their RB coach this year. He is the first USF assistant with Div IA coaching experience.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Sept 6, 1996, 75 players assembled for the 1st practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt is doing a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and the next year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat Bowling Green. In 2002 I said that USF had a great shot at yet another winning year. They responded with an outstanding 9-2 year and their only losses were to Arkansas and Oklahoma on the road. Last year they stepped up and joined CUSA. After going 4-0 vs CUSA teams in 2002, expectations were high and USF achieved a winning record in conf play their first season at 5-3. This team is now 33-4 in Raymond James Stadium (TB Bucs home stadium). The 2002 team benefitted from +21 in turnovers and last year were -1 and saw their record drop to 7-4 which is still impressive. Upon closer inspection, USF was fortunate once again to carve out a winning record in conference play. They were actually outgained by an average of 44.6 ypg in league play and won a total of 3 double OT games so their record could easily have been 2-6 in conf play and 4-7 overall had they come up short in OT. They also had good fortune in 2002 against CUSA teams going 4-0 SU but they were outFD'd by a combined 102-74 in those games. USF's offense looks stronger this year with 8 starters back and the addition of JUCO RB Andre Hall plus a veteran OL that returns all 5 players. The defensive back 7 is the question mark as 5 starters depart. I see USF's good fortune expiring this season and will call for their first losing record since 1997. Next year USF joins the Big East.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RONNIE BANKS SR. 6-3 230 8 sts, 1726 yds (49.8%) 11-9 ratio in his career. Pat Julmiste (6-2 220 So) PS#213. 2 sts, 600 ttl yds LY. Evan Kraky (6-2 205 rFr) **PS#33.**

RB Andre Hall Jr. 5-10 205 **PS#16JC. Clenton Crossley** (5-10 210 Sr) PS#209. 10 sts, 3Y, 1236 (4.7), 45 rec. Billy Henderson (5-11 190 Jr) PS#217DB. 125 ttl career yds.

WR ALLYNSON SHEFFIELD SR. 5-11 180 PS#247QB. 5 sts in '03, #4 w/26 rec (9.1). Travis Lipp (5-11 175 Jr) PS#263. 2 sts, 2 rec LY. **Cedric King** (5-11 170 Jr) PS#288. QB in spg.

WR Joe Bain Jr. 6-3 190 PS#131RB. 8 rec (17.5) LY. Marcus Edwards is PS#69. Rod Joyner (6-0 175 So) PS#158. Willie Williams (6-2 190 So) PS#199DB.

WR BRIAN FISHER SR. 5-9 180 PS#198RB. QB/WR/RB. 13 sts, 3 yrs, 55 rec (9.3), 173 yds rush, 23 pass att. CJ Lewis (5-11 175 Jr) PS#169, 4.43. Johnny Peyton is PS#87.

WR SJ Green So. 6-3 200 PS#181. 7 sts as true, 4 rec (11.2). **TE Mike Ruegger** (6-2 240 Jr) 3 sts LY. **Mark Feldman** (6-4 245 Sr) 4 sts in 2 years, 3 rec.

C ALEX HERRON SR. 6-3 280 7 sts as rFr. 11 sts in '02. 11 sts LY (6 at C, 5 at LG), **Top OL Awd.** John Miller (6-2 275 Jr) PS#238. 5 sts at C in '03. Nick Caponga (6-4 240 rFr). PS#285DL.

RG CHRIS CAROTHERS JR. 6-3 290 PS#248. 11 sts at RG as rFr. 11 sts at RG in '03. Jake Griffin (6-4 300 Fr) is PS#143. Walter Walker (6-5 285 rFr) PS#417DL.

LG FRANK DAVIS JR. 6-4 310 1 st at LG in '02. 5 sts at LG LY. Roland Clarke (6-4 300 So) PS#359. Broward Holsey (6-5 275 So). Matt Huners (6-3 290) is PS#608.

RT LEVI NEWTON SR. 6-4 305 PS#176. 2 sts at RG as true. 11 sts at RT in '02. 11 sts LY. Jerome Springfield (6-8 335 rFr) PS#335. Rashid Lavergne (6-3 310 Fr) PS#359 LY.

LT DERRICK SAROSI SR. 6-6 295 PS#355. 11 sts as rFr. 11 sts at LT in '02. 11 sts at LT LY, **3rd Tm CUSA.** Chris McBee (6-5 310 Jr) PS#326. 5 gms 2Y. Shadie Jones is PS#294.

K SANTIAGO GRAMATICA SR. 5-10 165 PS#54. 3 of 11 FG as true. 16 of 21 FG's in '02, long of 41. 12 of 20 FG in '03, long of 45. Justin Geisler (6-1 170 Sr) KO's for 3 yrs. Solid.

DE CRAIG KOBEL SR. 6-2 265 6 sts at NT in '03, 43 tkls, **6 sks,** 13 tfl. **Tim Jones** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#34TE. 3 sts at TE in '01. 27 tkls in '02. **11 sts** LY, 48 tkls, 13 tfl LY.

NT CEDRIC BATTLES SR. 6-4 285 PS#305. 1 st, 20 tkls in '01. 30 tkls in '02, 7 tfl. 4 sts LY, 25 tkls, 7 tfl. Antonio Searcy PS#82JC. In for spring. Ramon McCollough (6-2 305 So) **PS#117.**

DT LEE ROY SELMON SR. 5-11 280 2 sts as true, 31 tkls, 7 tfl. 6 sts in '00. 40 tkls. DNP (inj) '01 & '02. **3rd Tm CUSA** LY, 58 tkls, 8 tfl. Matt Groelinger (6-4 285 Sr) 2 sts, 57 tkls, 16.5 tfl, 3Y.

DE TERRENCE ROYAL JR. 6-3 255 5 sts in '02, 30 tkls, 9 tfl. 11 sts LY, 40 tkls, 14 tfl. Eric Thomas (6-3 255 rFr) **PS#58DL.** Keith Watts (6-2 290 Jr) 7 tkls, 1 sk **at Kansas** in '02.

SLB STEPHEN NICHOLAS SO. 6-3 225 PS#311, 2 tkls, 1 tfl, til RS (inj). 10 sts in '03, 45 tkls, 5.5 sks. 6 tfl, CUSA Frosh Team. Ben Moffit (6-2 230 rFr) PS#120LB.

MLB Ronnie McCullough rFr. 6-1 220 **PS#71.** Knee surg LY. **Devon Davis** (6-3 225 Jr) PS#434. 27 tkls, 6 tfl as true. 15 tkls, 1 int LY. Dorrean James (6-3 200 rFr) PS#225.

WLB Brouce Mompremier Fr. 6-1 220 **PS#46LB.** Patrick St Louis (6-1 200 So) PS#553. 8 tkls as true. **Josh Balloon** (6-0 215 rFr) **PS#78RB.** Jordan Hicks (6-4 200 rFr).

CB Kenny Robinson Sr. 5-10 190 1 st, 13 tkls as true. 1 st, 25 tkls in '02, 3 pbu. 3 sts, 43 tkls LY. **AJ Brant** (5-10 175 rFr) **PS#75.** Antonio Warren (6-1 180 Sr) PS#159. 11 tkls, 3Y.

CB D'JUAN BROWN JR. 5-11 175 PS#213. 5 sts, 44 tkls, 7 pbu in '02. 8 sts LY, 39 tkls, 9 pbu. Mike Jenkins (6-0 185 rFr) PS#92. Bruce Gipson (5-10 180 Sr) 2 sts, 29 tkls, 6 pbu LY.

SS Johnnie Jones Sr. 6-2 205 PS#164, 2 sts LY, 39 tkls, 3 sks. Gunshot wound, ? for fall. David Mullins (6-2 200 Jr) PS#274QB. 6 passes as true. Drametrice Smith (6-1 210 So).

FS Javan Camon Sr. 6-0 175 28 tkls, 2 pbu as true. 1 st, 27 tkls in '02. 18 tkls in '03. Jeremy Burnett (6-1 190 So) **PS#103.** Originally at **Purdue.** PU said "future SS here".

P BRANDON BAKER JR. 6-4 220 PS#253QB. 2 punts in '02 (29.0). 74 punts here in '03 and solid 40.6 avg with **net of 37.3!** 27 inside the 20. Brad Bielen (6-2 220 rFr) PS#74.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Brouce Mompremier 6-1 220 PS#46
RB	Andre Hall 5-10 205 PS#16JC
WR	Marcus Edwards 5-11 170 PS#69
DL	CJ Hunnicutt 6-3 220 PS#98
DL	Jariette Buie 6-4 240 PS#103
WR	Johnny Peyton 6-5 185 PS#87
DL	Antonio Searcy 6-3 290 PS#82JC
DL	Randy Jackson 6-2 260 PS#142
OL	Jake Griffin 6-4 300 PS#143
RB	Andre Copeland 5-9 190 PS#136
RB	Terrance Jones 5-10 180 PS#137
OL	Richard Clebert 6-1 275 PS#218
RB	Chad Simpson 5-9 180 PS#178
QB	Danny Verpaele 5-11 185 PS#151

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#82

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								USF's AD (ex-TB great & NFL Hall of Famer) Lee Roy Selmon was recently forced to retire due to health reasons. S Florida is 6-1 SU & 2-1 ATS in Homecoming games.
Sep. 6	Pittsburgh (Mon)	G						USF is 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS vs current Big East opponents. S Florida is 7-0 SU (1-0 ATS) outscoring teams 282-60 in home openers.
Sep. 11	Tennessee Tech	G						TTU Golden Eagles were 2-9 LY as an Ohio Valley Conference member. Tennessee Tech went 0-2 last year vs IA teams being outscored 82-27.
Sep. 18	at S Carolina	G						USF is 0-5 SU & 1-2 ATS since 1999 in their 1st away game of the season. The Bulls are 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS vs current SEC teams (avg score 36-10).
Sep. 25	at TCU	G						Last year in their 1st ever TV game, USF lost 13-10 as 2 pt HF's to TCU. The Bulls are 10-3 SU & 8-5 ATS in their last 13 vs current CUSA teams.
Oct. 2	S Mississippi	G						USF is 1-2 SU, splitting their 2 ATS gms vs S Miss & have been outscored 84-28. S Florida is 4-1 SU & 1-2 ATS the last 3 years before a bye.
Oct. 9								Bonus: The Bulls are 33-4 SU all-time at Raymond James.
Oct. 16	Army	G						The Bulls are 3-1 ATS after a bye the last 3 years. S Florida is 7-3 ATS as a home favorite since 2001.
Oct. 22	at Louisville (Fri)	A						Cardinals are 1 of 5 bowl teams from last year that USF will face. This will be only the 2nd time ever S Florida will play on National TV.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	at UAB	G						The Bulls are 10-1 SU & 6-3 ATS in the month of November last 3 years. May apply: S Florida is 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS as an away favorite.
Nov. 13	E Carolina	G						USF was outgained by 119 yds & outFD'd by 11, but still won last year. S Florida is 2-0 SU & have split the 2 games ATS vs the Pirates.
Nov. 20	at Cincinnati	A						Pending 10/22: The Bulls are 3-0 ATS on artificial turf. Cincy was 1 of 3 double OT victories for the Bulls last season.
Nov. 27	Memphis	G						S Florida is 6-1 SU & 3-0 ATS in season finales. LY USF was outgained (458-192) & outFD'd 23-8, but had a +5 TO margin to win outright in Memphis.

JIM LEAVITT (Career 51-26)

8th Year at S FLORIDA

Leavitt's records AT S FLORIDA

51-26	Straight Up	7-3	Home Favorite
17-9	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
7-0	Off A SU Loss	4-1	Away Favorite
8-6	Vs Conference	4-5	Away Underdog
		9-3	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,23,4)
Lost: 23 (13,10,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,512

CUSA

WR Brian Fisher

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (41,441)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	7-4	8-3	9-2	7-4	51-26
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-2	7-2	4-5	17-9
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	2-1	1-2	7-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-1	4-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-2	4-5
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	2-3	11-4
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	6-5
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-2	6-2	3-5	14-9
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
vs CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-1	4-4	8-6
vs Non-CUSA	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-1	4-1	0-1	9-3
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-2	2-4	9-8
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	2-0	7-0

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeJuan Green	113	532	42	490	5	4.3
Clenton Crossley	**85**	**446**	**5**	**441**	**4**	**5.2**
Vince Brewer	66	286	9	277	4	4.2
Brian Fisher	**37**	**163**	**29**	**134**	**4**	**3.6**
Pat Julmiste	**48**	**198**	**80**	**118**	**0**	**2.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ronnie Banks	**261**	**127**	**48.7**	**1448**	**8**	**8**
Pat Julmiste	**59**	**26**	**44.1**	**402**	**3**	**3**
Brian Fisher	**23**	**15**	**65.2**	**107**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Huey Whittaker	39	516	13.2	2	48
Elgin Hicks	28	451	16.1	7	67
Brian Fisher	**28**	**246**	**8.8**	**1**	**26**
Allynson Sheffield	**26**	**237**	**9.1**	**0**	**31**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Baker	**74**	**3002**	**40.6**	**12**	**37.2**	**0**	**27**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Santiago Gramatica	30-31	5-7	3-5	4-7	0-1	12-20	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Jones	116	2.5	11	4	0
JR Reed	102	0	3	6	7
Courtney Davenport	88	0	4	2	0
Kevin Verpaele	87	0.5	5	4	1
Lee Roy Selmon, Jr	**63**	**3.5**	**5**	**2**	**1**
Tim Jones	**48**	**2.5**	**11**	**4**	**0**
Stephen Nicholas	**46**	**5.5**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Kenny Robinson	**43**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Craig Kobel	**42**	**6**	**13**	**1**	**0**
Terrence Royal	**41**	**3.5**	**11**	**3**	**0**
Johnnie Jones	**40**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**1**
D'Juan Brown	**39**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Fisher	**47**	**424**	**9.0**	**0**
JR Reed	3	71	23.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JR Reed	18	570	31.7	1
Brian Fisher	**7**	**132**	**18.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	25.1	16	130	3.4	178	48.6	12.3	-1	2003	6	20.4	19	136	3.0	180	49.1	15.5
8*	30.8	19	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	+21	2002	8	18.5	19	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7
4*	35.2	21	129	4.1	273	56.5	11.4	+2	2001	4	21.0	20	115	2.9	233	54.8	16.6
8*	25.3	18	152	4.2	203	58.1	14.1	-2	2000	11	18.3	17	122	3.4	174	49.8	16.2
8	22.4	17	149	3.7	163	51.1	14.0	-3	1999	10	22.5	17	161	4.0	151	47.9	13.9
–	36.5	18	192	5.2	217	59.8	11.2	-1	1998	–	16.2	15	179	3.8	103	48.3	17.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Alabama	12	22-51	2.3	18-34	205	3	24	48-188	3.9	14-27	203	1	-2
Nicholls St	27	42-242	5.8	16-31	288	0	19	56-267	4.8	5-12	48	3	-3
at Army	19	35-145	4.1	23-42	225	2	15	28-17	0.6	21-51	159	2	+3
Louisville	21	38-119	3.1	26-48	256	3	19	42-187	4.5	20-41	272	2	-1
TCU	12	35-22	0.6	15-26	104	10	13	45-100	2.2	10-19	133	4	-1
Charleston So	13	46-250	5.4	3-11	79	1	16	39-(-52)	-1.3	19-36	186	6	+2
at S Mississippi	20	31-77	2.5	23-52	288	2	16	44-155	3.5	11-24	182	4	0
Cincinnati	19	48-168	3.5	14-31	100	3	21	49-118	2.4	20-36	212	1	+3
at E Carolina	11	39-142	3.6	10-22	101	1	22	61-216	3.5	16-34	146	4	-2
UAB	18	41-192	4.7	12-32	144	2	17	44-110	2.5	12-21	167	1	-5
at Memphis	8	47-25	0.5	8-17	167	4	23	38-187	4.9	25-51	271	1	+5
TOTALS	180	424-1433	3.4	168-346	1957	31	205	494-1493	3.0	173-352	1979	29	-1
AVERAGES	16.4	39-130	3.4	15-31	178	2.8	18.6	45-136	3.0	16-32	180	2.6	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	NL	12-41	–
SW Texas St	NL	17-10	–
at W Kentucky	NL	21-6	–
at Troy St	NL	24-41	–
S Illinois	NL	21-14	–
Liberty	NL	28-0	–
Illinois St	NL	14-13	–
N Hampshire	NL	42-41	–
at James Madison	NL	3-13	–
New Haven	NL	41-27	–
Hofstra	NL	23-42	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jacksonville St	NL	40-0	–
at Kentucky	NL	9-27	–
James Madison	NL	26-7	–
at Baylor	NL	13-28	–
Troy St	NL	20-10	–
at S Mississippi	NL	6-44	–
Liberty	NL	44-6	–
at Connecticut	NL	21-13	–
W Kentucky	NL	30-24	–
at Middle Tenn	NL	9-45	–
Austin Peay	NL	59-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	+18	17-20	W
at Pittsburgh	+22	35-26	W
at Memphis	+7'	9-17	L
N Texas	-12	28-10	W
at Utah	+14	21-52	L
Connecticut	-17'	40-21	W
S Utah	NL	42-12	–
Liberty	NL	68-37	–
Houston	-11	45-6	W
W Illinois	NL	48-17	–
Utah St	-7	34-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	NL	51-10	–
N Illinois	-7	37-6	W
at Arkansas	+13'	3-42	L
at Oklahoma	+28'	14-31	W
at N Texas	-2	24-17	W
S Mississippi	+3	16-13	W
at E Carolina	E	46-30	W
Charleston So	NL	56-6	–
Memphis	-16'	31-28	L
Bowling Green	-3	29-7	W
at Houston	-13	32-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+15	17-40	L
Nicholls St	NL	27-17	–
at Army	-19	28-0	W
Louisville	+2'	31-28 2OT	W
TCU	-2	10-13	L
Charleston So	NL	55-7	–
at S Mississippi	+2'	6-27	L
Cincinnati	-3	24-17 2OT	W
at E Carolina	-11	38-37 2OT	L
UAB	-6'	19-22	L
at Memphis	+10	21-16	W

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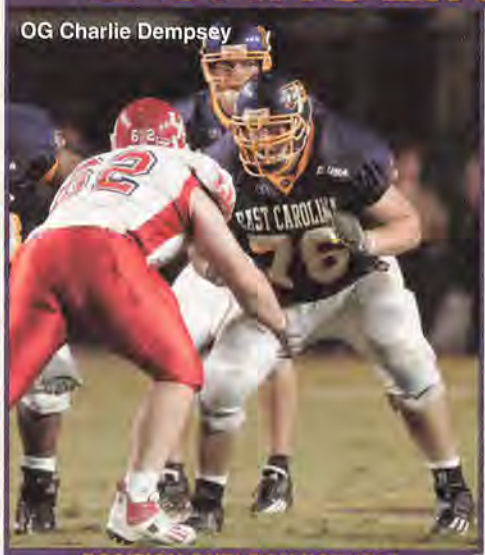

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - David Garrard had a great career here from 1998-2001 and left (#4DC JAX) as EC's all-time career passing and total offense leader which is impressive since EC has had some pretty talented QB's like Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandall in their history. Paul Troth (PS#19) started in 2002 and threw for 2,315 yards (49.3%) with a 15-20 ratio. He and his backup Desmond Robinson returned last year. Robinson (5-10 207 Sr) is an option QB who threw for 250 yards (47.8%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 79 yards in 2002. James Pinkney (PS#134) redshirted in '02. They had 7 QB's in camp in 2003 but Kort Shankweiler (PS#212) moved to TE, Pierre Parker (PS#84) moved to ROV, and Sakeen Wright (PS#40) moved to WR. Surprisingly Robinson won the starting job and proved to be a high percentage passer as he threw for 1,262 yards (66.2%). Unfortunately he began the year with a 0-9 ratio and was pulled against Houston and relieved by Troth. Troth struggled hitting just 2 of 13 and Robinson regained his starting job the next week. Pinkney got in a JV game vs Fork Union and hit 10 of 17 for 149 yards guiding the game winning TD drive. When Robinson went down in the 3Q against Memphis, surprisingly it was Pinkney that came off the bench, and he started the final three games. Pinkney threw for just 422 yards (49.4%) with a 2-2 ratio while rushing for 55 yards. Troth did play in the season finale against S Miss but had 2 int's and 2 fumbles and was sacked 4 times. He opted to transfer after the season. Robinson and Pinkney both return, but I expect Florida transfer Patrick Dosh (PS#57) to possibly capture the starting job. I looked for improved numbers out of the EC QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 EC had to replace Leonard Henry who rushed for 1,627 yards and an outstanding 7.6 ypc. Art Brown (PS#59) who had 313 yards (5.7) in 2001 took over the starting job and despite playing in just 10 games due to injury, had 1,029 yards (4.8) and was #4 in rec with 26 (7.0). Backup RB Marvin Townes (PS#48) had one start and rushed for 304 yards (4.0). They moved VHT LB Vonta Leach (PS#31) to FB at midseason and he was a solid blocker over his final two years. The team also added JUCO Kevin Fain (PS#322JC) and true frosh Robert Tillman (5-11 170, PS#141, 4.3 spd). Brown missed the 2003 spring due to injury and then was ruled out for the season so Townes was thrust into the starting role. He failed to top 70 yards in any of the first four games but would rebound with 184 yards vs Army, 107 vs S Florida and 165 vs Tulane and became the 3rd straight EC back to top 1,000 yards with 1,128 (4.4). When he was injured vs S Florida, Vonta Leach carried the ball 26 times for 112 yards. Fain played in just four games due to injury and rushed for 109 yards (4.2). Leach must be replaced this year as does TB Dominique Hatcher (1 st). The good news is that Brown and Townes both return and Thompson says he will find ways to have both in the game at the same time, giving the team great depth at RB. This is one of CUSA's better RB corps.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Pirates had to replace their top 2 WR's with the leading returnee being Terrance Copper who had 30 rec's. It became obvious early on that Copper would be, by far, the main man in this receiving corps as he had 30 rec's in the first 3 games and was leading the NCAA in that category. Copper simply set the single season record for rec's here at EC with 87 (old record was only 54) and averaged 10.3 ypc. The #2 man was former walk-on Richard Hourigan who after grabbing 19 passes in 2002 had 26 (13.4) last year. Unfortunately this year both depart as does TE Paul Kaplar (1 st). Damarcus Fox has 4.42 speed but suffered an ACL injury in the spring of 2002 which has been slow to recover, but he averaged 21.8 on 6 rec's last year. The other top returnee is Edwin Rios (10 rec, 4.8). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. TE figured to be significantly upgraded after using 2 frosh last year in Josh Coffman (PS#68) and QB transfer Kort Shankweiler. However, Shankweiler moved to FB in the spring. This year they add in JC TE Shawn Levesque. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Will Bland (5-9 182 So, PS#270QB, 5 rec), Juwon Crowell (6-2 170 rFr, PS#180), Garett Peterkin (6-0 176 Jr, PS#199), Brian Howard (6-2 166 So, PS#120, 5 sts, 9 rec), TE's Jay Sonnhalter (6-3 220 So) and Lukas Boyd (6-3 248 So). This unit actually has less experience returning and looks a notch or two weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 E Carolina's O-line basically had 4 soph starters and opened the holes for 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Four starters returned in 2002 but the unit dropped to 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and nine of the top 10 returned, but surprisingly the numbers dropped again, this time to 3.3 ypc rushing and 32 sacks allowed. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are C Doug White (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 3rd Tm CUSA), RG Brian Fox (7 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Corey Schmidt (8 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Brian Rimpf (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm CUSA in '02, #7DC of BAL) and RT Brandon Pope (5 sts, 2 yr st'r). Only one full-time starter returns and they are changing schemes so I expect the Pirate OL to continue to struggle.

DEFENSIVE LINE - E Carolina ran more of a 3-3-5 defense last year but the terminology this season seems to have them slanted towards a 4-3 which is what I list them in below. An inexperienced D-line in 2002 allowed 4.6 ypc rushing and the defense had just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 21 starts and their only returning starter was star DT Damane Duckett (PS#32). EC allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and the D had just 12 sacks. This year they lose NG Duckett (12 sts, 41 tkls, 8 tfl), DT Eric Foushee (10 sts, 30 tkls, 3 tfl), NG Derek Helms (2 sts, 2 tkls) while BAN Ike Emodi (6 sts, 38 tkls) moves to SLB. They appear to be close to last year in terms of experience, and even with losing a VHT like Duckett, last year's defensive performance was poor, so the D-line can only get better.

LINEBACKERS - The Pirates had to replace four players who combined for 31 starts last year and went through some changes on the defense. This year they are in the second year of DC Odom's schemes and are more experienced. The only losses are SLB Kent Nealy (8 sts, 64 tkls, 5 tfl), Mickey McCoy who had 11 starts at Gator and moves to ROV and WLB Dustin Bowden (3 sts, 13 tkls, 2 tfl). They move in Ike Emodi who started 6 games at BAN. I like this LB unit as there are plenty of HT's in the group, which goes 3 deep. Not even listed below are Tutu Moye (6-0 203 Sr) who had 8 starts at TE the last 2 years and 17 rec's, Patrick Dickerson (5-10 183 rFr), Chris Wasielewski (6-0 246 Sr), Chris Marrow (6-2 229 So), NC A&T transfer Michael Davidson (5-11 247 So) and true frosh Quentin Cotton (PS#146) who has good size. While the defense was poor last year, this has the makings of a quality LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Pirates finished #87 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters and two backups and then lost starting CB Reicko Jones to academics prior to the year so basically they had just one starter returning. As you would expect, EC dropped even further to #94 allowing 58.1% with a 26-7 ratio. This year the Pirates lose ROV Travis Heath (9 sts, 52 tkls, 4 pbu), CB Brandon Rainer (3 sts, 21 tkls, 2 tfl), FS Richard Moton (6 sts, 23 tkls, 2 int), but have everyone else back and move in starting Gator Kevin "Mickey" McCoy to the ROV position. They also bring in a couple of top-notch JUCO's and this should be one of the NCAA's most improved secondaries this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 EC finished #51 in my special teams rankings. They lost an excellent FG kicker in Kevin Miller (PS#25) who left as the school's all-time leading scorer. They also had to replace their punter but had their top two returnmen back. Former Coach Logan said that P Ryan Dougherty (PS#25) has the strongest leg he'd seen on a HS player in a long time. Despite never punting in a college game, he was one of 32 punters on the preseason Ray Guy List. Dougherty did not disappoint earning 1st Tm CUSA honors. He not only had a 44.5 average, but also had a tremendous net of 40.6 and is already one of the best punters in the country. He also had a completion on a fake punt which kept alive a drive for a TD. There were 5 kickers battling for the job at the beginning of the year and Cameron Broadwell won out hitting 12 of 18 FG's including 2 misses from 50+ and a long of 46. Broadwell and Dougherty return this year. PR Terrance Copper (4.6) departs. LS Howard was lost for the year against Houston but soph Mike Yartin filled in ably. The top two KR's are both back and also keep in mind that Marvin Townes averaged 25.0 on KR's in 2001. EC finished #48 in my rankings and look like a top 25 contender this year.

COACHES - John Thompson was an outstanding DC at places like Florida, Arkansas, LSU, Memphis and S Miss and took over last year as the new head man. His OC last year was Rick Stockstill but this season he brings in Noah Brindise who was a walk-on QB at Florida. Brindise had followed Steve Spurrier to the Redskins after spending the previous three seasons working with him as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Florida (1999-2001). The DC is Jerry Odom who enters his second season and was the LB coach at Florida in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

E Carolina had a steak of four straight winning seasons snapped in 2002 when they dropped to 4-8 partially due to a -10 turnover margin. They brought in a new head coach in John Thompson and I noted in the forecast last year that going from an offensive-minded head coach to a defensive one, could have the team taking a little time to get adjusted. EC had a veteran squad last year with 13 starters back, but their starting QB lost his job and EC's offense was horrible out of the gate with just 13 points in the first 3 games and just 59 in the first six. They reeled off 119 points in the next four games, but finished with a one win season, their first since 1957 (1-8). They did have a 38-37 two-OT loss to S Florida but their lone win came against Army. This appears to be a rebuilding year once again. The team will be more potent offensively despite the fact that just four starters return as they averaged just 18.1 ppg last season. The defense should be stronger after yielding 35.7 ppg but remains one of the weakest in CUSA. The Pirates will be improved in year two under John Thompson but they have a lot of ground to make up, especially in conference play where they were outgained by 87.7 ypg and outscored by 13.2 ppg, second worst marks in the conference. It looks like a third consecutive losing season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PATRICK DOSH SO. 6-2 215 **PS#57**. Florida trans. **James Pinkney** (6-3 208 So) PS#134, 422 yds pass, 3 sts. **Desmond Robinson** (5-10 207 Sr) 9 sts, 1262 (66%).
RB MARVIN TOWNES SR. 6-0 194 **PS#48**. 11 sts, 1128 yds (4.4), 23 rec (7.7) LY. **Art Brown** (5-9 207 Sr) **PS#59, 2nd Tm CUSA** in '02. 1029 yds (4.8), 26 rec. Robert Tillman PS#141.
FB Jermarcus Veal Jr. 6-0 242 PS#297LB. 1 st, 32 tkls @LB in '02. 1 st, 9 yds @FB LY. Lorenza Pickett PS#83LB 8 tkls, 1 sk, 2Y. Kort Shankweiler (6-2 235 So) PS#212QB.
WR Damarcus Fox Sr. 5-8 177 PS#129DB. ACL in '02. 2 sts LY, 6 rec (21.8). Bobby Good (6-1 171 So) PS#331. 2 sts, 8 rec as true. Bryson Bowling (6-1 173 Jr) 1 st, 2 rec.
WR Kevin Roach So. 6-4 209 PS#114. 12 games, 4 rec as rFr. Edwin Rios (5-8 169 Sr) PS#126. 4 sts, 24 rec, 3Y. Iverick Harris (6-3 215 Jr) PS#82, 2 sts, 3 rec (25.9) LY.
TE SEAN HARMON JR. 6-3 264 **PS#46DL**. Okla St, JUCO. Josh Coffman (6-6 238 So) PS#68. 3 sts, 4 rec (14.5) as true. Shawn Levesque (6-4 260 Jr) PS#492JC.
C Hunter Wood Jr. 6-3 282 PS#269. 2nd string 2Y, 10 games. Hagen Mason (6-1 308 Sr) PS#435. 11 games in '01. 2 sts at C in '02, 2 sts at G LY. Brandon Howard (6-0 255 Sr).
RG Gary Freeman Jr. 6-1 322 PS#179. 9 games as true. 2 sts at RG LY, 4 games. 2 letters. Virgil Black (6-3 326 rFr) PS#104. Drew Sutton (6-4 280 So) PS#524.
LG CHARLIE DEMPSEY SR. 6-3 300 PS#110. 12 games in '01. 12 sts at LG in '02. 12 sts last year. 3L. Trey Magee (6-4 294 Jr) PS#356. Jeff Bumgarner (6-5 297 rFr) PS#468.
RT James Myrick Jr. 6-4 271 PS#421. 7 games as rFr. 1 st at TE in '03. Thomas Wingenbach (6-5 289 So) PS#245OL. Paul Walsh (6-5 300 Fr) PS#115.
LT Eric Graham So. 6-6 307 PS#518. 3 games as rFr. Joel Renaud (6-7 325 Jr) PS#285JUCO. Matt Butler (6-4 295 rFr) PS#551OL. Richard Santos (6-6 295 Fr).
K CAMERON BROADWELL SR. 6-3 200 12 of 18 FG's in '03. Long of 46 and 2 misses from 50+. 23 of 25 xp's. Ryan Dougherty is PS#25. Robert Batista (5-10 205 rFr).

DE Shauntae Hunt Jr. 6-5 266 PS#328. 16 tkls, 3 tfl. Eric Terry (6-2 250 Jr) 1 st, 16 tkls @ BAN. Jarrett Wiggins (6-4 215 Fr) PS#175. Steve Belford (6-4 240 Fr) PS#215.
NG Dontre' Brown So. 6-1 285 PS#124. 19 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. Fred Hicks is PS#163DL. Lance Neisz (6-3 275 So). Wendell Chavis (6-2 236 rFr) PS#413.
DT GUY WHIMPER JR. 6-5 275 PS#33TE. 17 tkls, 4 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm in '02. 9 sts LY, 27 tkls, 5 tfl. Mike Horner (6-3 270 rFr) PS#181OL. Todd Springfield (6-3 285 rFr) PS#252.
BAN Richard Koonce Jr. 6-0 214 PS#387LB. 46 tkls, 5.5 tfl in '02. 3 sts in '03, 48 tkls, 1 tfl. Michael MacDonagh (6-3 240 So) Wayne St trans. Jackson Williams (6-2 226 rFr).
WLB Dashaun Stephens Jr. 5-11 232 PS#206RB. 20 yds in '02. 2 sts LY, 30 tkls, 4 tfl. Pierre Parker (6-2 200 rFr) PS#84QB. First 4 games, 8 tkls as true. Jamar Flournoy is PS#289JC.
MLB CHRIS MOORE JR. 6-1 220 7 sts in '02. CUSA Fr Tm, 72 tkls, 3.5 sks, 6 tfl. 9 sts LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 148 tkls, 13 tfl. Eric Butler (6-1 240 Sr) 7 sts, 82 tkls, 4 tfl in 2 years.
SLB JOSH CHILSOM JR. 5-10 220 PS#128. 8 sts, 74 tkls, 4 sks in '02. 5 sts in '03, 55 tkls, 1 int. **Ike Emodi** (6-4 231 Sr) PS#151TE. 6 sts at BAN last year. 38 tkls, 4 sacks.
CB ERODE JEAN SO. 5-9 177 8 sts as true, 50 tkls, 1 sk, 2 int, 9 pbu. Markeith McQueen (5-9 174 Jr) PS#388RB. 1 st, 26 tkls, 2 tfl in 2 years. Dontae Bibbs (5-9 155 Jr).
CB DONALD WHITEHEAD SR. 5-10 189 PS#173WR. 2 sts, 13 tkls, 2 pbu in '02. 9 sts LY, 20 tkls, 2 pbu. Kasey Ross (5-11 160 So) PS#170QB. 3 sts, 16 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Bernard Sintim (5-8 169 So).
ROV KEVIN 'MICKEY' McCOY JR. 6-0 180 PS#155WR. 11 sts at Gator LY. 105 tkls, 6 tfl. Kyle Chase (5-9 200 So) 2 sts LY, 21 tkls, 2 sks. Jared Brogden (5-9 170 Jr) PS#271. 14 tkls, 2Y.
FS ZACH BAKER JR. 6-1 207 PS#108JC, 4.5 spd, in for spring. Antoine Nealy (6-0 187 Jr) PS#102WR. 6 sts LY (susp) 40 tkls. Tommie Bradley (5-10 172 rFr) PS#255QB.
P RYAN DOUGHERTY SO. 6-1 211 PS#25. Strong leg. Preseason Ray Guy list as rFr! 64 punts in '03, 44.5 avg, net of 40.6, **1st Tm CUSA**. Woody Schmidt (6-3 185 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Davon Drew 6-4 215 PS#64
OL	Paul Walsh 6-5 300 PS#115
QB	Patrick Pinkney 6-1 189 PS#88
RB	Zach Baker 6-2 205 PS#108JC
TE	Sean Harmon 6-3 264 PS#121JC
LB	Quentin Cotton 6-4 220 PS#146
DL	Fred Hicks 6-1 275 PS#163
DB	Stacy Walls 5-9 170 PS#167
DL	Jarrett Wiggins 6-4 215 PS#175
LB	Tony Richardson 6-2 205 PS#178
DB	Travis Williams 5-11 175 PS#213
DL	Steve Belford 6-4 240 PS#215
OL	Joel Renaud 6-7 325 PS#285JC
S	Jamar Flournoy 6-0 220 PS#289JC

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#58

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at W Virginia	A						The Pirates are 3-5 SU & ATS at home before a bye week since 1997. The Pirates are 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS as CUSA road dog since 2002. EC is 4-9-1 ATS vs non-conference opponents (a dog 8 of the L/10).
Sep. 11	Wake Forest	G						EC has allowed 897 yds rushing (8.2 ypc) to the Mountaineers the L2Y. The Pirates are 4-8-1 ATS the last 13 vs the Big East.
Sep. 18								Pirates are 1-9 ATS in the 1st lined home game of the season. East Carolina is 3-7 ATS in the 1st of 2+ straight home games.
Sep. 25	Cincinnati	G						
Oct. 2	at Louisville	A						The Pirates are 3-13 ATS the last 16 off a bye. The home team is 11-2 ATS in the series since 1989.
Oct. 9	Tulane (HC)	G						ECU is 1-4 SU & ATS the last 5 vs the Cardinals. E Carolina is 2-8-2 ATS when an away dog on artificial turf since 1993.
Oct. 16								The Pirates are 5-2 SU but just 2-5 ATS the last 7 vs Tulane. Could apply: East Carolina is 3-6 ATS their last 9 as a home favorite.
Oct. 23	at S Mississippi	A						
Oct. 30	Army	G						East Carolina is 1-6-1 SU & ATS the last 8 in this series. The Pirates are 13-17 SU & 19-8-3 ATS (1-4 L/5) when a DD away dog.
Nov. 6	at Houston	G						E Carolina is 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS all-time vs the Cadets. Could apply: EC is 13-2 SU but 3-12 ATS when favored by over 14 pts.
Nov. 13	at S Florida	G						ECU is 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 with the Cougars. Could apply: East Carolina is only 4-12 ATS off a SU win since 2000.
Nov. 20	Memphis	G						The Pirates are 1-4 ATS the last 5 road finales. East Carolina is 18-7-2 ATS the last 27 in the 2nd of B2B road games.
Nov. 27	NC State	G						The Pirates are 9-3 ATS vs the Tigers since 1990. ECU is 10-5 SU (1-4 L/5) & 9-6 ATS the last 15 November home games.
								East Carolina is 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 home & season finales. EC is 5-2 SU & ATS vs NC winning both HG's by an avg score of 37-18.

JOHN THOMPSON (Career 1-11)
2nd Year at East Carolina

Thompson's records AT EAST CAROLINA

1-11	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
5-7	Vs The Spread	1-5	Home Underdog
5-5	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	3-2	Away Underdog
	2-2 Vs Non-Conference		

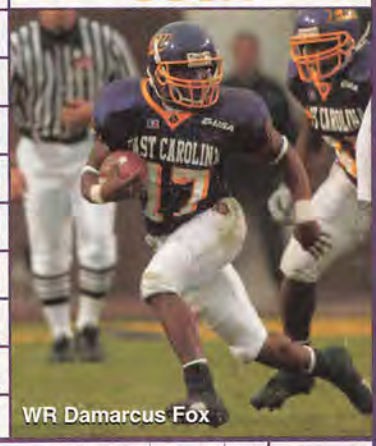
2003 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,19,5)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,012

CUSA


WR Damarcus Fox

STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	9-2	7-4	6-5	4-8	1-11	38-41
ATS	3-6-2	4-6	9-2	5-6	5-5	3-8-1	5-7	34-40-3
Home Fav	1-2	1-2	4-0	2-3	1-3	1-1	0-0	10-11
Home Dog	1-0-1	0-1	2-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-5	5-10-1
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	1-0	9-8
Away Dog	0-3-1	2-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	3-2	10-11-2
Favorite	2-3	2-3	6-1	3-5	4-4	1-3	1-0	19-19
Dog	1-3-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	2-5-1	4-7	15-21-3
Grass	2-4-1	4-5	8-2	5-5	3-3	3-7-1	4-5	29-31-2
Artificial	1-2-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-2	5-9-1
vs CUSA	3-2-1	1-5	4-2	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-5	21-26-1
vs Non-CUSA	0-4-1	3-1	5-0	2-2	1-2	0-3-1	2-2	13-14-2
Off SU Win	2-3	4-3	6-2	2-4	2-3	0-4	0-1	16-20
Off SU Loss	1-3-1	0-3	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-3-1	5-5	15-17-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marvin Townes	258	1208	80	1128	8	4.4
Vonta Leach	83	306	16	290	5	3.5
Desmond Robinson	68	243	116	127	2	1.9
Kevin Fain	26	110	1	109	0	4.2
James Pinkney	23	55	72	-17	0	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Desmond Robinson	201	133	66.2	1262	3	11
James Pinkney	87	43	49.4	422	2	2
Paul Troth	69	34	49.3	380	1	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terrance Copper	87	897	10.3	2	34
Richard Hourigan	26	348	13.4	0	47
Marvin Townes	23	176	7.7	2	28
Damarcus Fox	6	131	21.8	1	65

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Dougherty	64	2846	44.5	8	40.6	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Cameron Broadwell	23-25	4-4	5-7	3-5	0-2	12-18	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Moore	148	1	12	1	0
Mickey McCoy	105	2	4	1	0
Kent Nealy	64	0	5	0	1
Josh Chilsom	55	0	1	1	1
Travis Heath	52	0	3	4	0
Erode Jean	50	1	0	9	2
Richard Koonce	48	0	1	0	0
Damane Duckett	41	0	8	1	0
Antonie Nealy	40	0	2	3	0
Ike Emodi	38	4	1	0	0
Eric Butler	35	2	1	0	0
Dashaun Stephens	30	0	4	0	0
Eric Foushee	30	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrance Copper	27	124	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damarcus Fox	18	376	20.9	1
Robert Tillman	14	265	18.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Liberty	+7	Illinois	0-30	L
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13	W
99	Mobile Alabama	-4'	TCU	14-28	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27	W
01	Mobile	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	18.1	18	138	3.3	173	58.6	17.2	-12	2003	4	35.7	21	210	4.8	200	58.1	11.5
6	27.9	19	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	-10	2002	6	33.2	22	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4
6*	35.1	21	213	5.4	210	55.5	12.1	-9	2001	9	30.0	24	142	3.1	287	58.2	14.3
9*	30.8	20	169	4.1	225	51.2	12.8	+1	2000	6	21.3	18	137	3.3	212	54.1	16.3
6*	27.8	20	155	4.0	236	57.4	14.1	+3	1999	6	18.8	19	135	3.3	207	52.2	18.2
6	24.9	19	151	3.7	236	62.4	15.5	+10	1998	8	27.0	20	192	4.1	185	55.2	13.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Cincinnati	8	32-57	1.8	16-26	146	4	24	56-361	6.4	14-27	128	0	+1
W Virginia	23	36-102	2.8	25-38	226	0	26	48-361	7.5	11-18	194	0	-5
at Miami, Fl	14	36-103	2.9	16-24	126	2	24	37-223	6.0	17-27	226	1	-3
at Wake Forest	23	41-167	4.1	25-35	224	0	18	55-193	3.5	7-14	131	0	-4
Houston	14	36-105	2.9	10-27	95	4	24	44-160	3.6	20-29	277	1	-1
N Carolina	16	45-164	3.6	13-17	125	3	16	43-189	4.4	15-25	198	1	0
at Army	19	57-204	3.6	17-23	163	2	18	32-88	2.8	19-31	235	2	+2
Louisville	24	37-166	4.5	24-42	291	0	26	45-305	6.8	17-28	187	0	-1
at Memphis	15	39-55	1.4	16-32	168	7	28	46-225	4.9	18-33	284	0	-1
S Florida	22	61-216	3.5	16-34	146	4	11	39-142	3.6	10-22	101	1	+2
at Tulane	22	43-213	5.0	13-27	126	2	17	38-82	2.2	14-20	227	5	-1
S Mississippi	18	39-108	2.8	20-35	239	4	18	47-190	4.0	11-24	208	1	-1
TOTALS	218	502-1660	3.3	211-360	2075	32	250	530-2519	4.8	173-298	2396	12	-12
AVERAGES	18.2	42-138	3.3	18-30	173	2.7	20.8	44-210	4.8	14-25	200	1.0	-1.0

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Virginia	+6	30-23	W
Duke	-4	27-9	W
at S Carolina	+1	21-3	W
† Miami, Fl	+11	27-23	W
at Army	-11'	33-14	W
S Mississippi	+2	22-39	L
Tulane	-10'	52-7	W
at Houston	-4'	19-3	W
at UAB	-13	17-36	L
Cincinnati	-10	48-34	W
NC State	-8	23-6	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-11	38-0	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	28-45	L
Tulane	-21	37-17	L
Syracuse	-5	34-17	W
at Memphis	-6'	10-17	L
Army	-25	42-21	L
at Louisville	+1	28-25	W
UAB	-14	13-16	L
Houston	-15	62-20	W
at W Virginia	-3	24-42	L
at S Mississippi	+6	14-9	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-16	19-21	L
at Tulane	-9'	51-24	W
William & Mary	NL	38-23	–
at Syracuse	+7	30-44	L
at N Carolina	+6	21-24	W
at Army	-13'	49-26	W
Memphis	-10	32-11	W
at TCU	-6'	37-30	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	28-26	L
Louisville	-1	34-39	L
S Mississippi	-1'	21-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-14'	16-23	L
at Wake Forest	+5	22-27	T
Tulane	-8'	24-20	L
at W Virginia	+7'	17-37	L
Army	-20	59-24	W
S Florida	E	30-46	L
at Louisville	+14'	20-44	L
at Houston	+1	54-48 3OT	W
at UAB	-3'	29-36	L
TCU	+8'	31-28	W
at S Mississippi	+9'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	+7'	26-42	L

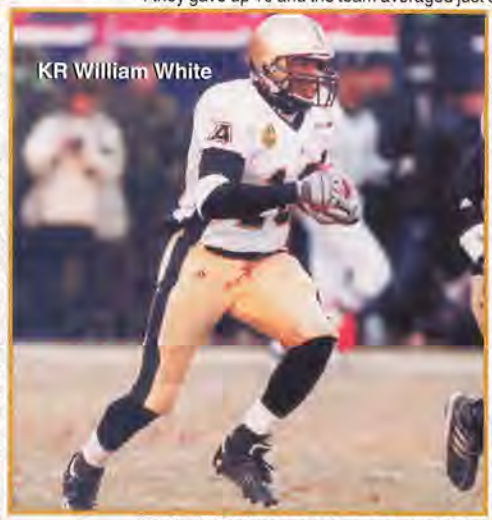
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+8	3-40	L
W Virginia	+9'	7-48	L
at Miami, Fl	+41	3-38	W
at Wake Forest	+19'	16-34	W
Houston	+1'	13-27	L
N Carolina	+7'	17-28	L
at Army	-5'	38-32	W
Louisville	+15'	20-36	L
at Memphis	+17'	24-41	W
S Florida	+11	37-38 2OT	W
at Tulane	+9	18-28	L
S Mississippi	+14'	21-38	L

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Under Todd Berry the team went through a drastic change going from the wishbone to a passing attack. In 2002 six different players saw action at QB. Reggie Nevels was the only experienced QB with 10 games of experience in 2001 and 100 yards rushing and 74 yards passing. He started six games in 2002 and threw for 617 yards (52%) with a 4-5 ratio while rushing for 258. Zac Dahman had four starts as a true frosh throwing for 1039 yards (48.4%) with a 5-9 ratio. Matt Silva (6-1 208 Sr) had two starts and threw for 402 yards (40%) with a 1-7 ratio. Laron Bybee (6-1 206 Jr, PS#297) had 8 passes and 7 yards rushing as a true frosh and Connor Crehan (5-11 204 Jr) had one pass attempt as a true frosh. Nevels quit the team prior to the 2003 spring practice but returned two months later and started August at the bottom of the depth chart. However, he worked his way up and began the season as the starter. He got in two starts throwing for 149 yards (37.9%) with a 1-0 ratio while also rushing for 41. Dahman is more of a pure passing QB and started 11 games throwing for 2,234 yards (52.8%) with an 11-19 ratio with three 300+ yard passing games, the most of any QB in Army history. Silva threw for 303 yards (52.8%) with a 1-6 ratio and Bybee got in five pass attempts for 8 yards. Bybee and Nevels are the better option QB's which the offense will feature more of this season and that could move them to the forefront of the race. Also in the mix is Ricky Lay (6-4 203 So, PS#84), Andrew Locke (5-11 188 So, PS#267QB) and Chase Laws (6-1 194 So, PS#322). Added to the mix in the fall will be true frosh David Pevoto (PS#256) and Connor Wise (PS#211). This unit has even more experience than it did heading into last year and should improve upon the 13-25 ratio and 51.8% completions.



RUNNING BACKS - Carlton Jones started 7 of the last 8 games as a true frosh in 2002 and was the first frosh RB to start here since 1992 (Akili King). Jones led the team in rushing with 611 yards but only averaged 3.8 ypc. Last year they had to replace their #2 rusher with their #3 rusher being QB Nevels and #4 was Marcellus Chapman with 124 yards (3.4). Jones led the team in rushing again last year with 632 yards but only averaged 3.3 in Army's pass-based offense. Seth Gulsby, who moved over from defense rushed for 119 yards (2.8) and Tielor Robinson (5-11 220 So, PS#243) had 91 yards (3.1). Recardo Evans (5-7 190 Jr) had 75 yards (2.6). Naturally with the team going to a more option offense, there should be a tremendous increase in the rushing numbers. All of the top backs return as does La'Berrick Williams (5-10 194 Sr) who had 28 yards rushing and one start in 2002. This year's freshmen and some of last year's WR's could also contribute. I look for significant improvement in Army's rushing numbers in 2004.

RECEIVERS - For a military academy Army did have a surprisingly solid receiving corps last year with a couple of 6-6 starters in Aaron Alexander (64 rec, 13.5, 3rd Tm CUSA) and Clint Woody (10 sts, 24 rec, 12.3) as well as a speedster in William White who participates on Army's track team and had 40 rec's (10.8). Alexander set the school record for receptions in a season breaking the old mark Joe Albano set in 1970 (54). White got in just 8 starts due to injury. This year they must replace Woody but basically everyone else returns including some solid TE's that I list below. Walter Hill (PS#237) emerged as a true frosh with 18 rec's (8.6) and not listed below are WR's Scott Wesley (5-11 191 Jr), Blaine Cooper (6-0 192 Jr, 3 sts, 7 rec 2Y), Elliott Grant (6-0 178 So), Sean Navin (5-10 188 So), Rogers Thweatt (5-8 178 So), Mike Castelli (6-1 178 So) and TE's Corey Sherk (6-6 230 Sr, PS#156QB), Jared Ulekowski (6-3 235 Jr) and Chase McCoy (6-4 254 So, PS#104). This group is even more experienced and has solid talent, but will see its production drop with the new offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Army had an experienced O-line in 2002 and over the first 8 games allowed just 8 sacks but over the last 4 they gave up 10 and the team averaged just 3.4 ypc rushing. Last year they had some substantial losses having to replace 4.5 starters. LT Joel Glover who started the final 5 games was the most experienced returnee. They lost starting RG Jake Holly to injury after two games and C David Evetts missed the final two with injury. As you would expect, the unit struggled as they paved the way for just 2.0 ypc rushing and allowed 35 sacks. This unit is in far better shape in 2004 with the only losses being 2nd string OT Brad Waudby and C Peter Stewart. Not only do 8 players return with starting experience including all 5 full-time starters, but with the move to a more option oriented offense, the sack total will clearly decrease while the ypc could show the biggest improvement in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Army allowed 4.4 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 25 starts and 128 tackles, but five players did return with starting experience. DE Odene Brathwaite (8 sts, 53 tkls, 3.5 sks) missed 3 games due to injury and the numbers were about the same as 2002 as they yielded 4.5 ypc rushing while notching 17 sacks. This year they are in much better shape. They only lose 1 starter in DE Keenan Beasley (11 sts, 34 tkls) and productive backup Mike Clark (1 st, 57 tkls). Not listed below are Phillip Edmondson (6-4 250 Jr, PS#131TE), Peter Harrington (6-5 238 So) and Donnie Bowen (6-3 206 Jr, PS#146TE). This unit should be much tougher up front in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Black Knights had 2 starters returning last year plus injured starter Greg Washington returned after missing the second half of the 2002 season with an injury so they were very experienced. This year they lose two very productive players in #1 tackler Ryan Kent (13 sts, 146 tkls, 9 tfl) and #3 tackler Brian Hill (12 sts, 125 tkls, 3.5 tfl) as well as backup Tom Farrington (1 st, 28 tkls). Three players do return with starting experience and they bring in near VHT Bo Olsen (PS#89) who may contribute immediately as a true frosh. Mikel Resnick had 8 starts at OLB in 2002 and 77 tackles last year and is very experienced. This has the makings of a decent LB corps but with the loss of two quality players I'll call it down a notch in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 Army did not have a DB with better than 4.8 speed but in 2002 every single DB was timed at 4.65 or lower. In 2002 the unit had to replace 3 starters and finished #112 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter but lost projected starting FS Lucius Weaver to suspension prior to the season and starting CB Jonathan Lewis lost his job to Ray Stith for the final 8 games. Army finished #108 in my pass D rankings allowing 65.2% with a 21-12 ratio. The good news this year is that everyone returns from the 3 deep and Weaver is back. Not even listed below are Bryan Vavruska (6-1 195 So, PS#435), Lee Crain (6-0 197 So), Chris Grevious (5-11 175 So, PS#412), Julius Myers (6-1 218 So), Luke Pell (6-0 207 So, PS#671), Cannon Woods (6-0 207 Jr) and Tray Garner (5-9 180 So). I look for Army to have, by far its best finish in my pass D rankings in the last few years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cadets finished #115 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace their punter, kicker and Mosi Tatupu finalist PR Aris Comeaux who became the first player at Army to score two TD's on PR's in a season since Glenn Davis in 1944. Alex Bradford took over the punting duties and while the team averaged just 36.6 it had a net of 32.0 bettering the previous year's horrible 27.7 net. Kicker Anthony Zurisko did not see a lot of action but hit 6 of 8 FG's with a long of 42. Zurisko departs but Joe Riley, who hit 4 of 5 FG's with a long of 34 in 2002 is back, and I list the other kicking candidates below. William White (3rd TM CUSA) has blazing speed and averaged 23.8 on KR's while Ray Stith did a solid job on PR's (9.5) and both are back. Overall Army finished #91 and should continue to move up this year.

COACHES - Army takes a huge step forward this year by bringing in Bobby Ross, who even though is 67 years old and hasn't coached since 2000, is still one of the top names in the game. He always got the most out of his college programs including a Georgia Tech team that went 11-0-1 and shared the National Title. He is 94-76-2 with prior college stops at The Citadel ('73-'77), Maryland ('82-'86) and Georgia Tech ('87-'91) and 77-68 in the NFL with the Chargers ('92-'96) and Lions ('97-2000). After Berry was fired last year John Mumford did a fine job down the stretch as interim head coach and he has been retained as the DL coach and DC. Ross' OC is his son Kevin Ross who has been the Virginia RB coach for the last 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the most dominant teams in college ball winning three National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a top 20 team since 1972. They set a school record for losses in 2002 dropping 11 games and broke the record again last year with an 0-13 year, the first ever IA team to suffer that record. The 15 straight losses that Army currently has is a school record and is the longest streak in the NCAA. They let Todd Berry go after an 0-6 start and John Mumford was named interim head coach. In Mumford's first game they led Cincinnati 29-26 in the 4Q. They also only lost to EC by 6 but were basically noncompetitive in the rest of their games. Several things have me pointing for a Cadet turnaround this year. Last season they lost 24 lettermen and this year just 13 depart along with the fact they have the most starters returning of any service academy that I can recall in recent history with 18. Army was also -20 in turnovers last year (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 312), so better things should be in the offing. I feel that to win at a service academy, you have to run the option offense and Army is returning to the run-based attack which should help them decrease the amount of turnovers. Ross steps into a great situation as expectations are extremely low and Berry had his team pointed towards success in 2004 with this year's large senior class (only 11 seniors last year). Army has a lot of ground to make up as on the season they were outscored by an average of 20.8 ppg and outgained by an average of 193.4 ypg. This is Army's last season in CUSA where they are just 7-35 and the schedule is not easy, although they do avoid both S Miss and Memphis. The most winnable conference games are on the road. Ross will have Army a lot more competitive than they have been in recent years and while it's tough to call for a specific win as the schedule is not easy, I think they will break their losing streak and be surprisingly competitive.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ZAC DAHMAN JR. 6-0 172 PS#56. 15 sts, 2Y, 3273 yds (51.5%), 16-29 ratio, 111 rush. **Reggie Nevels** (6-0 198 Sr) PS#105DB, 399 rush, 840 pass, 8 starts in 3Y.

RB CARLTON JONES JR. 5-9 195 7 sts as true #1 w/611 yds (3.8). 11 sts LY, #1 w/632 (3.3). Seth Gulsby (6-2 202 Jr) 1 st, 223 ttl yds. Recardo Evans (5-7 190 Jr) PS#264.

FB Tielor Robinson So. 5-11 220 PS#243. 1 st as true, 141 ttl yds, 13 games. DJ Blackledge (6-0 202 Sr) PS#668. Jacob Miraldi (5-11 234 So). LaBerrick Williams had 28 yds in '02.

WR AARON ALEXANDER SR. 6-6 199 11 sts, 26 rec (17.5) in '02. 13 sts, **3rd Tm CUSA**. 64 rec (13.5) LY. Jacob Murphy (6-2 207 Jr) 4 sts, 19 rec (17.3) 2Y. Bruce Brown (5-10 175 Jr).

WR WILLIAM WHITE SR. 5-10 192 **Track Tm, 3rd Tm CUSA**. 16 sts, 70 rec (11.7) 2Y. Lamar Mason (5-6 160 Sr) 6 sts, 33 rec, 2Y. Walter Hill (5-11 187 So) PS#237, 18 rec as true.

TE DOUG HORAIST SR. 6-3 238 8 sts in '03, 13 rec (8.3). **Tim Dunn** (6-4 243 So) PS#71. Christian Montagliani (6-4 240 Sr) 6 sts, 8 rec (7.1) last year.

C DAVID EVETTS SR. 6-1 275 11 sts at C in '03. Justin Troy (6-2 285 Sr) PS#508. 11 games in '02. Last 2 sts at C LY. **LS** Brent McCorkle (6-0 219 Sr).

RG PETE BIER JR. 6-4 289 PS#257. 11 sts at RG in '03. Jake Holly (6-2 286 Sr) 12 games in '02. First 2 sts LY, inj'd. Greg Arrowsmith (6-1 265 So) PS#267.

LG ANDY DYTRYCH SR. 6-2 281 4 games in '02. 12 sts at LG in '03. Adam Wojcik (6-3 282 Sr) 2 sts at RT in '02. 1 st at LG LY. Scott Harris (6-4 275 So).

RT SETH NIEMAN SR. 6-5 292 PS#539. 13 sts at RT in '03. Miles Murray (6-2 260 So) PS#366. Nathan Collier (6-6 294 So) PS#567. Jonathan Connon (6-6 313 So).

LT JOEL GLOVER SR. 6-5 283 PS#243. Last 5 sts at LT in '02. 13 sts at LT in '03. Regan Tatford (6-4 285 Sr) 24 games in 2Y. Zac Maodus (6-3 275 So) PS#405.

K Joe Riley Jr. 5-10 210 4 of 5 FG's in 02, long of 34. 6 of 7 xp's, last 4 games as true. Inj'd LY. Austin Miller (6-2 197 So), Robert Stoegbauer (6-1 188 So) PS#117.

DE WILL SULLIVAN SR. 6-3 255 5 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 3.5 sks. 13 sts in '03, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 10 tfl. Cameron Craig (6-3 236 So) 16 tkls as true. Alex Clamon (6-3 237 So).

DT TREY LANDRY SR. 6-2 281 PS#352. 4 sts in '02, 16 tkls. 11 sts last year, 19 tackles. Seth Lotts (6-2 244 Jr) 21 tackles, 1 tfl. Travis Prikryl (6-3 248 So, PS#389).

DT Dan Evans Jr. 6-2 275 PS#860. Former OL. #1 DT in spg. Doug Meyer (6-4 250 Jr). 4 career tackles. Wes Stewart (6-3 273 So). Karl Davis (6-1 220 Sr) 1 start, 7 tkls.

DE ODENE BRATHWAITE SR. 6-4 269 11 sts in '02, 28 tkls, 2 sks. 8 sts LY, (inj). 53 tkls, 3.5 sks. Tommy Ryan (6-2 266 Jr) PS#462. 19 tkls, 3 tfl. Ryan Johnson (6-1 226 Sr) 4 sts, 31 tkls, 1 tfl.

OLB Mikel Resnick Sr. 6-0 215 12 tkls as true. **8 sts** in '02, 56 tkls, 1.5 sks. 3 sts LY, 77 tkls, 2 tfl. Barrett Scruggs (6-0 206 So) 2 tkls. Randy Chasten (6-2 201 So) 3 tkls.

MLB Matt Maimone Sr. 6-2 220 10 games in '02. 1 st, 37 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int LY. David Clamon (6-2 236 Jr) 4 games LY. **Bo Olsen is PS#89!** Felice Terrigno (6-0 207 So).

OLB GREG WASHINGTON SR. 6-0 218 PS#464. 5 sts in '02, 6 tfl, 50 tkls. 11 sts LY, 129 tkls, 2.5 sks, 3 int, 6 pbu. Kurt Wasilewski (6-0 227 So) PS#267QB. Cason Shrode (6-2 229 So).

CB DELENTE BREWER SR. 5-11 186 11 tkls as true. 11 sts in '02, 55 tkls, 2 int. 13 sts LY, 58 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu. Sean Grevious (5-10 170 So) PS#416. Dusty Eggleston (5-10 179 So).

CB RAY STITH JR. 5-10 173 8 sts, 42 tkls, 4 pbu. Jonathan Lewis (5-10 195 Sr). **11 sts** in '02, 45 tkls, 4 pbu. 5 sts LY, 35 tkls, 1 pbu. Robert Stovall (5-11 171 So) PS#412.

SS CURT DANIELS SR. 5-11 197 11 tkls in '02. 13 sts LY, 67 tkls, 2 tfl. Taylor Justice (5-11 195 Jr) 32 tkls, 2 yrs. Missed spg, knee inj. Chuck Wilke (6-0 189 Jr) 54 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

FS DHYAN TARVER JR. 6-1 181 Last 9 sts, 97 tkls, 2 pbu. Rob Davis (5-11 182 Jr). 4 sts, 69 tkls, 3 pbu. **Lucius Weaver** (6-3 231 Sr) 6 sts in 2002, 71 tkls, 4 pbu. Suspended LY.

P ALEX BRADFORD SR. 6-0 189 Took over punting duties LY and had 76 punts with 38.1 avg & net of 32.0. Tom Dyrenforth (5-9 187 Jr) 5 punts (32.2) last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Bo Olsen 6-2 230 PS#89
WR	Michael Wright 6-3 190 PS#163
QB	Connor Wise 6-5 200 PS#211
QB	David Pevoto 6-3 225 PS#256
DL	John Stellman 6-6 280 PS#598
DL	Jamie Goleski 6-3 225 PS#827
QB	Pat McDonald 6-1 190 PS#483

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

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Weather (845) 343-0551

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Army is 0-13 SU & 2-9-1 ATS their last 13 home games. Black Knights are just 1-13 ATS their last 14 games after a bye. Army last won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy in 1996.
Sep. 4								
Sep. 11	Louisville	A						Army is 12-5 ATS their last 17 lined season openers. The Knights are 1-4 ATS in their conference home opener since 1999.
Sep. 18	at Houston	G						Army is 4-2 ATS vs Houston all as the dog. The visitor is 5-1 ATS all-time in this series.
Sep. 25	at Connecticut	G						Army is 0-9 SU & 0-8 ATS in non-conference games since 2002. Knights are 6-1 ATS in their 2nd of 2 or more back-to-back AG's S/'98.
Oct. 2	TCU	A						Army has lost by a combined 111-47 (an avg of 21+ ppg) to the Frogs. Knights have been outgained by TCU by an avg of 190 ypg in this series.
Oct. 9	Cincinnati (HC)	A						Army is 1-3 SU, but 4-0 ATS all as the dog vs the Bearcats in conf play. Knights have lost the L/3 meetings in this series by a combined 13 pts.
Oct. 16	at S Florida	G						Army was only able to gain 176 yds in last year's shutout loss. The Knights are 2-6 ATS their last 8 games before a bye.
Oct. 23								
Oct. 30	at E Carolina	G						Army is 6-0 ATS the game before their #2 rival Air Force since 1998. The visitor is 6-1 ATS in this series.
Nov. 6	Air Force	A						The home team is 15-5 ATS in this series the last 20 years. Army has won SU only once in the last 15 years.
Nov. 13	at Tulane	A						The Knights are 3-1 SU & ATS the last 4 against the Green Wave. Army is 1-18 SU & 3-15 ATS in their final true AG (not neutral vs Navy) S/'85.
Nov. 20	UAB	A						Army is 0-5 SU & ATS in their home finale since 1999. The Knights are 0-8 SU & 1-7 ATS the game before Navy since 1996.
Nov. 27								
Dec. 4	† Navy (Philadelphia)	G						This will be the 105th meeting, Army has a 49-48-7 lead in the all-time series. The prior year's SU loser is now 14-8 ATS in this game the following year.

BOBBY ROSS (Career 70-45-2) (Div IAA 24-31)
1st Year at Army

Ross' records AT ARMY

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (0-13)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,21,5)
Lost: 13 (6,5,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,794

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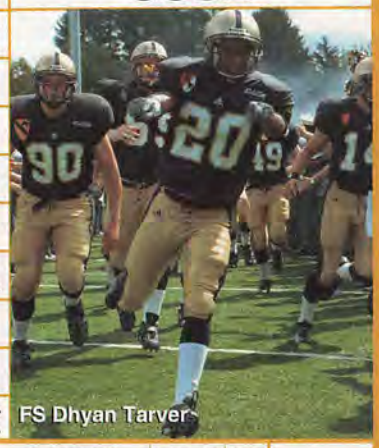
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STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	3-8	1-10	3-8	1-11	0-13	15-65
ATS	2-7	6-5	5-6	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	4-9	31-45-1
Home Fav	1-3	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-4
Home Dog	0-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	0-6	10-18-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-5
Away Dog	1-3	3-1	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	4-3	17-18
Favorite	1-4	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	4-9
Dog	1-3	6-3	3-6	4-6	5-4	4-5-1	4-9	27-36-1
Grass	0-2	3-2	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-4	2-2	11-17
Artificial	2-5	3-3	3-5	2-4	5-2	3-2-1	2-7	20-28-1
vs CUSA	0-1	4-2	3-3	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	4-4	22-20-1
vs Non-CUSA	2-6	2-3	2-3	0-4	3-1	0-3	0-5	9-25
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-9
Off SU Loss	1-4	5-3	4-3	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	4-8	25-33-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Carlton Jones	194	699	67	632	6	3.3
Seth Gulsby	42	147	28	119	0	2.8
Tielor Robinson	29	96	5	91	1	3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zac Dahman	436	230	52.8	2234	11	19
Matt Silva	53	28	52.8	303	1	6
Reggie Nevels	29	11	37.9	149	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aaron Alexander	64	861	13.5	6	44	
William White	40	433	10.8	2	60	
Clint Woody	24	295	12.3	0	62	
Jacob Murphy	17	247	14.5	1	35	
Carlton Jones	29	211	7.3	2	59	
Lamar Mason	23	169	7.3	0	23	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alex Bradford	76	2897	38.1	8	32.0	2	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Anthony Zurisko	20-21	3-3	2-2	1-3	0-0	6-8	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Kent	146	1	8	6	1
Greg Washington	129	2.5	2	6	3
Brian Hill	125	1.5	2	4	2
Dhyan Tarver	97	0	0	2	0
Mikel Resnick	77	1	1	2	0
Rob Davis	69	0	0	3	0
Curt Daniels	67	1	1	1	0
Delente Brewer	58	0	0	5	2
Mike Clark	57	1	6	2	0
Chuck Wilke	54	0	3	1	1
Odene Brathwaite	53	3.5	2	1	0
Will Sullivan	45	3	10	1	0
Ray Stith	42	0	0	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ray Stith	13	123	9.5	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
William White	33	785	23.8	0
Lamar Mason	12	227	18.9	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6	W
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29	W
88	Sun	+14	Alabama	28-29	W
96	Independence	+7'	Auburn	29-32	W

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	15.8	17	64	2.0	207	51.8	17.1	-20	2003	7	36.6	23	211	4.5	253	65.2	12.7
4	18.8	16	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	-14	2002	5	40.9	21	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6
6*	20.8	19	165	4.2	202	54.3	17.6	-16	2001	5	33.2	22	169	4.0	241	63.1	12.3
6*	20.4	18	143	3.8	176	51.0	15.7	-6	2000	6	33.8	22	216	4.6	223	61.1	13.0
2	20.5	18	265	4.6	73	40.6	16.5	-4	1999	7	28.8	20	172	3.9	205	63.8	13.1
4*	23.4	19	294	5.3	76	45.9	15.8	-3	1998	4	29.5	20	174	4.2	243	57.2	14.1

	OFFENSE				2003 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Connecticut	20	37 - 44	1.2	26 - 51	200	3	24	31 - 164	5.3	26 - 36	317	0	+1
Rutgers	20	30 - 55	1.8	24 - 48	251	3	19	45 - 177	3.9	17 - 26	250	1	-2
Tulane	29	42 - 142	3.4	29 - 48	339	2	26	35 - 129	3.7	26 - 34	350	2	-7
S Florida	15	28 - 17	0.6	21 - 51	159	1	19	35 - 145	4.1	23 - 42	225	2	-3
at TCU	10	33 - 28	0.8	14 - 30	176	6	20	41 - 182	4.4	19 - 31	265	4	-1
at Louisville	18	26 - 97	3.7	28 - 55	242	1	25	37 - 208	5.6	20 - 32	411	1	0
E Carolina	18	32 - 88	2.8	19 - 31	235	2	19	57 - 204	3.6	17 - 23	163	2	-2
at Cincinnati	13	26 - 6	0.2	11 - 27	132	3	22	56 - 186	3.3	17 - 28	159	0	-3
at UAB	18	28 - 55	2.0	36 - 55	251	1.0	13	39 - 156	4.0	5 - 16	181	1	+2
at Air Force	17	41 - 141	3.4	10 - 28	58	3.0	25	67 - 372	5.6	9 - 15	74	0	-6
Houston	10	28 - 10	0.4	11 - 29	198	6.0	31	70 - 260	3.7	24 - 28	301	2	+3
at Hawaii	23	24 - 60	2.5	27 - 41	338	3.0	38	33 - 198	6.0	42 - 61	543	0	-1
† Navy	13	30 - 83	2.8	16 - 31	115	1.0	24	67 - 359	5.4	4 - 10	55	2	-1
TOTALS	224	405 - 826	2.0	272 - 525	2694	35	305	613 - 2740	4.5	249 - 382	3294	17	-20
AVERAGES	17.2	31 - 64	2.0	21 - 40	207	2.7	23.5	47 - 211	4.5	19 - 29	253	1.3	-1.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+2'	15-34	L
at Tulane	+14	28-48	L
Ball St	-9'	41-21	W
E Carolina	+11'	14-33	L
Louisville	+14	59-52 OT	W
at S Mississippi	+24'	0-24	W
New Mexico St	-6'	35-18	W
at Air Force	+15	0-28	L
at Memphis	+12	10-14	W
Houston	+4'	14-26	L
† Navy	+7	9-19	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+14	17-23	W
Boston College	+6'	17-55	L
at Houston	+16'	30-31	W
Memphis	+6'	16-26	L
at N Mexico St	+4	23-42	L
at E Carolina	+25	21-42	W
Tulane	+4	21-17	W
Air Force	+7'	27-41	L
at Louisville	+19	17-38	L
UAB	+8	7-27	L
† Navy	-2	28-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	+5	21-24	W
at UAB	+16	3-55	L
at Boston College	+23'	10-31	W
Houston	+1	28-14	W
E Carolina	+13'	26-49	L
at TCU	+13'	20-38	L
Tulane	+1'	42-35	W
at Air Force	+13	24-34	W
Buffalo	-15	19-26	L
at Memphis	+16	10-42	L
† Navy	-1'	26-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Holy Cross	NL	21-30	–
at Rutgers	-4	0-44	L
Louisville	+26'	14-45	L
S Mississippi	+29	6-27	W
at E Carolina	+20	24-59	L
TCU	+19	27-46	T
at Houston	+14'	42-56	W
UAB	+8	26-29	W
Air Force	+17'	30-49	L
at Tulane	+19	14-10	W
at Memphis	+14'	10-38	L
† Navy	+3	12-58	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	+16'	21-48	L
Rutgers	+6'	21-36	L
Tulane	+16'	33-50	L
S Florida	+19	0-28	L
at TCU	+30'	0-27	W
at Louisville	+31	10-34	W
E Carolina	+5'	32-38	L
at Cincinnati	+27'	29-33	W
at UAB	+21'	9-24	W
at Air Force	+26'	3-31	L
Houston	+10'	14-34	L
at Hawaii	+26'	28-59	L
† Navy	+21'	6-34	L

MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Alex Smith, Utah	Matt Berry, BYU	Justin Holland, Colorado St	Matt Dlugolecki, San Diego St
RB	Lynell Hamilton, San Diego St	Marcus Houston, Colorado St	JaJa Riley, UNLV	Alvin Marshall, UNLV
RB	DonTrell Moore, New Mexico	Marcus Whalen, BYU	Darnell Stephens, Air Force	Marty Johnson, Utah
WR	Todd Watkins, BYU	Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	Devin Pitts, San Diego St	Alec Messerall, Air Force
WR	David Anderson, Colorado St	Steve Savoy, Utah	Paris Warren, Utah	Rod Wilkerson, BYU
WR	Earvin Johnson, UNLV	Jeff Webb, San Diego St	Hank Baskett III, New Mexico	JP Waller, Air Force
TE	Daniel Coats, BYU	Joel Dreessen, Colorado St	Matt Bartz, Colorado St	Jon Clark, Utah
C	Ryan Cook, New Mexico	Jasper Harvey, San Diego St	Trenton Franz, Wyoming	Marcus Johnson, UNLV
G	Chris Kemoeatu, Utah	Robert Turner, New Mexico	Jake Kuresa, BYU	Albert Bimper, Colorado St
G	Claude Terrell, New Mexico	Scott Young, BYU	Paul Soliai, Utah	Isaac Morales, Wyoming
T	Mike Kracalik, San Diego St	Michael Brisiel, Colorado St	Chase Johnson, Wyoming	Tavo Tupola, Utah
T	Ofa Mohetau, BYU	Erik Pears, Colorado St	Paul Fisher, BYU	Dustin Moore, New Mexico
DL	Brady Poppinga, BYU	Steve Fifita, Utah	Patrick Goodpaster, Colorado St	John Denney, BYU
DL	Sione Pouha, Utah	Manaia Brown, BYU	Zach Morris, Wyoming	Howie Fuimaono, UNLV
DL	Jason Kaufusi, Utah	Gilberto Perez, Air Force	Vince Feula, BYU	Jonathan Bailes, San Diego St
LB	Nick Speegle, New Mexico	John Andrews, UNLV	KC Bills, BYU	Reggie Butler, UNLV
LB	Kirk Morrison, San Diego St	Paul Walkenhorst, BYU	John Rudzinski, Air Force	Fola Fashola, New Mexico
LB	Ryan Claridge, UNLV	Randy Tscharner, Wyoming	Dennis Poland, Air Force	Matthew McCoy, San Diego St
LB	Adam Seward, UNLV	Spencer Toone, Utah	Stephen Larsen, San Diego St	Guy Tuell, Wyoming
CB	Eric Weddle, Utah	Brandon Heaney, BYU	Ruschard Dodd-Masters, UNLV	Brandon Cathy, Colorado St
CB	Nate Allen, Air Force	Jacob Elimimian, San Diego St	Brandon Payne, New Mexico	Nathan Soelberg, BYU
SS	Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	Marviel Underwood, San Diego St	Quinn Gooch, BYU	John Taibi, Air Force
FS	Aaron Francisco, BYU	Josh Dean, San Diego St	Joe Miklos, UNLV	Morgan Scalley, Utah
K	Matt Payne, BYU	Wes Zunker, New Mexico	Deric Yaussi, Wyoming	Jeff Babcock, Colorado St
P	Matt Payne, BYU	Jeff Babcock, Colorado St	Gary Cook, UNLV	Matt Kovacevich, Utah
KR	Bo Nagahi, Utah	Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	Brandon Bornes, San Diego St
PR	Tremayne Kirkland, UNLV	Josh Barge, Wyoming	Paris Warren, Utah	Matt Ward, Air Force

New Mexico
RG Claude Terrell

Wyoming
WR Jovon Bouknight

UNLV
SS Jamaal Brimmer

Utah
FS Morgan Scalley

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 MT WEST FORECAST

1. UTAH - The Utes were fortunate last year to win the MWC Title despite having just 10 returning starters as all of the close games went their way. They were 6-1 in conference play despite only outgaining foes by 38.1 ypg, only the 3rd best mark in the league. They had an extremely fortunate victory vs Colorado St with an 80 yard fumble return for a TD with 1:33 left when the Rams were driving for the win. This year's squad is stronger and hopefully Alex Smith can maintain the magic he had last year when he had a 15-3 ratio. They have my top rated offense in the league and my #3 rated defense. They have 4 MWC home games with all 3 road ones falling into the winnable category. While just 3 Utes made the coaches' 1st Tm MWC unit last year, but I rate 6 there now and 11 on the next three units. This is a team capable of not only going undefeated in league play, but 4 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for them to have an 11-0 season.

2. BYU - In Gary Crowton's first season, the Cougars pulled a huge surprise. They were one of the best teams in the country jumping to a 12-0 start and calling for inclusion in the BCS bowl series, despite having just 13 starters back. This year's BYU team, despite having only 9 starters back, is very talented. This year I list 7 Cougars on my 1st Tm MWC, 6 on the 2nd and 5 on the 3rd which are the top marks in the league. Keep in mind, last year they were -14 in turnovers. They had their shutout streak snapped in the final game of the season and were held to 10 pts or less in 3 games. However, this group will be more potent offensively. Despite having just 3 starters back on defense, I see their defense under Bronco Mendenhall being one of the best in the league. The talent is there for BYU to get back their MWC crown of 3 years ago but to do so, they will have to win at Utah in their final game of the season.

3. UNLV - Normally a team that was +12 in turnovers and outgained in league play by 115.5 ypg (worst in the league) the previous year plus has just 3 of their 7 conference games at home would be headed for another losing season. However, looking at the talent that UNLV has back, they may be able to overcome those obstacles. Last year's Rebels squad had just 11 starters back and the most lettermen lost in the league. This year's squad has 45 lettermen back, the 2nd most, while losing just 19. They have my #1 rated D in the league and an offense with plenty of potential including one of the top RB corps in the nation. While some factors would appear to point to a losing UNLV season, I think they have a chance at getting to the plus side of the ledger and are the 3rd most talented team in the league.

4. COLORADO ST - Sonny Lubick has simply had 10 winning seasons and many of those were forecast as rebuilding years. They have to replace QB Bradlee Van Pelt but are fortunate this year in the fact that Van Pelt missed plenty of time last year giving Justin Holland some experience. The big question mark for CSU is their 3 returning starters on defense. Three big factors in their favor is that they outgained league foes by 53.8 ypg last year, the second best mark in the league, were -15 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround) and have Lubick at the helm. On paper, the Rams should finish in the lower half of the MWC standings but the aforementioned factors have me calling for yet another upper-half finish.

5. SAN DIEGO ST - The "Dark Side" defense was a huge part of the Aztecs improving from 4-9 to 6-6 in Tom Craft's second year. They have 7 starters back on that side of the ball and will be very tough once again. Offensively I expect Matt Dlugolecki to have a much better year than last year when he was thrown into the starting lineup. He also has an outstanding supporting cast around him. The Aztecs have just 3 home games in MWC play but this is Craft's best team yet. His first two units managed a 7-7 finish in MWC play so they will be contending for a winning record in 2004.

6. NEW MEXICO - If you read my magazine the last 5 years you know that each season I've called for NM to increase their win total and they have done just that going from 3 to 4 to 5 to 6 to 7 to 8. I felt last year was the Lobos best chance at winning the MWC and it was something they could have done if not for a couple of bad breaks. The Lobos outgained league foes by an amazing 157 ypg which was the best mark in the league by over 100 ypg!! That Lobos' squad with 17 returning starters, had two tough losses, losing to BYU by 3 and UNLV by 2, both at home in games where they had FD and yard edges. Against UNLV they had a 578-229 yard edge and lost. They beat league champ Utah on the road but it looks like their window of opportunity is now closed. The Lobos have just 9 starters back this year and teams are catching up with their defense. More of the league plays their unique attacking 3-3-5 so it is no longer unique. Also, due to inexperience on that side of the ball, Long says they will blitz less which will cut down its productivity. The Lobos have 4 road games in MWC play and the MWC is an improved conference. If Long can extend his continued streak of adding 1 win to the previous year's total, he will deserve Coach of the Year honors in the NCAA. I think just getting the Lobos to the plus side of the ledger, with a tough schedule and inexperience, will be an accomplishment.

7. AIR FORCE - If you base your selections on returning starters and lettermen, then almost on a yearly basis you would call for AF to finish in the basement. They have just 6 starters back this year overall and lose 28 lettermen but that is status quo for Fisher DeBerry. DeBerry had his most experienced squad ever last season. Generally he has very few returning starters and still managed a streak of ten straight years at .500 or better. AF had a great 5-1 start to the season in 2003 but unfortunately faded down the stretch. While they must break in a new QB, DeBerry always has his team playing above expectations and AF will once again be far from a pushover in MWC play.

8. WYOMING - The Cowboys actually caught some breaks in last year's 2-5 season in which they tied for last in the MWC. They were outgained by 113.2 ypg and were +10 in turnovers. That Wyoming team had 15 starters back including a veteran QB in Casey Bramlet and they are now inexperienced at that position plus have just 12 starters back. The Cowboys were fortunate to get past BYU by 3 and took Colorado St by surprise last year getting two MWC victories, which was one more than the previous three years combined! Joe Glenn will do a fine job here and Wyoming played much better than their record indicated in 2002 when they went 1-6 but were only 22 points away from being conference champs. This Wyoming team may be a year away from escaping the basement in the MWC for the first time since 1999.

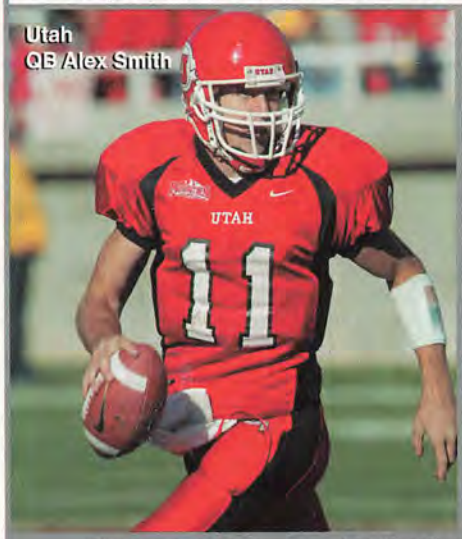
Mt West Notes: In 2000 and 2001 the MWC had just 3 wins each year vs BCS conferences but surprisingly was an impressive 5-1 in bowls in those seasons. In 2002 the MWC won 7 games vs BCS conferences (7-14) but were 7-7 vs non-BCS conf and 0-3 in the bowls. CSU has won or shared 6 league titles over the last 10 years. The conference had 4 bowl slots assigned to it in 2002 but could only fill 3 of them. Last year I called for 5 MWC teams to be bowl eligible and they ended up with 6. The MWC was 8th best in games vs BCS conferences going 6-11 but they improved to 17-5 vs non BCS conf teams in non conf games. They went 1-2 in bowl play with MWC Champ Utah beating CUSA Champ S Miss in the Liberty Bowl. In the recent conference shifts, the Big East took some of CUSA's top teams who took some of the WAC's top teams who took some of the SBC's top teams. The MWC actually got stronger for next season by adding TCU, one of the premiere non-BCS teams. Surprisingly BYU, which is off a losing season, dominates my all-MWC team with seven 1st Teamers and six 2nd Teamers among the 21 players mentioned. Utah is second with 17 players mentioned including six 1st Teamers followed by UNLV which has 15 players and 5 on the 1st Team and San Diego St 14 and 3.

2003 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
21	Colorado St	30.9	1	419.4	2	198.1	3	4.5	3	221.3	4	64.1	2	13.6	2	17.0	7	14.0	4
45	New Mexico	29.4	3	435.9	1	266.1	1	5.3	1	169.7	6	52.1	6	14.8	3	12.0	4	11.0	2
61	Utah	30.4	2	381.0	3	155.6	4	3.7	4	225.4	3	66.7	1	12.5	1	9.0	1	11.0	2
65	Air Force	23.0	4	359.0	4	257.0	2	4.5	2	102.0	8	46.9	7	15.6	5	10.0	2	1.0	1
81	Wyoming	20.1	5	331.1	6	72.0	8	2.5	8	259.1	1	57.7	3	16.4	6	10.0	2	22.0	8
90	UNLV	18.9	6	280.9	8	124.1	6	3.1	6	156.7	7	45.7	8	14.9	4	13.0	5	14.0	4
93	BYU	16.3	7	302.4	7	127.6	5	3.5	5	174.9	5	55.7	4	18.6	7	19.0	8	15.0	6
98	San Diego St	15.9	8	352.9	5	103.4	7	3.0	7	249.4	2	54.4	5	22.3	8	16.0	6	16.0	7

2003 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
29	San Diego St	20.7	3	319.4	3	146.0	3	3.6	4	173.4	1	55.1	4	15.4	5	16.0	2	11.0	5
33	Utah	20.6	2	342.9	4	158.0	5	3.9	5	184.9	4	50.3	1	16.7	1	15.0	3	9.0	7
35	BYU	23.0	4	313.4	2	131.6	2	3.0	2	181.9	3	52.2	2	13.6	8	14.0	4	14.0	3
36	New Mexico	19.7	1	278.9	1	88.6	1	2.6	1	190.3	6	56.0	5	14.1	7	13.0	5	22.0	1
48	UNLV	24.1	6	396.4	6	156.4	4	3.5	3	240.0	8	62.7	8	16.4	3	18.0	1	18.0	2
61	Air Force	24.1	6	401.7	7	177.3	6	4.3	6	224.4	7	58.3	7	16.6	2	6.0	8	10.0	6
68	Colorado St	23.1	5	365.6	5	179.4	7	4.5	7	186.1	5	52.4	3	15.8	4	11.0	7	13.0	4
104	Wyoming	29.4	8	444.3	8	266.7	8	5.3	8	177.6	2	57.6	6	15.1	6	13.0	5	9.0	7



2003 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Utah	6	1	213	144	10	2	344	229
New Mexico	5	2	206	138	8	5	391	290
Colorado St	4	3	216	162	7	6	381	318
Air Force	3	4	161	169	7	5	322	242
San Diego St	3	4	111	145	6	6	224	207
BYU	3	4	114	161	4	8	196	310
UNLV	2	5	132	169	6	6	256	272
Wyoming	2	5	141	206	4	8	286	360

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Utah

2002 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St	6	1	244	149	10	4	418	332
New Mexico	5	2	196	155	7	7	341	358
Air Force	4	3	241	201	8	5	440	303
San Diego St	4	3	168	190	4	9	309	411
Utah	3	4	162	177	5	6	249	226
UNLV	3	4	195	217	5	7	292	366
BYU	2	5	113	187	5	7	272	333
Wyoming	1	6	207	250	2	10	288	432

Coach of the Year: Rocky Long, New Mexico

2001 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	7	0	302	194	12	1	608	396
Colorado St	5	2	180	163	6	5	253	254
Utah	4	3	206	114	7	4	319	204
New Mexico	4	3	182	179	6	5	304	243
Air Force	3	4	204	248	6	6	337	386
UNLV	3	4	198	169	4	7	284	270
San Diego St	2	5	115	195	3	8	184	290
Wyoming	0	7	132	257	2	9	229	368

Coach of the Year: Gary Crowton, BYU

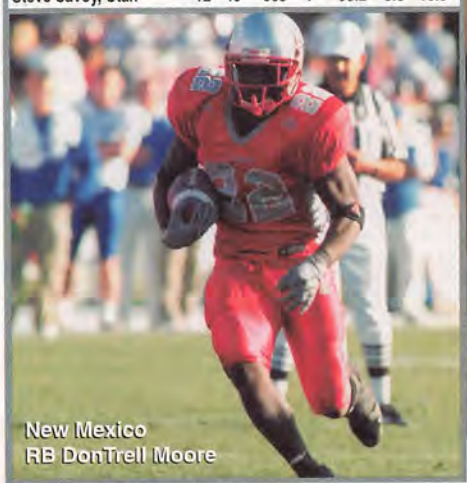
2003 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Bradlee Van Pelt, Col St	297	180	60.6	13	2845	9.6	19	153.4
Alex Smith, Utah	**266**	**173**	**65.0**	**3**	**2247**	**8.4**	**15**	**152.3**
Casey Kelly, New Mexico	274	146	53.3	9	2223	8.1	14	131.7
Casey Bramlet, Wyoming	425	241	56.7	9	3037	7.1	22	129.6
Kurt Nantkes, UNLV	**323**	**167**	**51.7**	**10**	**1883**	**5.8**	**12**	**106.7**
Chance Harridge, AF	161	80	49.7	7	995	6.2	6	105.2
Matt Dlugolecki, SDSt	**228**	**133**	**58.3**	**8**	**1248**	**5.5**	**4**	**103.1**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
David Anderson, Col St	**13**	**72**	**1293**	**9**	**99.5**	**5.5**	**18.0**
Earvin Johnson, UNLV	**11**	**60**	**834**	**4**	**75.8**	**5.5**	**13.9**
Paris Warren, Utah	**11**	**76**	**809**	**4**	**73.5**	**6.9**	**10.6**
Jeff Webb, San Diego St	**10**	**55**	**706**	**4**	**70.6**	**5.5**	**12.8**
Malcom Floyd, Wyoming	12	63	834	6	69.5	5.3	13.2
Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming	12	68	815	5	67.9	5.7	12.0
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	**12**	**47**	**746**	**7**	**62.2**	**3.9**	**15.9**
Chris Pittman, Colorado St	12	56	739	4	61.6	4.7	13.2
Dwight Counter, New Mexico	13	31	776	6	59.7	2.4	25.0
Steve Savoy, Utah	**12**	**40**	**663**	**7**	**55.2**	**3.3**	**16.6**



RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
DonTrell Moore, New Mexico	**13**	**276**	**1450**	**5.3**	**19**	**111.5**
Lynell Hamilton, San Diego St	**10**	**234**	**1087**	**4.6**	**4**	**108.7**
Brandon Warfield, Utah	10	237	976	4.1	11	97.6
Larry Croom, UNLV	11	208	932	4.5	3	84.7
Reynaldo Brathwaite, BYU	10	145	812	5.6	2	81.2
Chance Harridge, Air Force	12	180	914	5.1	12	76.2
Bradlee Van Pelt, Colorado St	13	170	909	5.3	10	69.9
Derek Armah, Wyoming	12	177	683	3.9	5	56.9
DD Cox, New Mexico	**12**	**126**	**642**	**5.1**	**7**	**53.5**
Marcus Houston, Colorado St	**12**	**158**	**636**	**4.0**	**9**	**53.0**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Bradlee Van Pelt, Col St	13	170	909	297	2845	3754	288.8
Alex Smith, Utah	**11**	**149**	**452**	**266**	**2247**	**2699**	**245.4**
Casey Bramlet, WY	12	98	-101	425	3037	2936	244.7
Casey Kelly, New Mexico	13	110	231	274	2223	2454	188.8
Chance Harridge, AF	12	180	914	161	995	1909	159.1
Kurt Nantkes, UNLV	**11**	**27**	**-135**	**323**	**1883**	**1748**	**158.9**
Matt Dlugolecki, SDSt	**9**	**17**	**-63**	**228**	**1248**	**1185**	**131.7**
DonTrell Moore, NM	**13**	**276**	**1450**	**1**	**21**	**1471**	**113.2**
Lynell Hamilton, SDSt	**10**	**234**	**1087**	**0**	**0**	**1087**	**108.7**
Brandon Warfield, Utah	10	237	976	0	0	976	97.6

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Matt McCoy, SDSt	**12**	**75**	**50**	**125**	**10.4**
Adam Seward, UNLV	**12**	**67**	**52**	**119**	**9.9**
Aaron Francisco, BYU	**12**	**57**	**59**	**116**	**9.7**
Kirk Morrison, SDSt	**12**	**70**	**45**	**115**	**9.6**
Marchello Graddy, Air Force	12	44	69	113	9.4
Tyler Gottschalk, WY	12	53	52	105	8.8
Trevor Hightower, Air Force	12	47	57	104	8.7
Ray Holdcraft, Utah	12	37	65	102	8.5
Daniel Gawronski, NM	13	47	53	100	7.7
Billy Strother, New Mexico	13	45	55	100	7.7
Dave Revill, Utah	12	47	44	91	7.6
Randy Tscharner, WY	**12**	**45**	**43**	**88**	**7.3**
Ben Mastropaolo, Col St	13	54	35	89	6.8
Joe Miklos, UNLV	**12**	**49**	**33**	**82**	**6.8**
Colby Bockwoldt, BYU	12	43	34	77	6.4
Larry Duncan, Air Force	12	38	39	77	6.4
Jamaal Brimmer, UNLV	**12**	**49**	**28**	**77**	**6.4**
Ryan Claridge, UNLV	**12**	**36**	**40**	**76**	**6.3**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dexter Wynn, Colorado St	27	782	0	29.0
Bo Nagahi, Utah	**20**	**511**	**0**	**25.5**
Brett Cooper, BYU	**18**	**435**	**0**	**24.2**
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	**26**	**616**	**0**	**23.7**
Brandon Ratcliff, New Mexico	15	314	0	20.9
Alec Messerall, Air Force	**13**	**272**	**0**	**20.9**
Dominique Dorsey, UNLV	**18**	**351**	**0**	**19.5**
David Anderson, Colorado St	**13**	**174**	**0**	**13.4**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Wes Zunker, New Mexico	**13**	**15**	**17**	**88.2**	**48**
Dillon Pieffer, UNLV	12	20	25	80.0	50
Bryan Borreson, Utah	**10**	**11**	**14**	**78.6**	**42**
Matt Payne, BYU	**12**	**14**	**18**	**77.8**	**53**
Deric Yaussi, Wyoming	**12**	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**43**
Jeff Babcock, Col St	**13**	**13**	**19**	**68.4**	**48**
JC Mejia, San Diego St	12	18	29	62.1	51
Joey Ashcroft, Air Force	12	13	21	61.9	59

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matt Payne, BYU	**12**	**78**	**3433**	**44.0**
Gary Cook, UNLV	**12**	**83**	**3604**	**43.4**
Andrew Martin, Air Force	12	43	1857	43.2
Luke Donovan, Wyoming	12	63	2678	42.5
Jeff Babcock, Colorado St	**13**	**50**	**2107**	**42.1**
Seth Santoro, San Diego St	12	70	2915	41.6
Matt Kovacevich, Utah	**12**	**63**	**2558**	**40.6**
Tyler Gaus, New Mexico	**13**	**71**	**2798**	**39.4**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Zach Rupp, New Mexico	17.0	53
Kirk Morrison, SDSt	**16.0**	**44**
Colby Bockwoldt, BYU	15.0	63
Billy Strother, New Mexico	13.5	59
Monty Coleman, AF	12.5	55
D.J. Renteria, NM	11.5	53
Matt McCoy, SDSt	**11.5**	**43**
Bryan Save, Colorado St	11.5	59
Daniel Kegler, NM	11.0	48
Drew Wood, Col St	10.0	42

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Daniel Kegler, New Mexico	7.5	37
Marchello Graddy, Air Force	6.0	42
Billy Strother, New Mexico	6.0	42
Bryan Save, Colorado St	6.0	38
Brady Poppinga, BYU	**6.0**	**32**
Ryan Claridge, UNLV	**5.5**	**53**
Monty Coleman, Air Force	5.5	44
DJ Renteria, New Mexico	5.0	38
Brandon Rager, SDSt	4.5	40
Colby Bockwoldt, BYU	4.5	35

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tremayne Kirkland, UNLV	**25**	**314**	**0**	**12.6**
Dexter Wynn, Colorado St	35	389	0	11.1
Josh Barge, Wyoming	**24**	**229**	**0**	**9.5**
Matt Ward, Air Force	**18**	**155**	**0**	**8.6**
Kyle Conerly, SDSt	**30**	**231**	**0**	**7.7**
Paris Warren, Utah	**23**	**177**	**0**	**7.7**
Toby Christensen, BYU	28	210	0	7.5
Dwight Counter, New Mexico	36	267	0	7.4

UTAH UTES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Taking over the QB duties in 2002 was Brett Elliott (PS#44) who threw for 1,529 yards (58.8%) with a 10-8 ratio. With the new head coach, the starting job was up for grabs prior to the year and Meyer said all three QB's could play in the opening game. Both Elliott and Alex Smith (PS#146) played vs Utah St. The next week Elliott was injured on a two point conversion vs Texas A&M which would have tied the game and he missed five weeks. Smith got his debut start on national TV vs Cal on Thursday night and did well in a conservative game plan. As the season progressed, Smith grew as a QB and threw for 340 yards vs Oregon in a TV game two weeks later and was named the MWC Off POW for two consecutive weeks. He went 180 passes without throwing an interception and finished with 2,247 yards (65%) with a 15-3 ratio and was also the team's 2nd leading rusher. Smith compiled a 9-1 record as a starter. Elliott opted to transfer to Div III Linfield College after the season so there are no experienced backups. Smith's backups are Brigham Au (6-1 216 Jr) and Adam Madsen (6-0 204 Jr) who was at Dixie College in 2003. The other backups are true frosh Brian Johnson (2,900 pass yds, 33 TD's, 540 rush in HS) and Paul Kruger (PS#129), but Meyer wants to redshirt them. Should a backup be needed for just a few series it may be WR Paris Warren or S Morgan Scalley. While it will be tough to improve upon last year's numbers, Smith has a shot at it, as long as he stays healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - The 2002 season went downhill after Coach McBride kept Marty Johnson (PS#20JC) in too long vs Indiana. Johnson, who had 405 yards (7.0) in his first two games, got injured in the 4Q and was lost for the season. Brandon Warfield (PS#27JC) took over the starters job in the final 9 games and rushed for 919 yards (4.6). This unit appeared to be in great shape last year as both returned. However, Johnson suffered a foot injury and then was suspended for the rest of the season. Warfield, in the first two games, had 354 yards rushing and was #1 in the NCAA. He had just one other 100 yard effort and then vs N Mex was injured in the 1Q and missed the majority of the next three games. He finished with a 91 yard effort in the Liberty Bowl and 976 yards (4.1). With Warfield out, Mike Liti (PS#133), a smaller but speedier back, rushed for 207 yards (4.9) but he broke his clavicle in the 1H vs Wyoming . TE Ben Moa was the star in the OT win vs Air Force scoring all three of his rushing TD's and then tossing a 2 pt conv pass for the win. Moa also rushed for 125 yards vs Wyoming and had 151 yards (4.9) on the year. They almost took the redshirt off of Joe Johnson (PS#153) another small, speedy RB. Should Marty Johnson be eligible and stay on the field all year, he should be the MWC's top RB. The depth was helped by the addition of Quinton Ganther who had 1,490 rushing yards and 18 TD's at JC last year as well as Orlando Medlock (5-10 241 So) who was a transfer from Kansas St and played at JUCO. I expect Utah to have a 1,000 yard rusher with or without Marty Johnson.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Utes had to replace their top 3 receivers but did return their starting TE Matt Hansen. Hansen lost his starting job to Ben Moa who had some key plays for the Utes (see RB's) and was one of eight semifinalist for the Mackey Award. Oregon transfer Paris Warren (PS#92) stepped up at WR along with Steve Savoy and both put up solid stats with Warren simply setting the school record for rec's in a season with 76 (old record 72 by Loren Ritchie in 1985 and Dennis Smith 1989). This year the only losses from the unit are Hansen and Moa at TE as well as WR Larry Miles who caught the first TD of the Urban Meyer era but then quit the team after Wk 4. I list a talented bevy of WR's including Lynzell Jackson (PS#16) who has just six recs in 3 years. Not listed below besides the newcomers are Jason Jenkins (5-11 190 rFr, PS#245) and Loma Olevao (6-0 223 rFr, PS#257). One of Meyer's goals in the offseason was to add speed at WR. This year's newcomers could accomplish that. Houston transfer Jon Clark should be solid at TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A veteran offensive front in 2001 allowed just six sacks while paving the way for 4.7 ypc rushing. They had to replace two starters in 2002 and dropped off to 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st round DC. Four players returned with starting experience but the unit slipped again paving the way for just 3.6 ypc but only allowed 16 sacks. Last year's unit was hit by injuries as starting LT Jesse Boone was lost for the season after 4 games and star LG Chris Kemoeatu had just 6 starts due to injuries. This year they must replace C Max Petersen (11 sts, HM MWC), RG/RT Sean Souza (8 sts) and LG Thomas Herrion (12 sts, HM MWC). Seven of the top ten are back including five players with starting experience. They also add two key players in PS#7JUCO Paul Soliai and massive Steve Dahl (6-5 358) who started the bowl game at RG. I list the 3 deep below. This group should stay healthier and has some added talent and looks stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Utes have always had a top-notch DL sending many players to the NFL and seeing replacements step in and do quite well. In 2002, with three starters back, the defense allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing although only recording 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters, including a 2nd Tm MWC and a 1st Tm MWC player who was a draft pick and a backup who had 1 start (26 tkls). They then lost starting DE Jason Kaufusi to injury so basically one starter returned. The defense allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 22 sacks. This year they lose some quality players again in DE Josh Savage (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 47 tkls, 7 tfl), DT Lewis Powell (5 sts, 33 tkls, 8.5 tfl) and DT Elia Laeli (1 st). Not only does the team have 3 starters back whom I list in the 2 deep below, but there is a decent possibility that Kaufusi could return. He is still questionable at the time of this writing but would be a huge addition. Utah always has a top-notch D-line and this year's is more experienced than the 2003 version.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Utes had to replace two starters and one backup but MLB Ray Holdcraft turned out to be the star and led the team with 102 tackles and 10 tfl. This year he departs and Zach Tune, who started 3 games last year prior to suspension, is very questionable to return for the fall and I list him below as 4th string. Two starters are back in OLB's Spencer Toone (4.51 spd) and Corey Dodds. Despite the loss of their top player, this group has more experience and should be stronger.

WR Paris Warren

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Utah has always finished strong in my pass D rankings under DC Kyle Whittingham, with their lowest finish being #41. They finished #28 in 2002 and replaced three players who combined for 24 starts including a 7th round DC. They did return super CB Arnold Parker who is 6-2 with 4.36 speed and the Utes finished #24 in my pass D rankings allowing 49.3% with a 9-8 ratio. This year they must replace Parker (12 sts, 63 tkls, 5 pbu), SS Dave Revill (2nd Tm MWC, 12 sts, 91 tkls, 9 tfl) and SS Anthony White (7 tkls). FS Morgan Scalley (PS#245RB) is very versatile and could be the backup QB and they also bring in 3 JC's including 2 who were in for the spring plus they have one that redshirted. This group is as experienced as last season but with the loss of their top cover CB, they may slip a notch or two in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was a special teams coach at Notre Dame and puts a high priority on this unit. Coming into the year he stated that he wanted Utah to be the best punt blocking team in the MWC and he called special team standout Bo Nagahi one of the three most valuable players on the team. As you would expect with such emphasis, Utah moved up to #23 in my special teams rankings. K Bryan Borreson hit 11 of 14 FG's with a long of 42 despite missing three games due to injury. There was a point in the season where Meyer was unhappy with his FG unit after a couple of key misses vs Oregon, and said he might not try a FG against SDSt, but Borreson won his confidence back. Dennis Pawelek handled KO's and hit 8 of 8 xp's but Borreson's KO's are the strongest on the team. Also in the mix at K is Stefan Turkula (5-11 190 So). While the Utes did not block a single punt last year I would expect improvement in that area as Meyer's BG team had 7 in 2002. P Matt Kovacevich was solid in his 1st year with a net of 37.7 and Meyer said the coverage units were excellent. Utah also led the NCAA in KR's (28.2). With basically everyone back this unit has the potential for a Top 10 finish.

COACHES - Urban Meyer got his first HC job at Bowling Green in 2001 and led the team to the biggest turnaround in the NCAA that year with a 6 win improvement. He was 17-6 including 5-0 vs BCS teams in 2 years. Last year he had a similar type of turnaround with Utah taking them from 5-6 to 10-2, despite missing top DE Kaufusi, top RB Johnson and losing a starting QB in the second week! He is clearly one of the top young head coaches in the game. His OC is Mike Sanford who was with Stanford in 2002 and enters his 2nd year here and he was also with the SD Chargers from 1999-2001. DC Kyle Whittingham is now in his 11th year at that position here and his units have led the MWC in scoring D 4 of the last 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

One thing consistent about Utah is their unpredictability. Under McBride and now under Meyer, whenever the team has been picked low in the standings, they usually finish high and whenever the team has high preseason expectations, a disappointing season usually follows. Urban Meyer inherited an underachieving Utah team that went just 5-6 in 2002, despite having perhaps the best talent in the league. Last year they had just 10 starters returning and had to learn new systems on both offense and defense. They also lost star RB Marty Johnson prior to the year. They lost a close game early on vs Texas A&M when a 2 point conv was stopped with :08 left and on that play also lost their starting QB. That began the Alex Smith era. Smith, who will be rated as one of the top QB's for the NFL draft in two years had an amazing 15-3 ratio and guided the team to its first outright conference title in 46 years (1957). Despite that fact, only 3 players were named 1st Tm MWC, the same amount as 5-7 BYU. The team set a new attendance record and got its first win at home vs a ranked team since 1973. The team got some breaks last year as they were +9 in turnovers and rolled to a dominating 6-1 record in league play but only outgained league foes by 38.1 ypg, which was the 3rd best mark and 118.9 ypg less than New Mexico which was their only conf loss at home. Utah got past AF in 3 OT's and shutout BYU in the snow, 3-0 for another close win. They were very impressive in the bowl and the D, which was second best in the league, has 7 starters back this year. They may get RB Johnson and DE Kaufusi back which would be huge and they have a very talented O-line and D-line as well. The luckiest play for them came vs Colo St when the Rams were setting up for a game winning FG but fumbled and Parker ret'd it 80 yards for a TD with 1:33 left. They get 4 MWC home games and all 3 road games fall into the winnable category. I have six Utes on my 1st Tm All-MWC team and 11 others on the next 3 teams. This Utah squad is more talented than last year's version and while they may not catch the same breaks, they may not need them provided QB Alex Smith stays healthy and plays like he did last year. Four of my 7 sets of power ratings call for them to have an unbeaten season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ALEX SMITH JR. 6-4 205 PS#146. 4 pass as true. 10 sts in '03. 9-1 as a starter, 2247 pass (65%) 15-3 ratio, 660 rush, **2nd Tm MWC**. Brian Johnson is PS#224.
HB Quinton Ganther Jr. 5-10 200 PS#66JC. Marty Johnson (6-0 230 Sr) PS#20JC. 405 yds, 2 sts in '02 (inj). Mike Liti (6-0 210 So) 3 sts, 207 yds (4.9). Joe Johnson (5-7 185 rFr) PS#153.
WR PARIS WARREN SR. 6-1 214 PS#92. Oreg trans. **1st Tm MWC**, 11 sts, school rec 76 rec (10.6), 124 rush LY. Lynzell Jackson (6-2 193 Sr) PS#16. Rob Gueck (5-8 182 So) PS#348.
WR STEVE SAVOY SO. 5-11 187 10 sts in '03, 40 rec (16.6), HM MWC. **Justin Walker** PS#202JUCO. 10.75 in 100m, in for spg. John Madsen (6-4 220 Jr) 2 sts last year.
WR TRAVIS LATENDRESSE SR. 6-1 199 5 sts, 21 rec (9.3) in '02. 10 sts LY, 32 rec (11.4). Jerome Wright (6-0 179 Sr) PS#224JC. 2 sts, 11 rec LY. Thomas Huff (6-4 206 rFr) PS#151.
TE Jon Clark Jr. 6-4 225 **PS#28JUCO**. 55 rec at JC in '01. 4 sts at Houston in '02, 13 rec (9.4). Willie Sao (6-3 260 So) PS#79. Chad Jacobsen (6-3 249 Jr).
C Jesse Boone Jr. 6-4 305 7 games as backup OT in '02. First 3 sts at LT LY but ankle inj. Andrew Johnson (6-2 300 Jr) 2nd string C 2 yrs. Siuaki Livai (6-1 301 Jr) PS#155.
RG CHRIS KEMOEATU SR. 6-4 334 PS#133. NFL caliber. 3 games as true. 11 sts in '02. 6 sts LY (inj), HM MWC, 2Y. Mitch Arquette (6-4 307 So). 7 gms. Kyle Gunther (6-4 290 rFr) PS#124.
LG Paul Soliai Jr. 6-5 330 **PS#7JC**. 1st Tm JCAA. Steve Dahl (6-5 358 So) PS#200. 10 games, 1 st (bowl) in '03. Eric Pettit (6-3 294 So) 2nd string RG in 2003.
RT MAKAI AALONA SR. 6-4 300 PS#560 in '97. Mission in '97-'99. 3 games in '01. 2 games in '02. 12 games, 9 sts at RT in '03. David Dirkmaat (6-7 300 Jr) PS#143JUCO.
LT TAVO TUPOLA SO. 6-4 299 PS#303 in '99. Mission in 2000 & 2001. RS in '02. 11 games. L/9 sts at LT LY. Jason Boone (6-3 284 rFr). Jason Voss (6-3 269 So) DE LY.
K BRYAN BORRESON JR. 5-10 194 55 yd FG in HS. Hit 11 of 21 FG's in '02, long of 53. Hit 11 of 14 FG's in '03, long of 42. Dan Beardall (6-0 197 Jr). Stefan Turkula was PS#73.

DE MARQUESS LEDBETTER JR. 6-2 242 7 sts at DE LY, 30 tkls, 4.5 sks, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Jonathan Fanene (6-4 290 Sr) 14 sks at JC. 6 tkls, 2 sks here LY. Tony Castaldi (6-2 236 rFr) PS#260.
NG STEVE FIFITA JR. 5-11 309 410 bench. 1 st, 16 tkls as rFr. 12 sts LY, HM MWC, 31 tkls, 8.5 tfl. Tevita Kemoeatu (6-2 307 Sr) 13 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Nik Sonntag (6-3 242 So) PS#246.
DT SIONE POUHA SR. 6-3 324 PS#326OL in '99. Mission. 9 tkls, 2 tfl in '01. 1 st, 15 tkls, 2 sks in '02. 9 sts LY, 29 tkls, 1.5 sks, added 10 lbs. Paueli Tamasoa (6-0 305 Jr) PS#355JC LY.
DE Jason Kaufusi Sr. 6-3 250 63 tkls, 8 sks, 8 tfl as true. **2x 1st Tm MWC**. 74 tkls, 11 sks, 11 tfl, 2Y. Reza Williams (6-3 238 Sr) PS#327JC. 11 tkls, 1 st LY. Kitekeiaho Afeaki (6-1 279 Jr).
SLB COREY DODDS SR. 6-3 225 PS#145TE. 21 tkls in '01 & '02. 11 sts LY. 42 tkls, 4 tfl. Alex Puccinelli (6-2 225 rFr) PS#258. Taylor Miller (6-1 225 rFr) PS#228. Zak Nugent (6-1 231 Jr).
MLB Aaron Bryant Sr. 6-1 232 5 tkls in '02. 1 st, 10 tkls LY. Joe Jiannoni (6-0 235 rFr) PS#129. Tommy Hackenbruck (6-1 225 Sr) PS#271. 7 tkls. **Zach Tune** (6-3 238 Sr) 7 sts 2Y. ? for fall.
ROV SPENCER TOONE JR. 6-2 232 #1 tkl'r at Ricks JC in '99. Mission. 4.51 spd. 9 sts in '03, 65 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Kyle Brady (6-1 221 rFr) PS#186. Blake Burdette (6-1 245 Jr).
CB ERIC WEDDLE SO. 5-11 194 PS#230. 9 sts as true, 60 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. 3.5 sks. Frosh AA. Stephen Gordon (5-10 192 Jr) PS#268JC. RS LY. 4.5 spd. Gerald Fletcher (5-9 167 Sr) 6 tkls.
CB Tim Harris Jr. 6-0 178 PS#272JC. In for spg. **Shaun Harper** (5-9 179 So) 4 sts as rFr, 29 tkls, 5 pbu. Ryan Smith (5-10 155 rFr) PS#301. Braden Cooper (6-0 226 Sr).
SS Fano Tagovailoa Jr. 6-0 194 PS#251JC. In for spg. Kawika Casco (5-10 196 Sr) ACL LY. Antonio Young (5-11 194 Jr) PS#158. 8 tkls LY. Grady Marshall (5-11 205 Jr) 18 tkls LY.
FS MORGAN SCALLEY SR. 5-10 192 886 ret yds, 3Y. Also P & QB. **2nd Tm MWC** LY, 73 tkls, 3 pbu. Bo Nagahi (5-10 183 Sr) PS#163. 5 sts, 3Y. 21 tkls LY. Martail Burnett (6-3 217 rFr) PS#149.
P MATT KOVACEVICH SR. 6-0 193 40.1 avg at JUCO in '02. 63 punts here in '03, 40.6 avg & net of 37.7, 18 inside 20. Bryan Borreson is the #2 punter.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Paul Soliai	6-5 330 PS#7JC
RB	Quinton Ganther	5-10 200 PS#66JC
WR	John Peel	6-2 185 PS#82
DL	Randy Faletoi	6-2 290 PS#125
RB	Ray Stowers	6-1 205 PS#147
WR	Justin Walker	6-1 200 PS#202JC
QB	Paul Kruger	6-5 235 PS#129
DB	Fano Tagovailoa	6-0 194 PS#251JC
DB	Tim Harris	6-0 178 PS#272JC
DB	Eugene Oates	5-11 175 PS#276JC
DB	Adarrious Ross	5-9 165 PS#279
OL	Robert Conley	6-3 315 PS#396
QB	Brian Johnson	6-2 190 PS#224
OL	Terrence Apted	6-5 280 PS#458

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Texas A&M (Thur)	A						Utah is 19-3 ATS as an away dog since 1994. The Utes are 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in their 2nd straight home game since '96. Including LY's bowl, coming into '04 Utah hasn't been scored on in 10 straight quarters.
Sep. 11	at Arizona	G						Utah is 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs current Big 12 opponents since 1982. The Utes are 31-17 ATS in non-conference games since 1990.
Sep. 18	at Utah St	A						The Utes have not won SU in Tucson since 1967 (0-7 SU & 0-1 ATS since). Utah is 8-2 ATS the last 10 road openers.
Sep. 25	Air Force	A						The visitor is 8-4 ATS the last 12 in this series. Utes lead the all-time SU series 70-29-4 & are 11-4 ATS the last 15 games.
Oct. 2	at New Mexico	G						The home team is 1-5 ATS since 1995 in this series. These 2 teams have combined to average 62.5 ppg S/'83 (18 gms).
Oct. 9								Utah is 6-3 SU & ATS (but 1-3 ATS L/4) with New Mexico. The Utes are 14-4 ATS since 1990 prior to a bye.
Oct. 16	North Carolina	A						Utah is 8-3 SU & ATS the last 11 games after a bye. This will be their 1st meeting & Utah's 1st with an ACC Member.
Oct. 23	UNLV	A						Utah & UNLV are 2 of the 3 MWC schools that returned starting QB's for the '04 season. Utes are 5-0 SU & ATS vs Rebels in Mountain West play.
Oct. 30	at San Diego St	G						The SU winner is 14-1 ATS the last 15 meetings in this series. Utah has held SDSU's defense to just 7 pts or less in 3 of their L/4 gms.
Nov. 6	Colorado St	A						Every game has been decided by 8 or less pts since 1995! The visitor is 9-3 ATS in this series since 1989.
Nov. 13	at Wyoming	G						Utes are 8-3 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1991. Utah is 45-30-1 SU & have held WY to single digits 30 times w/16 shutouts.
Nov. 20	BYU	A						Last gm in Utah they combined for 19 pts, but avg 56 ppg S/'86 in Salt Lake City. The visitor is 11-1 ATS the last 12 games.
Nov. 27								

URBAN MEYER (Career 27-8)
2nd Year at Utah

Meyer's records AT UTAH

10-2	Straight Up	4-1	Home Favorite
9-2	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Underdog
2-0	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
5-2	Vs Conference	3-0	Away Underdog
		4-0	Vs Non-Conference

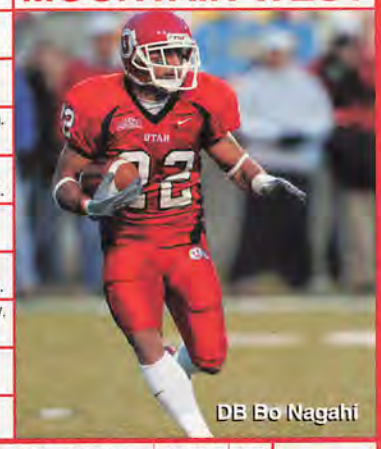
2003 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (13,20,4)
Lost: 14 (8,6,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,478

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-4	8-3	4-7	7-4	5-6	9-2	46-31
ATS	6-5	6-5	8-3	4-7	7-4	4-7	9-2	44-33
Home Fav	2-2	2-4	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-3	4-1	17-18
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-0
Away Fav	1-2	3-1	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-4	1-1	11-12
Away Dog	2-1	1-0	3-1	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	13-3
Favorite	3-4	5-5	5-2	3-6	4-4	3-7	5-2	28-30
Dog	3-1	1-0	3-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	4-0	16-3
Grass	5-3	6-5	7-2	4-7	6-4	2-4	3-1	33-26
Artificial	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-3	6-1	11-7
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	5-2	3-4	4-3	1-6	5-2	27-24
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	4-0	17-9
Off SU Win	3-2	2-5	5-2	2-2	5-2	1-3	6-2	24-18
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-1	2-4	2-0	16-12

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Warfield	237	1041	65	976	11	4.1
Alex Smith	**149**	**660**	**208**	**452**	**5**	**3.0**
Mike Liti	**42**	**215**	**8**	**207**	**3**	**4.9**
Ben Moa	31	156	5	151	3	4.9
Paris Warren	**20**	**128**	**4**	**124**	**1**	**6.2**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Alex Smith	**266**	**173**	**65.0**	**2247**	**15**	**3**
Brett Elliott	59	29	49.2	304	2	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Paris Warren	**76**	**809**	**10.6**	**4**	**61**	
Steve Savoy	**40**	**663**	**16.6**	**7**	**69**	
Travis LaTendresse	**32**	**366**	**11.4**	**1**	**25**	
Ben Moa	26	366	14.1	3	79	
Jerome Wright	**11**	**146**	**13.3**	**0**	**54**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Kovacevich	**63**	**2558**	**40.6**	**11**	**37.7**	**1**	**18**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bryan Borreson	**29-32**	**6-8**	**3-4**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**11-14**	**42**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ray Holdcraft	102	2	8	3	0
Dave Revill	91	2	7	0	1
Morgan Scalley	**73**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**2**
Spencer Toone	**65**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Arnold Parker	63	0	2	5	0
Eric Weddle	**60**	**3.5**	**1**	**4**	**3**
Josh Savage	47	2	5	9	0
Corey Dodds	**42**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Lewis Powell	33	1.5	7	1	1
Steve Fifita	**31**	**2.5**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Marquess Ledbetter	**30**	**4.5**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Shaun Harper	**29**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Sione Pouha	**29**	**1.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Bo Nagahi	**21**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Paris Warren	**23**	**177**	**7.7**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Bo Nagahi	**20**	**511**	**25.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Freedom	+3'	Arizona	16-13	W
96	Copper	+8	Wisconsin	10-38	L
99	Las Vegas	-4'	Fresno St	17-16	L
01	Las Vegas	+3'	USC	10-6	W
03	Liberty	-2	S Mississippi	17-0	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.7	20	161	3.6	214	61.9	13.1	+9	2003	5	19.1	18	140	3.8	199	49.3	17.7
5*	22.6	20	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	-1	2002	8	20.5	18	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2
7	27.4	22	219	4.7	204	55.0	15.4	-1	2001	4	17.5	16	108	3.3	187	49.9	16.9
7*	21.3	17	133	3.5	204	48.4	15.8	-11	2000	7	18.8	17	128	3.2	160	47.6	15.3
8*	31.7	19	163	4.0	230	53.0	12.4	+9	1999	5	17.5	18	143	3.9	188	49.9	18.9
6*	30.8	22	206	4.3	209	57.0	13.5	-7	1998	8	20.6	18	97	3.1	246	50.9	16.7

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Utah St	24	53-202	3.8	16-26	180	0	18	26-77	3.0	19-41	280	2	0
at Texas A&M	22	57-205	3.6	18-40	210	0	16	38-223	5.9	12-18	145	0	0
California	21	48-200	4.2	18-28	136	0	19	34-119	3.5	19-32	246	1	+1
at Colorado St	15	35-126	3.6	17-21	158	1	22	41-102	2.5	22-32	267	0	+5
Oregon	21	44-126	2.9	25-38	340	2	16	32-80	2.5	16-34	277	5	+1
San Diego St	22	42-142	3.4	17-22	273	1	15	24-49	2.0	19-36	203	2	0
at UNLV	23	51-220	4.3	16-24	221	3	16	35-85	2.4	13-31	211	4	+1
New Mexico	14	27-80	3.0	18-32	220	3	26	60-407	6.8	9-24	226	2	+1
at Air Force	23	40-162	4.1	22-32	297	2	26	70-288	4.1	6-15	74	0	-1
Wyoming	30	51-252	4.9	17-26	296	1	16	22-60	2.7	19-31	272	1	-1
at BYU	14	46-107	2.3	11-20	113	0	9	32-115	3.6	4-14	41	0	+1
† S Mississippi	12	45-104	2.3	8-19	124	3	11	30-69	2.3	13-39	144	5	+1
TOTALS	241	539-1926	3.6	203-328	2568	16	210	444-1674	3.8	171-347	2386	22	+9
AVERAGES	20.1	45-161	3.6	17-27	214	1.3	17.5	37-140	3.8	14-29	199	1.8	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	+2	27-7	W
Utah St	-16'	38-18	W
at UNLV	-15	52-14	W
at Boise St	-16	20-26	L
UL Monroe	-28	42-0	W
at Air Force	+4	21-15	W
San Diego St	-6'	38-16	W
at Colorado St	+1'	24-31	L
Wyoming	-8	29-43	L
New Mexico	-12	52-7	W
at BYU	+6'	20-17	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-3	3-17	L
at California	-3	21-24	L
Wash St	-11	21-38	L
Air Force	-2'	14-23	L
at Utah St	-12	35-14	W
at San Diego St	-5	21-7	W
Colorado St	-2	17-24	L
at New Mexico	+1'	3-10	L
UNLV	+2	38-16	W
at Wyoming	-14'	34-0	W
BYU	-6'	27-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-9	23-19	L
at Oregon	+17'	10-24	W
at Indiana	+3	28-26	W
New Mexico	-8	37-16	W
S Florida	-13'	52-21	W
Wyoming	-17'	35-0	W
at Colorado St	-2'	17-19	L
at UNLV	-1	42-14	W
San Diego St	-17'	17-3	L
at BYU	+7	21-24	W
at Air Force	-16'	37-38	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah St	-11	23-3	W
Indiana	-14	40-13	W
at Arizona	-3	17-23	L
at Michigan	+10'	7-10	W
Air Force	-8'	26-30	L
at San Diego St	-10'	17-36	L
Colorado St	-1	20-28	L
at New Mexico	-6'	35-42 2OT	L
UNLV	-10'	28-17	W
at Wyoming	-11'	23-18	L
BYU	-8	13-6	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-19'	40-20	W
at Texas A&M	+9'	26-28	W
California	-1	31-24	W
at Colorado St	+6'	28-21	W
Oregon	+3	17-13	W
San Diego St	-9'	27-6	W
at UNLV	-2	28-10	W
New Mexico	-8	35-47	L
at Air Force	+3	45-43 3OT	W
Wyoming	-12'	47-17	W
at BYU	-7	3-0	L

BYU COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In Gary Crowton's first year he had Brandon Doman at QB, who was not only an outstanding passer, but also rushed for 819 gross yards adding the option to the offense. In 2002 four different QB's played with Bret Engemann and freshman Matt Berry each starting six. Berry (PS#44) threw for 1,309 yards (58.7%) but with only a 7-9 ratio and the team QB ratio was just 16-21 on the year. Engemann decided to enter the NFL draft and Berry won the starting job last year. Berry, however, was injured vs NMex. His backup, John Beck, who has the mobility that Crowton desires, missed that game due to a concussion so Todd Mortensen played most of it but hit just 7 of 16 for 44 yards. Beck became just the second true frosh QB to start at BYU and started the next four games but the team lost three home games in that stretch. Berry, who had hurt a finger on his passing hand and had a pin inserted, was about 70% when he returned to the lineup vs Wyoming. He would QB the rest of the year but struggled, especially in cold weather, as he had trouble gripping the ball. He also had problems with interceptions and for the season threw for 1,445 yards (62.6%) with a poor 7-14 ratio. Beck was moving the team vs Boise St when he suffered a season ending injury to his throwing hand. Beck threw for 864 yards (50.3%) with a 5-5 ratio while rushing for 181. Mortensen hit just 5 of 24 for 51 yards against Boise and emergency QB Lance Pendleton, who was moved to WR during the year, broke the thumb on his throwing hand and was unavailable. Walk-on Jackson Brown (6-5 220 Jr) who was on the scout team, hit 5 of 9 for 57 yards and in the season finale after Berry went 1 of 5 for 5 yards with an int, played the rest of the way but hit just 3 of 9 for 36 yards. The good/bad news for BYU is that all of the QB's return this year. Also, for the first time since '95, they signed a JUCO in Jason Beck (PS#73) who threw for 2,052 yards (77.5%) with a 12-3 ratio and rushed for 430 at JC last year. This unit can only improve upon 2003's poor numbers and should maintain better health.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cougars returned their top two rushers from 2002 last year in Marcus Whalen (918 yds, 5.1) and Curtis Brown (299 yds, 4.2). They also got back 1999's leading rusher, Naufahu Tahi (PS#102), who had 441 yards (4.2) in 1999 and went on a mission. Last season Whalen had a freak injury when his foot was stepped on prior to the Ga Tech game and was never 100% healthy all year and also suffered a torn ACL. However, Whalen had some academic problems in the spring and may transfer. He rushed for just 139 yards (3.1). JUCO Reynaldo Brathwaite stepped to the forefront and rushed for 812 yards (5.6) and was voted 2nd Tm MWC. Brown (PS#158), who played as a true frosh in 2002, redshirted last season. Tahi was moved to FB where he rushed for 77 yards and had 14 rec (10.3). Also at FB was Thomas Stancil who had 84 yards total, Eric Watterson (5-10 180 Jr) and Taufui Vakapuna who rushed for 157 yards but leaves on a mission. Other losses are Braithwaite and Stancil. Even with the loss of their top rusher, this unit could be more productive.

RECEIVERS - The Cougars had to replace three of their four starters from this unit in 2002 including their top two receivers but did return 3 of their top 5 last year. Much was expected of TE Daniel Coats (PS#42) and in the first two games, he had 14 rec for 207 yards with 3 TD's. The rest of the year he had just 16 rec for 171 yards. WR Toby Christensen led the team with 53 rec (10.3) but departs as does backup TE Justin Jory (17 rec, 12.5). For years BYU's receivers have been known as possession types but both Rod Wilkerson and Chris Hale, who combined for 54 rec last year, have sub-4.4 speed. Wilkerson's nickname is "50/50" which is geared to his chances of catching footballs, although nobody questions his speed (10.2 in the 100m). This year they signed 3 top-notch JUCO's including Todd Watkins (PS#50, 6-3 185, 4.3 spd). Last year's receiving corps was disappointing and this year's talented group should be much improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 BYU averaged an amazing 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks in 524 passes (5.5%). They had to replace 3 starters including their top OL in 2002 and the unit paved the way for just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 31 sacks. Last year they once again had to replace three starters including a 1st Tm MWC player. Three freshmen started during the year and the numbers for the O-line slipped even further as they only averaged 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. For the 3rd straight year three starters depart as they must replace C Scott Jackson (12 sts, HM MWC, 2 yr st'r), LG Quinn Christensen (12 sts, HM MWC, 2 yr st'r), RT Brandon Stephens (PS#5, 12 sts) and backup Vince Xanthos. If you look at the 2 deep that I list below, four of the projected starters are VHT's including a pair of PS#1's and there is solid talent behind them. Despite the losses, I expect considerable improvement in the O-line's specific numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Crowton's first year, BYU allowed 4.8 ypc rushing but has trimmed that considerably to 4.1 in 2002 and 3.2 last year. The 2001 front was inexperienced and last year's had basically three starters returning as the unit went from a 4-man to a 3-man line. This year they must replace NT Ifo Pili (9 sts, 37 tkls), DE Bill Wright (10 tkls) and CJ Ah You (8 tkls). They expect more out of backup Manaia Brown who played at Nebraska as a true frosh. JUCO transfer Vince Feula (PS#29JC) who signed at Arizona in 2001, could be a big contributor as well as some other JC's whom I list in the 2 deep. Not listed in the 2 deep is Nate Kolbaba (6-3 275 Sr, PS#336LB) who has 11 tackles in 2 years as well as TJ Sitake (PS#147RB) and Judd Anderton (PS#115) who return from missions. DE Brady Poppinga was 1st Tm MWC and John Denney also has that potential. This is a very strong D-line and one of the best in the MWC.

DL Brady Poppinga

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars moved to a 3-3-5 defense last year with a pair of KAT safeties, one of which I'll list in the LB writeup. It appeared that everyone returned to last season's LB corps but Paul Walkenhorst, their #1 tackler, was lost prior to the season due to injury and the four starters had a combined 27 starts, so about 2.5 starters returned. It was also their first year in the new system. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are RLB Colby Bockwoldt (12 sts, 77 tkls, 19 tfl, #7DC NO), LLB Levi Madarieta (10 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl), MLB Mike Tanner (12 sts, 74 tkls, 4 tfl) and RKAT Josh Brandon (6 sts, 19 tkls) Also LB David Nixon (PS#62, 2 sts, 57 tkls as true) is going on a mission. Walkenhorst returns, KC Bills (PS#32LB), who is a rare VHT should fill in at one MLB spot. They have three top-notch newcomers to add to the mix in rFr Lawrence Cowan (PS#32TE) and JUCO's Justin Luettgerodt (PS#14) and Gary Lovely (PS#79LB in '96). Not listed below is Dan Van Sweden (6-3 210 rFr, PS#76TE), Markell Staffieri (6-2 215 rFr) and Jeff Couch (6-0 170 Jr). Luettgerodt did miss spring due to injury and is questionable for the fall. This group is less experienced but I like the talent level.

DEFENSIVE BACKS -The Cougars were #10 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had three starters back last season. They did lose starting CB Brandon Heaney to an injury prior to the season so two starters were back. Last year the Cougars finished #32 in my pass D rankings allowing 52.5% with a 13-14 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are CB Chad Barney (PS#34JC, 12 sts, 37 tkls), CB Jernaro Gilford (12 sts, 41 tkls, 6 pbu), SS James Allen (12 sts, 57 tkls, 7 tfl, 4.38 speed), SS Kip Nielson (12 tkls) and CB Jared Meibos (14 tkls). Heaney does return and Aaron Francisco is the top FS in the MWC. Nate Soleberg is 6-0 and was the MWC outdoor champ in the 100m showing off his 4.3 speed and will battle VHT JUCO Eddie Scipio (PS#39) for the open CB job.

SPECIAL TEAMS -In Crowton's first year the Cougars special teams finished just #92 but he assigned RB Coach Tidwell to special teams duties in 2002 and they moved up to #10 thanks in part to Matt Payne, their outstanding punter and PK. Payne averaged an amazing 47.6 with a 42.7 net and hit 13 of 16 FG's with a long of 52. Last year the only loss was their top-notch PR, Reno Mahe (13.1) so the unit looked to be in good shape. Surprisingly they dropped all the way down to #87. Payne saw his net drop to 36.4 and the return game was mediocre. They also finished -3 in the TD/Blk category. Payne did hit a super 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 53. With the return of Payne and their top KR Brett Cooper (24.2), I look for significant improvement in BYU's special teams rankings.

COACHES - Gary Crowton enters his fourth year but after a spectacular debut season (guided the team to a 12-2 record), the team has had back-to-back losing seasons. Crowton was a head coach at Louisiana Tech for three years and an OC for the Chicago Bears from 1999-2000. Last year his co-OC's were Robbie Boscoe and Todd Bradford. This year Crowton says he will handle most of the play-calling but his OC is Todd Bradford. DC Bronco Mendenhall had been the DC at New Mexico for the five years prior to last year's hire and molded some fine units. In my mind, he is one of the top DC's in the game.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Crowton's first year was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg, led by a mobile QB in Brandon Doman who rolled to a 7-0 finish in the MWC. At one point they were lobbying for a berth in the BCS bowl series with a 12-0 record. They did have 5 close wins that year. In 2002 the team had just 9 returning starters, went -7 in turnovers, plummeted to a 5-7 season and 3 times had single digit outputs on offense. While that was their first losing season in 30 years, they had their second last year and it was the first back-to-back losing year since 1971 and 1972. The team had their moments as they had a 359-306 yard edge vs eventual National Champion USC and beat New Mexico to start off the season 2-1. They had a 305-200 yard edge vs Stanford but lost and the season went downhill from there. It included some shocking events. They lost consecutive home games by margins of 58-13 and 50-12 and later had their amazing NCAA record streak of not being shutout end at 361 games (28 years) in the season finale. BYU was hit hard by QB injuries and had an inexperienced O-line. This year's offense figures to be much more potent. They do have just 2 starters back up front but are loaded with talent and also get the outstanding addition of WR Todd Watkins who could be the MWC's best receiver in his first year. They also hope to get back a healthy Marcus Whalen at RB and whichever QB wins the job will hopefully remain healthy. Last year's D had 10 starters returning and this year return just 3. You would expect a dropoff but keep in mind it is the second year of Mendenhall's system and I like the talent they have on that side of the ball as I list 10 players on my All-MWC team. Speaking of that squad, BYU has seven 1st Teamers, six 2nd Team and 21 overall which is more than any other team in the league. Normally if you take a team that finished just 4-8, has the second fewest returning starters in the league (9), the most lettermen lost (32), you would add up those facts and point towards another poor losing season. I look at the talent level that they have and the fact they were -14 in turnovers (see pg 312) and see otherwise. With 4 MWC home games, I will forecast them to return to the plus side of the ledger and on Nov 20th, they should be playing for the MWC title at Utah. BYU makes my most improved team list (pg 19) which means they should go from a losing record to a bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT BERRY JR. 6-6 225 PS#44. 14 sts in 2Y, 2754 yds (60.8%), 14-23 ratio. **John Beck** (6-1 190 So) PS#159. 864 pass, 181 rush LY, 4 starts. **Jason Beck** is **PS#73JC**.

RB Marcus Whalen Sr. 5-11 210 PS#64. 11 sts, 918 yds (5.1) in '02. Inj'd LY. Curtis Brown (6-0 190 So) PS#158. 1 st, 299 yds (4.2) as true. Bryce Mahuika (5-10 185 rFr) PS#191.

WR CHRIS HALE JR. 5-9 175 7 sts in '03, #2 w/33 rec (8.7). **4.32 spd.** Joe Griffin is PS#119JC. **FB Naufahu Tahi** (6-0 230 Jr) 8 sts, 441 rush (4.2) in '99. 221ttl yards LY.

WR Todd Watkins Jr. 6-3 185 PS#46JC. **4.28 spd. Jason Kukahiko** (6-2 190 Sr) 7 sts, 2Y, 20 rec. Michael Morris is PS#194 JC, in for spg. Breyon Jones (5-11 190 Jr) PS#146.

WR ROD WILKERSON SR. 6-2 190 4.32 spd. 10 sts in '01 & '02, 44 rec (15.5). 12 sts LY, 21 rec (13.0). Matt Allen (6-0 180 rFr) PS#140. Austin Collie PS#58. Brett Cooper (5-11 186 So) PS#150.

TE DANIEL COATS SO. 6-3 240 **PS#42WR**. 12 sts, 30 rec (12.6) as rFr. Aisaac Aiono (6-5 245 Sr) 5 rec. Philip Niu (6-5 243 So) 8 rec as true (inj). Jeremy Gillespie (6-5 230 So).

C Lance Reynolds Jr. 6-3 265 PS#304LB in '99. Hanale Vincent (6-5 321 Sr) PS#351. 2nd string C for L/3Y. Rob Robinson (6-5 255 Jr). Junior Kato (6-3 290 Fr) PS#43.

RG Scott Young Sr. 6-5 312 **PS#1JUCO**. 1 start, 13 tkls, 2 tfl at DT in '02. RS LY. Scott Tidwell (6-3 290 Jr) JC LY. Nate Hall (6-3 305 Jr). Terence Brown is PS#107.

LG JAKE KURESA SO. 6-4 358 **PS#37**. 12 sts at LG in 2003. Brian Sanders (6-3 330 Jr) PS#75. 2nd string in '02 & '03. David Sollami (6-3 280 So) PS#267.

RT Paul Fisher So. 6-7 315 **PS#22OL** in 2000. Mission. 2nd string LY. RJ Willing (6-4 290 rFr) PS#156. Travis Bright (6-5 310 rFr) **PS#89**. Gary McGiven (6-4 302 So).

LT OFA MOHETAU SO. 6-3 355 **PS#1**. 7 sts as true L/7 at LT in '03. Eddie Keele (6-5 283 So) PS#107, 5 sts. Nick Longshore (6-5 297 Jr) PS#164 in 1999. JUCO.

K MATT PAYNE SR. 6-4 240 PS#50. 13 of 18 FG's in 2000, L/50. 13 of 16 FG's in '02, L/52. HM MWC. 14 of 18 FG's LY, L/53. 3 of 5 from 50+. HM MWC. Trent Williams (6-0 175 rFr).

DE BRADY POPPINGA SR. 6-3 260 PS#108LB. **1st Tm MWC L/2Y.** 12 sts, 49 tkls, 8 sks, 6 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 55 tkls, 5 sks, 8 tfl LY. Mike Marquardt (6-4 260 So) **PS#108**. 11 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl true.

NT Manaia Brown Jr. 6-3 315 **PS#68OL**. 12 tkls, 4 tfl at **Nebraska** as a true. 650 squat. 14 tkls here LY. **Vince Feula** is **PS#29JC**. Daniel Marquardt (6-2 315 Jr) 42 tkls, 8 tfl, 2Y.

DE JOHN DENNEY SR. 6-6 270 7 sts in '02, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, 41 tkls, 8 tfl. Shaun Nua (6-5 270 Sr) PS#130JC LY. Justin Carlson-Maddux (6-3 253 So) 12 tkls as true. PS#170LB.

RLB Bryant Atkinson Jr. 6-3 225 PS#214. 12 tkls as rFr. 14 tkls, 2 tfl in '03. **Justin Luettgerodt** is **PS#14JC**. 147 tkls, 27 tfl at JC LY. Justin Williams (6-2 240 So) PS#170.

MLB KC Bills So. 6-1 220 **PS#32** in '01. 4.5 spd. 10 tkls, 2 sks in '03. Cameron Jensen (6-2 230 So) JUCO. Matt Ah You (5-11 240 So) PS#306. 11 tkls as true.

LLB Paul Walkenhorst Sr. 6-5 252 8 sts, 47 tkls, 9 tfl in 2000. 14 sts, 70 tkls in '01, 8 sts '02, 107 tkls, 15 tfl. Med RS '03. **Lawrence Cowan** (6-3 235 rFr) PS#32TE. Gary Lovely JC. PS#79LB.

RKat Jon Burbidge Sr. 6-0 197 11 tkls in '01. 4 sts, 39 tkls, 2 int in '02. 6 sts LY, 32 tkls, 4 tfl. Aaron Wagner (6-3 245 So) 7 tkls at Wash St in 2000. Joe Theler (6-2 197 rFr) PS#221.

CB Brandon Heaney Sr. 5-11 185 8 sts in '01. 48 tkls, 4 pbu. 8 sts in '02, HM MWC. 34 tkls. 3 int, 5 pbu. RS LY. Micah Alba (5-8 160 Sr). 3 tkls, 2Y. Spencer White (6-1 185 Jr).

CB Nathan Soelberg Jr. 6-0 172 MWC 100m outdoor track champ in '02. 13 tkls LY. **Eddie Scipio** (5-10 175 Jr) is **PS#39JC**. O'Neil Howell (5-11 175 Jr) PS#241. 4 career tkls.

SS Quinn Gooch rFr. 6-1 190 PS#89 in '01. Kellen Fowler (6-0 187 Jr) 4.47 spd. 1 tkl LY. Greg Lovely is PS#153JC. Michael Nascimento (6-1 191 So). Ryan Beck (5-10 180 Jr).

FS AARON FRANCISCO SR. 6-2 206 **1st Tm MWC**. 12 sts, 99 tkls, 4 pbu in '02. 12 sts, 116 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 int in '03. Dustin Gabriel (6-1 190 rFr). Adam Nelson (6-2 180 rFr) PS#366.

P MATT PAYNE SR. 6-4 240 PS#50 in '97. **1st Tm MWC** in both '02 & '03 at punter. 51 punts in '02, super 47.6 avg & **net of 42.7**. 78 punts in '03, 44.0 avg, net of 36.4.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Justin Luettgerodt 6-4 240 PS#14JC
OL	Ray Feinga 6-5 285 PS#61
DL	Vince Feula 6-0 300 PS#29JC
WR	Austin Collie 6-1 185 PS#58
CB	Eddie Scipio 5-10 175 PS#39JC
QB	Jacob Bower 6-4 220 PS#49
WR	Todd Watkins 6-3 185 PS#50JC
QB	Jason Beck 6-2 200 PS#73JC
OL	Terence Brown 6-4 280 PS#107
DL	Matt Putnam 6-7 225 PS#143
WR	Joe Griffin 6-3 215 PS#119JC
OL	Nick Longshore 6-5 295 PS#134JC
OL	Nick Alletto 6-4 275 PS#173

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	USC	G						The Cougars are 3-9 ATS as an away favorite the last 4 years. BYU is 2-9 ATS their last 11 Homecoming games. The Cougars are only 8-18 ATS after a SU win. BYU is 5-10 ATS the last 15 games vs the Pac 10 (5-3 ATS L/8). Brigham Young is 10-5 ATS the last 15 games prior to a bye.
Sep. 11								
Sep. 18	at Stanford	G						Cougars are 2-6 ATS the last 8 after a bye. BYU is 3-13 ATS the last 16 road openers.
Sep. 25	at Boise St	A						Brigham Young is 3-11 ATS the L/14 meetings vs current WAC members. BYU is 4-8 ATS their last 12 games on artificial turf.
Oct. 2	at Colorado St	G						The Cougars are 3-13 ATS since 1988 in their 1st conf AG of the season. BYU is 0-7 ATS since 1988 in their 3rd straight away game.
Oct. 8	UNLV (Fri)	G						The Cougars are 6-11 ATS in MWC home games. BYU is 5-7 SU & 1-11 ATS in their 1st HG back from 2 or more AG's.
Oct. 16	Wyoming	G						Cougars are 6-2 SU, but 0-8 ATS vs the Cowboys S/'92 (all as favs). Brigham Young is 4-2 SU but 1-5 ATS in their 2nd straight HG S/'00.
Oct. 23	at Air Force	G						BYU's last SU & ATS win in Colorado Springs was in '94 (0-3 SU & ATS since). BYU has allowed AF's option attack just 247.5 ypg S/'94 (LY AF avg 280.6 ypg).
Oct. 30	Notre Dame	G						In October home games, BYU is 9-4 SU but just 4-9 ATS the last 6 yrs. BYU is 1-3 SU & ATS being outscored by an avg score of 34-18 vs ND.
Nov. 6	San Diego St	G						BYU is 12-2 SU & 8-3 ATS in Provo vs SDSU (2 losses by a combined 8 pts). BYU had the #14 def (in IA) as SDSU had #8, but LY combined for 80 pts & 810 yds.
Nov. 13	New Mexico	G						The favorite is 6-3 ATS the last 9 meetings. BYU is 6-2 SU, but 2-6 ATS in their 3rd straight home game since 1991.
Nov. 20	at Utah	A						The last 7 meetings have averaged just 35 ppg. BYU's 361 consecutive games without a shutout was snapped LY vs Utah.
Nov. 27								

GARY CROWTON (Career 42-30)
4th Year at BYU

Crowton's records AT BYU

21-17	Straight Up	8-8	Home Favorite
17-20	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
7-6	Off A SU Loss	3-8	Away Favorite
9-12	Vs Conference	5-3	Away Underdog
		8-8	Vs Non-Conference

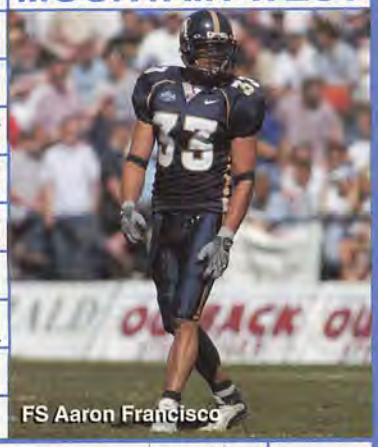
2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (20,16,1)
Lost: 32 (15,16,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 61,501

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-4	8-3	6-6	12-1	5-7	4-8	50-34
ATS	2-9	6-6	5-6	4-8	7-6	4-8	6-6	34-49
Home Fav	1-4	2-2	2-4	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	15-21
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3
Away Fav	0-3	2-1	3-2	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	8-15
Away Dog	1-1	1-3	0-0	2-3	0-0	2-2	3-1	9-10
Favorite	1-7	4-3	5-6	2-4	7-6	2-6	2-4	23-36
Dog	1-2	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-0	2-2	4-2	11-13
Grass	2-7	4-4	5-6	4-7	7-5	3-7	5-6	30-42
Artificial	0-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	4-7
vs Conf	1-7	5-4	4-3	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	21-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-3	4-2	2-3	2-3	13-18
Off SU Win	1-5	5-4	4-4	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	18-31
Off SU Loss	1-3	1-1	0-2	3-3	0-0	3-3	4-3	12-15

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reynaldo Brathwaite	145	891	79	812	2	5.6
Tafui Vakapuna	30	180	23	157	1	5.2
Marcus Whalen	**45**	**152**	**13**	**139**	**0**	**3.1**
John Beck	**54**	**181**	**160**	**21**	**1**	**0.4**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Berry	**235**	**147**	**62.6**	**1445**	**7**	**14**
John Beck	**145**	**73**	**50.3**	**864**	**5**	**5**
Todd Mortensen	**46**	**14**	**30.4**	**102**	**0**	**2**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Toby Christensen	53	547	10.3	4	44	
Daniel Coats	**30**	**378**	**12.6**	**4**	**38**	
Chris Hale	**33**	**286**	**8.7**	**0**	**29**	
Rod Wilkerson	**21**	**274**	**13.0**	**0**	**56**	
Justin Jory	17	213	12.5	1	46	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Payne	**78**	**3433**	**44.0**	**3**	**36.4**	**1**	**22**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Payne	**20-20**	**6-7**	**3-4**	**2-2**	**3-5**	**14-18**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Aaron Francisco	**116**	**0**	**7**	**3**	**3**
Colby Bockwoldt	77	4.5	15	2	2
Mike Tanner	74	0	4	1	1
James Allen	57	4	3	4	0
David Nixon	57	3	8	3	0
Brady Poppinga	**55**	**5**	**8**	**1**	**1**
John Denney	**41**	**3.5**	**3**	**2**	**2**
Jernaro Gilford	41	0	2	6	2
Ifo Pili	37	0	4	1	0
Chad Barney	37	0	1	3	0
Jon Burbidge	**32**	**0.5**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Levi Madarieta	30	2	2	2	0
Josh Brandon	19	0	1	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Toby Christensen	28	210	7.5	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brett Cooper	**18**	**435**	**24.2**	**0**
James Allen	9	163	18.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Copper	-1'	Oklahoma	31-6	W
96	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	19-15	W
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane	27-41	L
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall	3-21	L
01	Liberty	+3	Louisville	10-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	16.3	17	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	-14	2003	10	25.8	17	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9
3	22.7	21	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	-7	2002	6	27.8	21	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9
7*	44.1	26	208	5.4	316	63.5	11.9	+5	2001	6	30.3	23	193	4.8	244	53.9	14.4
5	23.3	21	99	3.0	275	55.9	16.0	-9	2000	7	25.8	17	122	3.3	223	58.6	13.4
8*	27.9	23	92	2.7	316	60.8	14.6	-8	1999	4	20.9	17	106	3.0	205	51.9	14.9
4*	28.7	20	138	3.4	239	59.3	13.1	-9	1998	8	20.7	15	103	3.0	189	48.8	14.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Georgia Tech	22	32-68	2.7	31-47	276	4	15	23-105	4.2	15-24	129	1	+2
at USC	19	26-46	1.8	29-46	313	6	17	33-71	2.2	19-34	235	4	-2
at New Mexico	14	29-136	4.7	20-37	172	1	18	48-171	3.6	11-24	141	1	+1
Stanford	14	25-(-5)	-0.2	23-46	310	4	13	44-144	3.3	11-24	56	5	-3
Air Force	18	36-113	3.1	19-36	193	3	17	47-194	4.1	12-22	134	0	0
at San Diego St	18	45-238	5.3	17-27	180	1	16	34-40	1.2	18-35	352	6	0
Colorado St	14	38-130	3.4	11-27	139	2	20	51-214	4.2	10-15	232	3	-2
at Wyoming	19	36-103	2.9	21-36	225	4	18	32-85	2.7	20-32	140	3	0
at UNLV	22	37-58	1.6	31-44	274	4	18	44-110	2.5	14-36	161	1	-3
Boise St	22	35-122	3.5	21-59	207	2	19	45-134	3.0	12-24	247	0	-3
at Notre Dame	13	26-53	2.0	18-30	250	4	19	50-204	4.1	15-30	156	2	-3
Utah	9	32-115	3.6	4-14	41	0	14	46-107	2.3	11-20	113	0	-1
TOTALS	204	397-1177	3.0	245-449	2580	35	204	497-1579	3.2	168-320	2096	26	-14
AVERAGES	17.0	33-98	3.0	20-37	215	2.9	17.0	41-132	3.2	14-27	175	2.2	-1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington	-3'	35-28	W
Colorado St	-7	34-13	W
Virginia	-7	40-45	L
at Utah St	-17	34-31 2OT	L
California	-14	38-28	L
at New Mexico	-16'	31-7	W
at UNLV	-18'	29-0	W
Air Force	-7'	27-20	L
at San Diego St	-6'	30-7	W
at Wyoming	-7'	17-31	L
Utah	-6'	17-20	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St	+25'	3-29	L
at Virginia	+6'	38-35 OT	W
at Air Force	-2	23-31	L
Mississippi St	+2	28-44	L
UNLV	-9	10-7	L
at Syracuse	+7'	14-42	L
Utah St	-20	38-14	W
San Diego St	-13'	15-16	L
Wyoming	-18	19-7	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-45	L
New Mexico	-6	37-13	W
at Utah	+6'	34-27	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-11	70-35	W
Nevada	-25'	52-7	W
at California	-3'	44-16	W
at UNLV	-7'	35-31	L
Utah St	-19'	54-34	W
at New Mexico	-14	24-20	L
Air Force	-12'	63-33	W
at San Diego St	-14'	59-21	W
Colorado St	-14'	56-34	W
at Wyoming	-24	41-34	L
Utah	-7	24-21	L
at Mississippi St	-4	41-38	L
at Hawaii	-3	45-72	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-3	42-21	W
Hawaii	-11	35-32	L
at Nevada	-14	28-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+9'	19-28	W
at Utah St	-17'	35-34	L
at Air Force	+4'	9-52	L
UNLV	-10	3-24	L
at Colorado St	+13	10-37	L
San Diego St	-1'	34-10	W
Wyoming	-11	35-31	L
New Mexico	-4'	16-20	L
at Utah	+8	6-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	-3'	24-13	W
at USC	+21'	18-35	W
at New Mexico	-2'	10-7	W
Stanford	-7	14-18	L
Air Force	-1/2	10-24	L
at San Diego St	+2'	44-36	W
Colorado St	-1/2	13-58	L
at Wyoming	-1	10-13	L
at UNLV	+3'	27-20 OT	W
Boise St	+8'	12-50	L
at Notre Dame	+8'	14-33	L
Utah	+7	0-3	W

UNLV REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Kurt Nantkes saw action in both 2001 and 2002 in relief of Jason Thomas. He threw for 229 yards (47.4%) with a 3-1 ratio with one start in 2001 and 405 yards (49.3%) with a 6-5 ratio and one start guiding the upset of Colo St in 2002. Nantkes was the clear starter last season but struggled for a good portion of the year. He threw for 1,883 yards (51.7%) with a 12-10 ratio. Scott Turner (Norv's son, 6-3 205 Jr) was the first backup QB to play when he came in vs N Mex and played over 2Q's but he hit just 3 of 6 for 12 yards and the Lobos knew he would not run. Turner has an excellent grasp of the offense but an average arm. Shane Steichen was a backup QB all year but was expected to redshirt. That changed when Nantkes struggled vs SDSt. Steichen, however, hit just 1 of 5 for 7 yards in the 2Q and Nantkes played the rest of the game despite a groin injury. Steichen QB'd vs Colo St, a game the Rebels should have won, and hit 12 of 26 for 172 yards and appeared to wrestle away the starting job over the injured Nantkes. He started against Wyoming but after hitting 4 of 7 for 36 yards with 1 int, the team trailed 24-10. Nantkes came off the bench and hit 3 TD passes guiding the comeback win. Everyone returns to the QB mix as does Tyler Arciaga (6-3 235 So, PS#110) who has a very strong arm but has had trouble picking up the offense the last two years. Also in the mix is Marcus Johnson (6-4 235 Fr, PS#99) who grayshirted.

RUNNING BACKS - John Robinson usually brings in some great transfers and last year three were in the mix. Larry Croom (PS#64 - Arizona) had 605 yards rushing in 2002 (7.2). He was the leading returning rusher after the team had to replace Joe Haro who had 1,948 yards the previous two years. Croom started out strong but missed most of 4 weeks. He still finished with 932 yards (4.5). Wash St transfer Deon Burnett (PS#61) played in just 7 games with 2 attempts. PS#4JC Alvin Marshall played in the first three games but redshirted due to a foot injury. Dominique Dorsey (PS#67) rushed for 379 (6.6) yards as a freshman in 2001 and 568 (7.3) as a soph. Dorsey had 100 yards vs Wisconsin and 111 vs Hawaii showing he is a capable feature back and finished with 626 (4.0). This year the team must replace Croom, Burnett, FB Andrew Faga (30 yds, solid blk'r) and FB Royce Boone. I list the 2 deep below and Dyante Perkins is solid at the FB position as he was the team's #3 rusher and also the #5 receiver and a good blocker. Alvin Marshall could have a major impact this year and was compared to Marshall Faulk out of JC where he rushed for 1,347 yards with 2,053 all-purpose yards in 2002. This year's feature back could be Ohio St transfer JaJa Riley (PS#40) who had 44 yards there in '02 and also added is JUCO FB Chad Henley who was starting FB out of spring and is the type of blocker that Robinson has been looking for. Not listed below are RB's Erick Jackson (5-6 180 So), Ranson Shepherd (5-11 235 rFr), Fabian King (6-0 210 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Even with the loss of Croom, this looks like one of the MWC's better RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Rebels only had to replace their starting TE last year and had their top 2 WR's back in Earvin (PS#20) and Michael (PS#81) Johnson (not related). Earvin, a rare VHT for UNLV, emerged in 2002 with 51 rec's (15.5). Last year he increased his rec's to 60 (13.9), despite the erratic QB play. Michael had 25 and 42 rec's in '01 & '02 and in ten starts had 42 (10.9) last year. He departs as does WR David Relf (4 rec) and super blocking TE Ryan Clifford (9 sts, 1 rec). I list the 2 deep below and look for big things out of Tremayne Kirkland (PS#154QB) who moved to WR in 2003 and should have a firm grasp of the offense. Robinson said he has big play ability. I think this unit will put up better numbers, even with the loss of their #2 receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UNLV had some solid OL numbers from 2000-2002 which was helped by a very mobile QB. The O-line paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 27 sacks in 2002. Last year with a more immobile QB (Kurt Nantkes had just 7 gross yards rushing) the ypc went down to 3.3 despite the presence of some quality backs. The team did have 3 starters back and Robinson said prior to the year, "We're no longer smaller than the other guy" and it was the teams biggest O-line ever. They did not give up their first sack until the 4th game allowing only 19 all year. This year they must replace C Dominic Furio (12 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 2 yr st'r, #7DC PHI) and LT Matt Williams (12 sts, 2 yr st'r). Four players return with starting experience and they get an outstanding JC transfer in Chris Bowser who turned down Colorado and Washington. I think the ypc will improve dramatically with better O-line play in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UNLV allowed 4.0 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter from a 4 man line but moved to a 3-4 so basically had 3 starters returning. This year all 3 starters depart in DE Chris Eagen (10 sts, 35 tkls, 5 tfl), DT Joseph Oniwor (22 tkls, 8 sts) and DE Dietrich Canterberry (8 sts, 30 tkls, 3 tfl). All three backups saw significant action including DT Howie Fuimaono who basically had the same amount of tackles as Oniwor. He and Leon Moore combined for 10 starts and Moore had 7 tfl compared to Eagen's 5, while Brian Nicholson had equaled Canterberry's tfl (3). Robinson was very pleased in the spring with the way the JUCO's reported and 3 DL's (Watts, Hill and Dunbar) were all in early. He also has some JUCO's coming in for the fall. I list a 3 deep below and not listed are Ryan Heise (6-3 250 So) who originally signed at Navy and JUCO's Daniel Widders and Chris Asnaran. The 2003 version allowed just 3.5 ypc while the defense had 29 sacks. You would expect them to be a lot weaker with the loss of all 3 starters but they could come close to matching LY's production.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team went from a 4-3 to a 3-4 defense so one extra position was created and they only lost one starter but basically had two openings. They did get back 2001 starter Ryan Claridge who missed 2002 with injury and also added in VHT JUCO transfer John Andrews (PS#18) and Penn transfer Reggie Butler (PS#150). The unit performed well and this year almost everyone returns from the top-notch unit with the only loss being OLB Derek Olsen (11 tkls). Surprisingly with the depth Robinson has available, he still recruited two JUCO's to this area and both could contribute in Mike Pattison (PS#313) and Kareem Merhi (PS#363). Not listed below is Matt Seccombe (6-1 230 So) and Faauo Faga (6-3 260 rFr). This looks like the best LB corps in the MWC.

LB Adam Seward

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNLV finished #29 in my pass D rankings in 2001 but had to replace super CB Kevin Thomas and their #1 tackling FS who both were drafted by the NFL. They plummeted all the way down to #81 in the rankings in 2002. Last year they had to replace 3 full-time starters and then projected starting CB Jason Rogers tore an ACL. Surprisingly the Rebels were able to move up to #49 in my pass D rankings allowing 58.2% with a 17-16 ratio. This year they must replace CB Daniel Jones (8 sts, 62 tkls, 1 int) and FS Sean Mackey (5 tkls). Their star, Jamaal Brimmer, returns and has been 1st Tm MWC for 2 straight years and was the team MVP. They get back Jason Rogers and add in JUCO's Charles Ealy who Robinson termed "the most physical CB" he's had here and Chanti Bloomer (PS#296). Not listed in the 2 deep below is David Olsen (5-11 195 Jr) and Brian Adams (6-0 200 So, PS#277). Look for continued improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 UNLV finished #45 in my special teams rankings led by KR Dominique Dorsey (34.6). In 2002, despite almost everyone returning, they surprisingly plummeted to #102. Last season I called them the most improved special teams unit in the MWC and they moved up to #58. The biggest improvement came from P Gary Cook who went from a net of 32.4 in 2002 to a very impressive 38.3. Cook returns for his senior season and has dropped 48 punts inside the 20 the last two years. K Dillon Pieffer increased his leg strength and after hitting just 7 of 13 with a long of 44 in 2002, he hit 20 of 25 last year with a long of 50 and was one of 20 Lou Groza finalists. Unfortunately, Pieffer departs. Dorsey, who averaged just 21.7 on KR's in 2002 slipped again to 19.5 last year but I expect much bigger things out of him this year. Top PR, Tremayne Kirkland (12.6), has big play ability and looks like one of the MWC's best. While the FG unit looks weaker with the loss of Pieffer, I would expect UNLV to climb in the rankings once again.

COACHES - John Robinson enters his sixth year at UNLV but has recorded only one winning season in the first five. He has an overall college record of 130-68-4 including guiding USC to four Rose Bowl berths. He was also the LA Rams head coach for nine years, topping 9 wins in five of those seasons and needs just 2 wins to become UNLV's 2nd all-time winningest coach. His new OC this year is Bruce Snyder who basically took over the play-calling at the end of last season. Snyder, of course, was the head coach at Arizona St from '92-2000 & Cal '87-'91. Last year's OC Rob Boras, left to become the TE coach for the Chicago Bears. QB coach Vince Alcade called most of the plays prior to the final two games but was let go after the season and in the two games Snyder took over, they had 23 and 35 points. The DC is Mike Bradeson who is in his fifth year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Not a lot went right for UNLV in 2002 and the team basically underachieved finishing 5-7. Last year appeared to be a rebuilding year with just 11 starters back which was the lowest in the league and the 25 lettermen lost the highest. They had a great start to the season knocking off Wisconsin 23-5 on the road and upended Hawaii at home. They were 4-1. Unfortunately a lead with 5:00 left vs BYU didn't last, and they lost in OT. Against SD St they had a 1st & goal at the Aztec 5 but could not score and lost 7-0. The Colo St game was the toughest loss as UNLV missed what would have been a game clinching FG with 2:38 left and CSU got a TD with :53 left behind a backup QB to beat them by 1. While they could have been much better than their 6-6 record indicates, a couple things trouble me. First, UNLV benefitted from +12 in turnovers, the second, in league play they not only finished 2-5 which was a tie for the basement, but were outgained by 115.5 ypg which was the worst mark in the league. While those are disturbing statistics, you cannot overlook the overall talent on this UNLV team. They have 7 starters back on defense and providing all the UNLV players I have listed in the projected starting lineups remain healthy and eligible, they could have the best D in the MWC. Offensively they have an experienced QB, an excellent set of RB's, a game breaking WR and a decent O-line. I think they will be more potent than the 21.3 ppg they put up last year. Four of their MWC games are on the road but this is a very talented team and despite the tough schedule and the fact they probably won't benefit from +12 in turnovers again, any time you have the top D in the league, you must be considered a contender for the title. They have a great shot at getting to the second bowl of the Robinson era. The Rebels make my most improved team list (pg 19) which means they should become bowl eligible.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB KURT NANTKES SR. 6-4 225 2 sts in '01 & '02, 634 yds (49%), 9-6 ratio. 10 sts LY, 1883 pass (51.7%) 12-10 ratio. **Shane Steichen** (6-3 180 So) 2 sts LY, 215 pass (45%).
RB JaJa Riley Jr. 6-2 210 PS#40, Ohio St transfer. **Alvin Marshall** (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#4JC** LY. **Dominique Dorsey** (5-7 165 Sr) PS#67. 1573 yds (5.4) 3 years.
FB DYANTE PERKINS SR. 6-0 235 PS#59. 7 sts in '03, 219 rush (4.1), 16 rec (13.6). **Chad Henley** is **PS#211JUCO**, in for spring. Mike Frazier (6-0 220 Sr) PS#237.
WR Tremayne Kirkland So. 6-0 165 PS#154QB. Moved to WR LY, 3 rec, 25 PR (12.6). Terry Furlow (6-0 190 Jr) Fresno St trans. Donnel Wheaton (6-0 185 So) 2 sts LY.
WR EARVIN JOHNSON SR. 6-3 200 **PS#20**. 3 sts as true, 12 rec (15.2). 9 sts in '02, 51 rec (15.5). **2nd tm MWC** L2Y. 60 rec (13.9) LY. Adam Gajo (5-8 170 So) 2 rec LY, 1 TD.
TE Greg Estandia Sr. 6-8 250 PS#140JC. 4 sts here LY, 20 rec (11.7). Kevin Baird (6-4 245 Sr) PS#412JC. Mike Freund (6-2 240 Jr) PS#225. Joe Del Castillo (6-5 240 So).
C MARCUS JOHNSON SR. 6-1 300 PS#114DL. 1 st as rFr, 12 sts at LG in '02. 12 sts at LG in '03, 3 rush yards. Tim Goins (6-4 280 rFr) PS#573OL. LS Ryan Heise (6-3 250 So).
RG Zach Gorham Jr. 6-5 310 PS#531OL. 2 sts at RT as rFr (inj), 3 sts at RT LY. Aaron Mueller (6-2 285 So) 2nd string in 2003. Zeb Smithson (6-5 285 Jr) PS#416JC.
LG JOE CRITCHFIELD SR. 6-4 315 PS#112JC. In for spring LY & 12 sts at RG. Brandon Gray (6-4 320 So) PS#237. 2nd string. Marcus Bryan (6-4 295 So) PS#459.
RT TYLER CRANDAL SR. 6-7 285 PS#97JUCO. In for spring in '03, 9 sts at RT here. **Chris Bowser** (6-6 280 So) PS#233JC, in for spring. Noah Lemmons (6-2 295 rFr).
LT Marco Guerra So. 6-5 330 PS#192OL. 2nd string as rFr. Dustin Forshee (6-5 295 Fr) PS#434 LY. Harvey Robinson (6-0 285 Jr). Mike McKiski (6-6 315 rFr).
K Sergio Aguayo rFr. 6-1 195 **PS#15K**. 40 of 50 career FG's in HS incl 55 & 57 yds. 92% TB on KO's. Hubi Schulze Zumkley (6-3 235 So) handled KO's in 2001. Lettered.

DE Leon Moore Jr. 6-5 270 PS#231. 39 tkls as rFr, 3 sks, 8 tfl, Frosh AA. 6 sts LY, 35 tkls, 4 sks, 6 pbu. **Isaac Watts** PS#201JC. Was PS#90TE with Arizona in 2001.
DT Howie Fuimaono So. 6-0 325 PS#270. 4 sts as **true**, 22 tkls, 1 tfl. **Isaiah Tafua** PS#214, JUCO, in for spring. Daniel Widders (6-5 280 Jr) is PS#322JC. 6 sks at JC last yr.
DE Brian Nicholson Sr. 6-5 275 PS#137JC in '03. 20 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl here last year. Mario Hill is PS#242 JUCO, in for spring. Pete Dunbar is PS#412JC, in for spring.
OLB REGGIE BUTLER SR. 6-0 225 PS#150LB. Penn transfer. 12 sts in '03, 47 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Bobby Kelly (6-2 210 Jr) PS#310JC, in for spring. Matt Pattison is PS#313JC.
ILB RYAN CLARIDGE SR. 6-4 250 PS#278. 7 sts, 65 tkls as true. 11 sts, 71 tkls, 8 tfl in '01. 11 sts, 76 tkls, 5.5 sks, HM MWC LY. Zach Bell (6-2 230 Sr) 6 sts, 61 tkls, 3 years.
ILB ADAM SEWARD SR. 6-2 250 PS#106DL. 12 sts, #1 in MWC w/133 tkls in '02. **1st Tm MWC** in '03, 119 tkls, 10 tfl. Terrence Young (5-10 235 Sr) 4 sts, 53 tkls, 5 tfl in 2 years.
OLB JOHN ANDREWS SR. 6-0 210 **PS#18JC**. 12 sts here LY, 74 tkls, 3 sks, 7 tfl, 2 pbu. Ryan Welter (6-4 230 rFr) PS#239. Mike Tinoisamoa (6-0 230 Sr) 13 tkls, 3 tfl last year.
CB RUSCHARD DODD-MASTERS SR. 6-0 180 PS#213. 6 sts in '02, 48 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. 11 sts LY, 50 tkls, 5 pbu. Will Tagoai (6-3 205 Sr) PS#175JC. 4 sts LY here then inj, 22 tkls, 2 pbu.
CB Jason Rogers So. 5-11 190 PS#138WR. #1 CB LY but ACL. **Charles Ealy** is PS#378JC, in for spg. Ernest Gordon (6-0 170 So) 1 st, 6 tkls. Solomon Smart (6-0 185 rFr) PS#141.
SS JAMAAL BRIMMER SR. 6-1 215 PS#157. **1st Tm MWC in '02 & '03**, 12 sts, 100 tkls, 16 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 77 tkls, 6 int, 10 tfl LY, **Tm MVP**. Jay Staggs (6-0 215 So) PS#374. 4 tkls LY.
FS JOE MIKLOS JR. 6-2 205 PS#288LB. 12 sts in '03, 82 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. Trent Williams (6-1 220 Sr) Marshall transfer. 4 tkls last year. Jeff Brown is PS#110.
P GARY COOK SR. 6-1 200 64 punts in '01, 38.4 avg, net of 34.0 true. 70 punts in '02, 38.3 avg, net of 32.4. 83 punts in '03, **2nd Tm MWC**, 43.4 average, net of 38.3.

TOP NEW COMERS FOR 2004

DB	Jeff Brown 6-2 185 PS#110
RB	David Peeples 5-9 190 PS#135
DE	Isaac Watts 6-2 260 PS#201JC
RB	Omega Faga 5-10 230 PS#162
FB	Chad Henley 6-1 250 PS#211JC
OL	Chris Bowser 6-6 280 PS#233JC
LB	Ryan Flasch 6-2 220 PS#171
DL	Mario Hill 6-2 260 PS#242JC
DB	Chanti Bloomer 6-0 195 PS#296JC
LB	Bobby Kelly 6-2 210 PS#310JC
LB	Matt Pattison 6-3 220 PS#313JC
DL	Daniel Widders 6-5 280 PS#322JC
DB	Charles Ealy 5-11 205 PS#378JC
DL	Robert Travers 6-4 255 PS#299
OL	Zeb Smithson 6-5 285 PS#416JC
OL	Josh Smith 6-6 330 PS#416
OL	Da'Juan Clark 6-3 285 PS#505
LB	Dan Rankin 6-2 215 PS#354
LB	Beau Bell 6-3 210 PS#365
DB	KC Asiodu 6-3 205 PS#475

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Tennessee	G						In their only prior gm in '96 UNLV was outgained 473-184 & outFD'd 29-11 in a UT rout 62-3. Including bowls, UNLV is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs the SEC.
Sep. 11	at Wisconsin	A						UNLV was outgained & outFD'd, but still put Wisky's "lights out" LY. Rebels are 2-5 ATS the last 4 years in their 2nd straight away game.
Sep. 18	Air Force	A						The Rebels are 0-8 SU & 3-5 ATS in their conference openers since 1996. UNLV is 5-13 SU & ATS when hosting current MWC opponents.
Sep. 25	Utah St	A						The Rebels are 3-1 ATS as a home favorite in non-conference play. UNLV is 5-10 SU vs the Aggies as this is their 1st lined contest.
Oct. 2	Nevada	A						UNLV won the Fremont Cannon for the 4th straight year in 2003. The home team is 5-2 ATS in this series.
Oct. 9	at BYU	G						The Rebels are 4-11 SU & 6-2 ATS the game after instate rival Nevada. UNLV is 1-6 SU, but 5-2 ATS vs the Cougars the last 7 games.
Oct. 16	New Mexico	A						The Rebels are 1-4 ATS the last 5 years vs New Mexico. The dog is 3-1 ATS the last 4 games.
Oct. 23	at Utah	A						In 5 MWC meetings Utah is 5-0 SU & ATS with an average win of 38-14! UNLV is 1-5 ATS before a bye since 1999.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Wyoming	A						UNLV has defeated Wyoming 5 straight yrs by an avg of 11 ppg (3-2 ATS). The dog is 6-2 ATS their last 8 meetings.
Nov. 13	at Colorado St	G						UNLV is 4-0 ATS in Fort Collins. The Rebels are 5-8 SU but 9-4 ATS in November away games.
Nov. 20	at San Diego St	G						UNLV is 6-2 ATS the last 8 years in their final road games. Last year's 7 total pts were by far the least scored in this series (by 27 pts).
Nov. 27								

JOHN ROBINSON (Career 130-68-4)
6th Year at UNLV

Robinson's records AT UNLV

26-33	Straight Up	4-8	Home Favorite
27-30	Vs The Spread	6-8	Home Underdog
16-16	Off A SU Loss	5-4	Away Favorite
16-19	Vs Conference	12-10	Away Underdog
		11-11	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,21,2)
Lost: 19 (10,8,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,805

MOUNTAIN WEST

WR Earvin Johnson

STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (TurfTech)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	3-8	7-5	4-7	5-7	6-6	28-52
ATS	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	6-5	3-8	6-6	36-42
Home Fav	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	5-10
Home Dog	0-1	1-4	1-4	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	7-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-4
Away Dog	4-2	3-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	2-4	2-1	19-15
Favorite	1-2	0-0	1-0	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-4	10-14
Dog	4-3	4-7	4-6	4-1	3-4	3-5	4-2	26-28
Grass	4-2	3-1	4-6	7-4	5-5	3-5	2-1	28-24
Artificial	1-3	1-6	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-3	4-5	8-18
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-4	4-3	4-3	2-5	3-4	24-27
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-3	3-2	12-15
Off SU Win	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-1	1-2	0-4	1-4	10-13
Off SU Loss	3-4	4-6	3-4	2-3	4-3	3-4	4-2	23-26

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Croom	208	1010	78	932	3	4.5
Dominique Dorsey	158	697	71	626	1	4.0
Dyante Perkins	54	230	11	219	7	4.1
Tremayne Kirkland	4	25	7	18	0	4.5
Kurt Nantkes	27	7	142	-135	0	-5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kurt Nantkes	323	167	51.7	1883	12	10
Shane Steichen	38	17	44.7	215	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earvin Johnson	60	834	13.9	4	35
Michael Johnson	42	457	10.9	1	45
Greg Estandia	20	234	11.7	3	32
Dyante Perkins	16	218	13.6	2	34
Larry Croom	21	118	5.6	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Gary Cook	83	3604	43.4	7	38.3	1	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dillon Pieffer	26-28	9-11	6-7	4-6	1-1	20-25	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Seward	119	0.5	10	6	2
Joe Miklos	82	0	1	2	2
Jamaal Brimmer	77	3	7	1	6
Ryan Claridge	76	5.5	7	2	2
John Andrews	74	3	7	2	0
Daniel Jones	62	0	2	3	1
Ruschard Dodd-Masters	50	0	1	5	1
Reggie Butler	47	3	3	4	1
Chris Eagen	35	2	3	1	1
Leon Moore	35	4	3	6	0
Zach Bell	33	2	3	0	0
Dietrich Canterberry	30	1	2	3	0
Will Tagoai	22	0	1	2	0
Howie Fuimaono	22	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tremayne Kirkland	25	314	12.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominique Dorsey	18	351	19.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13	–
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24	W
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	21.3	18	133	3.3	176	50.7	14.5	+12	2003	6	22.7	21	139	3.5	240	58.2	16.7
6*	24.3	21	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	-7	2002	5	30.5	21	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9
7*	25.8	17	215	4.7	144	43.3	13.9	-2	2001	7	24.5	21	158	3.8	189	50.1	14.2
8*	28.5	19	230	5.0	164	53.8	13.8	-5	2000	7	21.2	18	139	3.6	208	52.9	16.4
5	14.5	15	112	3.0	146	53.0	17.7	+5	1999	5	29.5	23	234	5.0	171	53.3	13.7
8	14.2	14	115	3.1	141	45.4	18.0	-8	1998	8	35.4	22	234	4.6	195	58.2	12.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Toledo	24	39-150	3.8	27-41	308	0	16	29-94	3.2	17-34	145	1	-1
at Kansas	20	35-244	7.0	17-30	177	0	32	48-276	5.8	22-31	270	0	0
at Wisconsin	11	37-94	2.5	12-25	93	0	17	42-52	1.2	13-30	239	9	+4
Hawaii	17	44-116	2.6	14-36	180	2	20	20-54	2.7	37-61	363	2	+5
at Nevada	21	48-128	2.7	27-40	255	2	15	27-92	3.4	13-36	180	2	-1
at Air Force	13	41-166	4.0	8-20	84	3	15	59-261	4.4	5-10	63	0	-2
Utah	16	35-85	2.4	13-31	211	4	23	51-220	4.3	16-24	221	3	-1
BYU	18	44-110	2.5	14-36	161	1	22	37-58	1.6	31-44	274	4	+3
at New Mexico	20	49-74	1.5	15-24	155	3	25	31-149	4.8	24-39	429	3	+5
San Diego St	11	22-31	1.4	15-34	144	0	18	50-151	3.0	13-25	158	0	-2
Colorado St	20	48-168	3.5	12-27	172	3	21	40-182	4.6	17-26	214	1	+3
at Wyoming	19	40-235	5.9	13-25	170	1	23	42-74	1.8	27-44	321	4	-1
TOTALS	210	482-1601	3.3	187-369	2110	19	247	476-1663	3.5	235-404	2877	29	+12
AVERAGES	17.5	40-133	3.3	16-31	176	1.6	20.6	40-139	3.5	20-34	240	2.4	1.0

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Texas	-2	26-3	W
at Baylor	+10	27-24	W
Iowa St	+3'	0-24	L
Utah	+15	14-52	L
at Nevada	+8	12-26	L
at Wyoming	+24'	35-32	W
BYU	+18'	0-29	L
at New Mexico	+8'	6-27	L
at Air Force	+25	16-35	W
San Diego St	+13'	7-37	L
Colorado St	+22	17-35	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+11'	22-37	L
N Texas	-16'	38-0	W
at BYU	+9	7-10	W
Air Force	+5'	34-13	W
Nevada	-21	38-7	W
at Colorado St	+7	19-20	W
Wyoming	-20'	42-23	L
at Mississippi	+9'	40-43 OT	W
at Utah	-2	16-38	L
New Mexico	-8	18-14	L
at San Diego St	-5'	31-24	W
at Hawaii	-7	34-32	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+5	10-14	W
Northwestern	+3'	28-37	L
at Arizona	+2'	21-38	L
BYU	+7'	31-35	W
at Nevada	-11	27-12	W
San Diego St	-4	31-3	W
Colorado St	-4'	24-26	L
at Wyoming	-9'	47-26	W
Utah	+1	14-42	L
at New Mexico	+2'	17-27	L
at Air Force	+2'	34-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+5'	7-27	N/A
Kansas	-14	31-20	L
at Oregon St	+16	17-47	L
at Toledo	+7'	21-38	L
Nevada	+1	21-17	W
New Mexico	-8	16-25	L
at BYU	+10	24-3	W
at San Diego St	+3	21-31	L
Wyoming	-8	49-48 OT	L
at Utah	+10'	17-28	L
Air Force	+5	32-49	L
at Colorado St	+17	36-33	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Toledo	E	28-18	W
at Kansas	-10'	24-46	L
at Wisconsin	+20	23-5	W
Hawaii	-1	33-22	W
at Nevada	-5'	16-12	L
at Air Force	+6'	7-24	L
Utah	+2	10-28	L
BYU	-3'	20-27 OT	L
at New Mexico	+9'	37-35	W
San Diego St	-5	0-7	L
Colorado St	+7	23-24	W
at Wyoming	-1	35-24	W

COLORADO ST RAMS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - CSU had a record of 31-6 under Lubick with 3 senior incumbent Mich St transfer QB's and had one of their best QB's ever as a senior last year in Bradlee Van Pelt but surprisingly were 7-6 SU. In 2001 Van Pelt threw for 1,353 yards (47.6%) with a 9-12 ratio while rushing for 743. In his second year as a starter he was MWC Offensive POY throwing for 2,073 yards (52.3%) with a 10-7 ratio while rushing for 940 yards. He has 8 of the ten 100 yard rushing games by a Ram QB since 1950. Last season he threw for 2,845 yards (60.6%) with a 19-13 ratio and led the team in rushing with 1,121 gross yards (909 net). He won his second straight MWC Offensive POY Award. Justin Holland (PS#12) played in 11 games in 2002 throwing for 480 yards (55.0%) with a 4-5 ratio. Last year he even replaced Van Pelt against Utah hitting 8 of 13 for 86 yards and then when Van Pelt broke his hand in the season finale Holland hit 7 of 10 for 80 yards and threw a game winning 3 yard TD pass with under 1:00 left. Holland started the bowl game and while he hit 8 of 12 for 79 yards, he tossed two int's and CSU trailed 21-0 when Van Pelt came off the bench. For the season Holland threw for 381 yards completing an impressive 67.3% with a 3-2 ratio but he had zero gross yards rushing. His backups this year will be Casey Hansen (6-5 207 rFr, PS#188) who has 4.6 speed and Joey Kearney (6-0 189 So, PS#303). Holland does not possess the mobility of Van Pelt (#7DC DEN) but may be a more accurate passer. It will be interesting to see how he fares in the lead role, considering that it will be tough to replace Van Pelt's leadership ability.

RUNNING BACKS - Cecil Sapp broke the school record for rushing yards in a season with 1,601 (4.6) in 2002 and had to be replaced last season. Rahsaan Sanders (PS#160) was the leading returning rusher with 311 yards (5.4). The team got two outstanding additions in JUCO Jimmy Green (PS#387) and Marcus Houston (PS#1) who was allowed to transfer in from Colorado without sitting out a year. Houston rushed for 104 yards vs Colorado in the opener but then suffered fumble problems throughout the year. His fumble vs Utah was returned 80 yards for a TD in the final minute costing them a win. He also had a costly fumble against Wyoming and he went into the coach's doghouse and while Houston led the RB's with 636 yards (4.0) he had just 13 carries for 24 yards in the last 4 games. Sanders suffered a hip pointer and numerous other injuries and finished with 400 yards (4.4). Green had just 3 carries prior to BYU but finished with 360 yards (4.7) including an impressive 42 yard TD run against SDSt which clinched their victory. He also had 113 yards in the season finale vs UNLV and another 74 in the bowl. Former walk-on Uldis Jaunarajs had 2 starts at RB but then suffered a hamstring injury vs BYU and had just 4 carries in the final six games. Tristan Walker (6-0 222 So, PS#57) suffered an ACL injury last year. Adam Gabriel (5-10 247 rFr) was PS#117 and this year's top frosh signee, Kyle Bell, is 210 lbs with 4.46 speed and is the leading rusher in Colorado HS history. For some reason they moved starting SS Adam Hayward (PS#146LB, 8 sts) to RB but he could move back to D by the fall. They did not have the production expected out of the RB corps last year thanks in part to injuries but this is a very talented group and looks like potentially one of the MWC's best despite the loss of Sanders (6 sts, HM MWC).

RECEIVERS - Last season the Rams had everyone back except for their #2 receiver. Chris Pittman led the team in 2002 with 60 rec (13.4) and David Anderson became the first frosh WR to catch a pass here since 1997. Last year the team did return John Mackey candidate (top TE Award) Joel Dreessen but he suffered through an injury plagued season getting in just 8 starts. Anderson showed why he got on the field as a frosh as he led the team with 72 rec (18.0) as a soph. In game 1 both Anderson and Pittman topped 100 yards receiving and they seemed to alternate matching that total on a weekly basis with Anderson achieving it six times and Pittman four. Pittman was not available for the bowl (susp) so CB Dexter Wynn moved over and had 3 rec. Lubick called last year's crop of four frosh receivers the best he's had at CSU and they will look to contribute in 2003. This year they must replace Chris Pittman (12 sts, 56 rec, 13.2), Eric Hill (2 sts, 18 rec, 20.8) and backup TE James Sondrup (1 st, 3 rec) as well as WR Russell Sprague (2 rec). Should Dreessen stay healthy, this unit will be stronger and boasts a 1st and a 2nd Tm MWC player.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rams averaged a super 4.6 ypc rushing in both 2001 and 2002 and the 2002 version allowed just 15 sacks. Having a mobile QB like Bradlee Van Pelt helped those numbers. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup. Erik Pears was 1st Tm MWC in 2003 and six other players return with starting experience although Albert Bimper missed 4 games due to injury. For the third straight year the team averaged 4.6 ypc rushing and this time yielded 19 sacks. This year they must replace C Mark Dreyer (10 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 3 yr st'r), RG Jamie Amicarella (13 sts, HM MWC), WG Zeke Hacker (8 sts), LG Terrell Gardner (1 st, 2nd string) and LT Jonathan Moore (2nd string). Pears is possibly the top OL in the MWC and Bimper and Michael Brisiel are both solid. This has the makings of another top-notch OL but it will be tough to duplicate last year's key numbers with a less mobile QB.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rams allowed 4.3 ypc rushing in 2002 which was actually an improvement over the 4.6 they allowed in 2001. The team's 18 sacks in 2002 was their lowest total under Lubick. Last year they had to replace two starters but had six of the top 8 back. The sack total improved greatly to 29 and the ypc rush allowed was trimmed to 4.1. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are NT Bryan Save (13 sts, 59 tkls, 7 sks, 1st Tm MWC), DE Andre Sommersell (13 sts, 51 tkls, 9 tfl, HM MWC, #7DC of OAK) and DT Lavell Mann (13 sts, 39 tkls, 5 sks, HM MWC). Five of the top eight are back and I list a 2 deep below and not even included is Michael Leiter (6-3 231 So, PS#369). Jordan Nichols (6-2 218 Sr) and this year's true frosh. This has the makings of a decent group but is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Three full-time starters with a combined 82 career starts appeared to return to this unit last season but SLB Adam Wade, who had 33 of those starts was not able to return for his senior season. Starting WLB Eric Pauly, who had 26 of those starts and was 2nd Tm MWC in both '01 & '02 was then lost for the season after 5 starts to a torn ACL. He was the #1 tackler at the time with 46 as well as 8 tfl. By the time the season finale rolled around, only one of the top six LB's from the spring 2 deep were around. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are WLB Pauly (PS#59), MLB Drew Wood (13 sts, 82 tkls, 13 tfl, HM MWC) and SLB Jeff Flora (13 sts, 75 tkls, 3 tfl, HM MWC). Three players return with starting experience. They add in two JUCO's and some talented rFr in the 2 deep below. This unit figures to be less banged up than last year's version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CSU had a rather inexperienced secondary in 2002 but still managed to finish #53 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters who both earned MWC honors as well as a backup and then starting FS Landon Jones quit the team after game one (he rejoined and is now at OLB). The Rams dropped some down to #67 allowing 57.3% with a 17-13 ratio. This year the secondary has gone through some changes and may go through some more prior to the start of the season. They must replace their star CB Dexter Wynn (13 sts, 14 pbu, 1st Tm MWC, #6DC PHI) as well as FS Benny Mastropaolo (13 sts, 89 tkls, 3 int, 14 pbu). They moved starting CB Ben Stratton to FS but he could go back to CB. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Joey Flores (6-3 207 So), Miles Kochevar (6-0 195 Jr, 8 tkls), David Foley (5-10 186 Jr, 3 tkls) and Justin Kappeler (5-10 184 Jr). They also move starting SS Adam Hayward to RB but with the depth at that position it wouldn't surprise me to see Hayward back at SS this fall and even though he is listed at RB, I still have a mention of him in the 2 deep at SS. This unit is less experienced and has to replace their top guy but probably won't drop too much in my pass D rankings, if at all.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength under Lubick with a #1 finish in 1997 and the following four years they finished #13, #3, #9 and in 2001 #1 again. In 2002 they suffered some big losses due to graduation and actually dropped to #44 with punter Joey Huber's net dropping from 39.7 down to 34.7 and they allowed 3 PR TD's. Last year they had to replace Huber but everyone else was back including explosive returnman Dexter Wynn who averaged 16.2 on PR's in 2002. Last year Wynn led the MWC with a 29.0 average on KR's and avg 12.7 on PR's. Kicker Jeff Babcock assumed the punting duties and had a solid 42.1 average with an outstanding net of 38.9. After hitting 24 of 32 FG's in 2002 with a long of 46, he had less attempts last year but was still solid hitting 13 of 19 with a long of 48. Overall, CSU was able to finish #21 in my special teams rankings. Babcock had 30 TB's on 60 KO's in 2001 and is back for his 4th year as the KO man. With Lubick's track record in special teams, I do not look for too much of a drop this season despite the loss of Wynn.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival and he has guided them to eight bowls in the last ten years and six league titles. Lubick was given a $2.5 million, five year contract extension in November 2002. Also last year in honor of Lubick, their home stadium is now Sonny Lubick field at Hughes Stadium. He has Co-OC's in Dan Hammerschmidt and John Benton who are in the their ninth and tenth years with the program. The DC is Steve Stanard who had been the DC of New Mexico St since 1999. Lubick is 62-21 in conference games at CSU and has been the Conference Coach of the Year four times ('94, '97, '99 and 2000). The team has had three end of the season Top 25 rankings ('94; 15, '97; 16, '00; 14). Lubick is 12-12 SU against Top 25 teams, an impressive record.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Sonny Lubick has recorded ten straight winning seasons which is the sixth best of current coaches. In the 100 years of football here, prior to his arrival, CSU won or shared 9 conference titles. Lubick has rattled off six in the past 10 years, 2nd in the NCAA to Florida St. In 2000 they finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever in a 10-2 season. In 2002 they appeared poised to top that total but lost their last two including the bowl. The team has now won at least seven games for ten straight years. Last year they had 15 starters returning including super QB Bradlee Van Pelt and only lost 13 lettermen. Coming off a 10-4 season, they surprisingly went just 7-6. They needed to win their last two games just to make it to a bowl. They did have a tough loss vs Utah where they had the ball at the end of the game and fumbled and it was returned for a TD and were also upset by Wyoming. Despite their mediocre 4-3 MWC record, they outgained league foes by an average of 53.8 ypg, the second best mark in the league. One factor that has me excited about Colo St this season is the fact that they were -15 in turnovers last year (their worst mark in the Lubick era) and still managed to get to a bowl. This year they only have just 10 starters returning and must replace 20 lettermen. They do get four MWC home games. Even with the loss of Van Pelt, I think the offense will be solid and will still be one of the top in the league. My biggest question mark this year is the defense which has just 3 starters back and appears simply average in all areas. The 3 returning starters are Lubick's lowest ever. These are usually the type of year's Lubick does best. The last time he had only 10 returning starters was in 1999 and the team went 8-3 in the regular season, winning the conference title. With 4 conference home games, I expect them to contend once again and record the teams 11th consecutive winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Justin Holland Jr. 6-3 201 **PS#12**. 11 games as rFr, 480 yds (55%) 4-5 ratio. 1 st, 381 yds (67%) 3-2 ratio. Casey Hansen (6-5 207 rFr) PS#188. 4.6 speed.

RB MARCUS HOUSTON SR. 6-2 206 **PS#1**. 2 sts, 513 yds at **Colorado**. 4 sts here LY, 636 rush (4.0). Jimmy Green (5-11 225 Jr) JUCO. 1 start here LY, 360 (4.7).

WR George Hill rFr. 5-11 170 PS#134RB. Dustin Osborn (6-0 194 So) PS#161TE, 3 rec as rFr. Luke Roberts (6-2 208 rFr) PS#374. Damon Morton is PS#59.

WR DAVID ANDERSON JR. 5-11 192 PS#106. 8 rec as true. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm MWC**, 72 rec (**18.0**). John Walker (6-0 184 rFr). Greg Chatman (6-2 185 rFr) PS#96.

HB JOEL DREESSEN SR. 6-4 260 12 sts, 23 rec in '01. 14 sts in '02, **1st Tm MWC**, 29 rec (11.7). 8 sts LY, 29 rec (11.1). Clint Oldenburg (6-5 255 So) PS#132TE.

TE MATT BARTZ JR. 6-3 249 PS#68. 11 sts as rFr, 8 rec. 12 sts LY, HM MWC, 23 rec (14.4). Brandon Alconcel (6-4 263 Jr) 4 sts, 4 rec (3.0).

C Nick Allotta rFr. 6-3 292 PS#270OL. Jassem Redha (6-3 310 So) 2nd string in '03. #1 C in spring. Patrick Majcher (6-3 287 rFr)

RG ALBERT BIMPER JR. 6-1 303 PS#196. Scout Tm MVP in '01. 12 sts in '02, 2nd Tm Frosh AA. 8 sts LY (5 at G, 3 at C) miss 4 injury. Dan Gury is PS#129.

LG Josh Day So. 6-4 296 PS#138OL. 2nd string as rFr. Jason Haskell (6-3 280 So) PS#283OL. 2nd string. Ryan Burgess (6-2 286 rFr). Richie Plunkett (6-6 270 Fr).

RT ERIK PEARS SR. 6-8 315 **PS#95OL**. 3 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm MWC**. NFL potential. Dan Crews (6-4 314 rFr) PS#282.

LT MICHAEL BRISIEL JR. 6-5 300 **PS#100OL**. 9 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03, HM MWC. Justin Tyler (6-7 344 rFr) PS#106. Mitch Walker (6-5 314 rFr).

K JEFF BABCOCK SR. 5-9 188 KO's for 3 yrs, lots of TB's. Hit 24 of 32 in '02, long of 46. 13 of 19 in '03, long of 48. Kevin Mark (6-2 180 Jr) PS#24K. 75 KO's, 39 TB's LY.

DE PATRICK GOODPASTER SR. 6-3 275 PS#125. 8 sts, 3 tfl in '01. 14 sts at DT in '02, 16 tkls. 13 sts at DE LY, 49 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl, HM MWC. Tom Martindale (6-6 244 Jr) JC. RS here LY.

NT Cleodis Floyd Jr. 6-2 285 PS#161JC. 21 tfl at JC LY. Delroy Parke (6-2 298 JR) PS#211. 1 tkl LY. Erik Sandie (6-2 270 rFr) PS#192OL. Steve Olech (6-3 259 Jr) 1 tkl, 1 tfl LY.

DT Blake Smith rFr. 6-2 269 PS#95DL. Jonathon Simon (6-6 285 Sr) PS#277, 12 tkls, 2 tfl in 3Y. Chris Kiffin (6-1 275 Sr) 28 tkls, 6 tfl in 3 years. Bob Vomhof (6-3 245 rFr).

DE Jesse Nading rFr. 6-5 243 PS#153. Terrance Carter (6-3 239 Jr) 12 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Luke Adkins (6-2 229 So) 8 tkls, 2 sks LY. Michael Vomhof (6-3 235 rFr) 5 tkls in 3 years.

WLB Chris Davis Jr. 6-1 230 PS#120JC. 4.6 spd. 8 sks at JC in for spg. Landon Jones (6-2 219 Jr). 41 tkls at FS in '02. 1 st LY, 3 tkls. Nathan Pauly (6-1 218 rFr) PS#179.

MLB Courtney Jones Jr. 6-1 232 5 tkls as true. 3 sts in '03, 30 tkls, 2 tfl. Zach Morse (6-4 228 rFr) PS#140. John Morris (6-2 230) is PS#245JC. Originally at Fresno St.

SLB Jahmal Hall Jr. 6-0 183 PS#198. 4 sts in '03, 42 tkls, 5 tfl, 3 pbu. John Nichols (6-2 218 rFr) PS#48TE. Micah Woods (5-11 263 So) PS#136. 4 tkls last year.

CB Brandon Cathy So. 5-10 183 PS#111. 17 tkls, 1 tfl in 2003. Chase Weber (5-11 180 Fr) PS#289. 4.38 speed. Daryl Williams (5-9 174 rFr). Case Gabel (5-10 187 rFr).

CB Robert Herbert Jr. 6-1 195 PS#241JC. 16 pbu JC last year. Daniel Foster (5-10 176 So) PS#186. Liddon Levine (5-10 186 rFr). Travis Garcia (6-1 210 Jr) 6 tkls last year.

SS ROBERT CLARK JR. 6-2 190 PS#299JC. In for spring. Adam Lancisero (5-9 198 Sr) 2 sts LB LY, 16 tkls, 3 tfl. RB in spring. Adam Hayward (6-0 229 Jr).

FS BEN STRATTON JR. 6-2 210 PS#247QB. 1 st as true, 22 tkls, 3 pbu. 13 sts at CB LY, 79 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu, HM MWC. Lukas Davis (6-1 207 So) PS#187. 3 sts, 33 tkls, 4 tfl LY.

P JEFF BABCOCK SR. 5-9 188 FG & KO man. Took over punting in '03, 50 punts with 42.1 avg, **net of 38.9**, HM MWC. Jim Kaylor (6-3 194 rFr) PS#38. 45.2 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Damon Morton 5-11 175 PS#59
WR	Anthony Celestine 5-11 170 PS#60
RB	Jamaal Floyd 5-10 170 PS#69
RB	Tramell McGill 5-10 185 PS#96
QB	Caleb Hanie 6-2 230 PS#78
OL	Dan Gury 6-4 275 PS#129
LB	Chris Davis 6-1 230 PS#120JC
QB	Dion Morton 5-9 165 PS#95
DL	Tommie Hill 6-6 210 PS#150
TE	Kory Sperry 6-6 195 PS#39
DL	Matt Rupp 6-3 250 PS#152
RB	Cleodis Floyd 6-2 285 PS#161JC
DL	Chris Kawulok 6-3 200 PS#162
DB	Robert Herbert 6-1 195 PS#241JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								CSU is 37-18 ATS under Lubick in the finale 5 gms of the regular season. Colorado St is 0-7-1 ATS the last 8 conference openers. Colorado St Rams are 8-3-1 ATS the last 12 vs Air Force Falcons.
Sep. 4	at Colorado	G						The L6Y game at neutral site, but from '86-'97 CSU is 1-7 SU & 6-2 ATS. Colorado St is 19-55-2 SU being outscored on avg 24-11 vs Colorado.
Sep. 11	at USC	G						Entering 2004, Rams are 22-11-1 ATS as an away dog under Lubick. Colorado St is 7-39-1 SU & 3-7-1 ATS vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 18	Minnesota	G						Including bowls, this will be just their 3rd gm vs the Big 10 (1-1 SU & ATS). CSU has won 10 straight home openers, but is just 3-7 ATS since 1991.
Sep. 25	Montana St	G						Sonny Lubick was Montana St's HC from '78-'81 posting a 21-19 mark. MSU Bobcats finished ranked #21 going 7-6 last year in Div IAA play.
Oct. 2	BYU (HC)	G						CSU is 14-5 ATS the last 18 games before a bye week. The home team is 4-1 SU & ATS since 1999 in this series.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 16	at San Diego St	G						The Rams are 16-4 ATS the week after a bye since 1986. Rams are 6-2 both SU & ATS the last 8 series meetings vs the Aztecs.
Oct. 22	Wyoming (Fri)	G						Since 1968 these 2 have played for the "Bronze Boot" in the Border War. The visitor is 10-2 ATS since 1992 in this matchup.
Oct. 30	New Mexico	G						Colorado St is 8-2 SU & 6-4 ATS vs New Mexico since 1992. Under Lubick the Rams are 7-1 ATS after playing rival Wyoming.
Nov. 6	at Utah	A						The Rams are 7-4 ATS since 1997 in games on artificial turf. CSU is 5-1 SU & ATS vs Utah the last 6 meetings in this series.
Nov. 13	UNLV	G						Rams are 7-1 SU, but just 2-6 ATS vs the Rebels in the last 8 meetings. The dog is 7-1 ATS in this series.
Nov. 20	at Air Force	G						The home team is 4-10-1 ATS since 1989. Colorado St is 12-4 ATS in the last 16 road finales.
Nov. 27								

SONNY LUBICK (Career 91-44) (Div IAA 21-19)
12th Year at Colorado State

Lubick's records AT COLORADO ST

91-44	Straight Up	21-23	Home Favorite
70-53-1	Vs The Spread	9-1	Home Underdog
19-18	Off A SU Loss	18-18	Away Favorite
50-33-1	Vs Conference	22-11-1	Away Underdog
		20-20	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (16,17,3)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,631

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	8-4	8-3	9-2	6-5	10-3	7-5	58-24
ATS	10-2	5-6-1	6-5	5-5	6-5	7-6	5-6	44-35-1
Home Fav	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-2	15-16
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	4-1	2-4	1-2	2-2	1-0	2-2	0-4	12-15
Away Dog	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	3-2	3-1	2-0	15-4-1
Favorite	8-2	4-6	4-4	3-5	1-3	4-5	3-6	27-31
Dog	2-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	5-2	3-1	2-0	17-4-1
Grass	7-2	4-4-1	6-5	4-5	6-5	6-5	4-5	37-31-1
Artificial	3-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	7-4
vs Conf	8-1	3-4-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	4-3	3-4	29-22-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-3	2-2	15-13
Off SU Win	8-1	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	3-2	5-5	2-3	27-22-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	3-2	1-1	3-2	12-11

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bradlee Van Pelt	170	1121	212	909	10	5.3
Marcus Houston	**158**	**677**	**41**	**636**	**9**	**4.0**
Rahsaan Sanders	90	422	22	400	2	4.4
Jimmy Green	**77**	**367**	**7**	**360**	**4**	**4.7**
Uldis Jaunarajs	**27**	**110**	**3**	**107**	**0**	**4.0**
Justin Holland	**3**	**0**	**8**	**-8**	**0**	**-2.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bradlee Van Pelt	297	180	60.6	2845	19	13
Justin Holland	**55**	**37**	**67.3**	**381**	**3**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
David Anderson	**72**	**1293**	**18.0**	**9**	**86**
Chris Pittman	56	739	13.2	4	39
Eric Hill	18	375	20.8	3	67
Matt Bartz	**23**	**331**	**14.4**	**1**	**59**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeff Babcock	**50**	**2107**	**42.1**	**4**	**38.9**	**0**	**18**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Babcock	**46-48**	**5-5**	**5-8**	**3-6**	**0-0**	**13-19**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Mastropaolo	89	0	3	14	3
Drew Wood	82	5	8	2	0
Ben Stratton	**79**	**1**	**3**	**9**	**4**
Jeff Flora	75	0	3	4	1
Bryan Save	59	7	5	1	0
Andre Sommersell	51	2	7	1	0
Patrick Goodpaster	**49**	**5**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Dexter Wynn	46	2	2	14	1
Eric Pauly	46	3	5	3	1
Jahmal Hall	**42**	**1**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Lavell Mann	39	5	2	0	0
Lukas Davis	**33**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Courtney Jones	**30**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Wynn	35	445	12.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dexter Wynn	27	782	29.0	0
David Anderson	**13**	**174**	**13.4**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Liberty	+5'	S Mississippi	17-23	L
00	Liberty	-2	Louisville	22-17	W
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20	W
02	Liberty	-5	TCU	3-17	L
03	San Francisco	E	Boston College	21-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

COLORADO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.3	21	191	4.6	248	60.8	15.0	-15	2003	7	24.5	19	155	4.1	215	57.3	15.1
6*	29.9	20	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	+3	2002	6	23.7	20	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7
5	24.8	17	195	4.6	152	47.8	14.0	+1	2001	7	22.8	22	205	4.6	215	57.6	18.4
8*	30.3	21	139	3.7	240	58.1	12.5	+1	2000	7	18.8	17	140	3.7	194	55.9	17.8
4	28.8	19	144	4.1	219	57.3	12.6	-3	1999	6	22.4	19	142	3.6	216	58.1	16.0
5	28.8	21	165	4.3	221	61.5	13.4	+7	1998	9	21.9	19	160	3.8	177	56.8	15.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Colorado	24	39-246	6.3	18-40	339	1	17	43-102	2.4	21-34	402	4	-2
at California	17	39-131	3.4	15-24	317	1	19	31-51	1.6	23-35	248	5	0
Weber St	25	50-261	5.2	21-32	233	0	12	25-79	3.2	12-24	133	2	-2
Miami, Oh	14	29-39	1.3	17-28	349	3	27	39-206	5.3	29-40	330	2	-1
Utah	22	41-102	2.5	22-32	267	0	15	35-126	3.6	17-21	158	1	-5
Fresno St	24	41-270	6.6	17-29	197	1	17	35-179	5.1	17-32	158	2	0
at BYU	20	51-214	4.2	10-15	232	3	14	38-130	3.4	11-27	139	2	+2
Air Force	27	53-306	5.8	14-22	258	0	18	52-276	5.3	4-14	154	0	+2
at Wyoming	28	46-304	6.6	17-29	205	2	24	30-129	4.3	23-36	337	1	-1
at New Mexico	19	40-111	2.8	16-24	217	5	20	45-319	7.1	8-12	106	1	-2
San Diego St	15	40-168	4.2	11-19	156	1	20	30-108	3.6	23-50	237	3	+1
at UNLV	21	40-182	4.6	17-26	214	1	20	48-168	3.5	12-27	172	3	-3
† Boston College	21	34-146	4.3	22-37	242	1	19	39-137	3.5	16-25	224	3	-4
TOTALS	277	543-2480	4.6	217-357	3226	19	243	490-2010	4.1	216-377	2798	29	-15
AVERAGES	21.3	42-191	4.6	17-27	248	1.7	18.7	38-155	4.1	17-29	215	3.0	-1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+13	41-14	W
Nevada	-17'	38-33	L
at BYU	+7	13-34	L
N Mexico St	-15	46-7	W
at Fresno St	-4	13-44	L
San Diego St	-6	10-17	L
at Wyoming	+2'	24-13	W
Utah	-1'	31-24	W
at New Mexico	-7	36-22	W
Air Force	-2	41-21	W
at UNLV	-22	35-17	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4'	28-24	W
E Tenn St	NL	41-7	–
at Arizona St	-3	10-13	L
at Nevada	-17	45-14	W
New Mexico	-18'	17-14	L
UNLV	-7	20-19	L
at Utah	+2	24-17	W
at San Diego St	-8	34-22	W
BYU	-8	45-21	W
at Air Force	-3	40-44	L
Wyoming	-29	37-13	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4	14-41	L
Nevada	-29'	35-18	L
San Diego St	-6'	7-14	L
at Wyoming	-3'	42-14	W
at Louisville	+8	2-7	W
Fresno St	+7'	22-25 OT	W
at UNLV	+4'	26-24	W
Utah	+2'	19-17	W
at BYU	+14'	34-56	L
Air Force	-8	28-21	L
at New Mexico	+3	24-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia	E/+1/2	35-29	W
† Colorado	+8	19-14	W
at UCLA	+7	19-30	L
Louisville	-2'	36-33	W
at Nevada	-11'	32-28	L
at Fresno St	-5'	30-32	L
Wyoming	-25	44-36	L
at Utah	+1	28-20	W
BYU	-13	37-10	W
at Air Force	-1'	31-12	W
at San Diego St	-12'	49-21	W
New Mexico	-16'	22-14	L
UNLV	-17	33-36	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	-2	35-42	L
at California	+2'	23-21	W
Weber St	NL	31-7	–
Miami, Oh	-6'	21-41	L
Utah	-6'	21-28	L
Fresno St	-5	34-10	W
at BYU	E	58-13	W
Air Force	-5'	30-20	W
at Wyoming	-10'	28-35	L
at New Mexico	-1	34-37	L
San Diego St	-13'	21-6	W
at UNLV	-7	24-23	L

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

RB Lynell Hamilton

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Texas transfer Adam Hall (PS#53) got in one start in 2001 and threw for 600 yards (48.9%) with a 2-3 ratio. He battled incumbent starter Lon Sheriff in 2002 and won the job. In Wk 3 vs Ariz St, he set an MWC record with 516 yards passing and the next week against Idaho added 506 more. Hall would not top 335 in any other game the rest of the season. For the year he threw for 3,253 yards (60.2%) with a 17-9 ratio despite battling a concussion and shoulder injuries. Hall returned last year but suffered through another injury plagued season. In the 1Q vs E Wash he sprained his ankle and missed four games. After returning he suffered some ligament damage in his ankle against UNLV and then tore a tendon in his finger on his throwing hand and missed the season finale. Hall threw for 1,320 yards (51%) with a 5-9 ratio. The good news about those injuries is that Illinois transfer Matt Dlugolecki (PS#56) gained plenty of experience and in 9 games he threw for 1,248 yards (57.8%) with a 4-8 ratio. His best game was the season finale vs AF where he hit 23 of 31 for 226 yards. That makes him the frontrunner for the QB job but he will have to battle Kevin O'Connell (6-6 210 rFr, PS#129) who is the bigger of the two and has the strongest arm. Tanner Engstrand (6-1 200 Sr) and this year's top frosh signee Darren Mougey (PS#57) will battle for backup roles. Engstrand actually played in two games, attempting three passes and was a JC transfer. Since Hall missed a good portion of 2003 and Dlugolecki was inexperienced, this unit will probably be more effective in 2004.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Larry Ned led the team with 1,549 yards (5.0) and was #6DC of OAK. In 2002 the unit struggled losing some key players as they were injury plagued. True frosh Frederick Collins (PS#34) in four starts had 333 yards (3.7) and was the most effective back. Michael Franklin (5-7 180 Jr) was the #2 rusher with 346 yards and an impressive 5.6 ypc. Last year the team had to replace just one player in James Truvillion, who led the team with 392 yards (3.3) in 2002. Unfortunately Collins struggled with academics and sat the year out. As expected, true frosh VHT RB Lynell Hamilton (PS#21) was outstanding. Hamilton became just the 2nd frosh Aztec RB to top 200 yards in a game (Marshall Faulk the other). Hamilton was nearing Faulk's season record for rushing yards for a frosh when he broke his fibula and missed the final two games. He still had 1087 yds (4.6) and in those final two games, Franklin topped 100 yards each time finishing with 371 (4.3). The only loss this year is DeAngelo Nedd (96 yds, 6.4). They also have Brandon Bornes who is 230 lbs with solid speed and was very impressive in practices last year. Also added are Reggie Ross (5-11 215 PS#97), Patrick Gates (PS#36), Fale Poumele (6-0 240 Jr, PS#208) who had 25 yds and Jason Van (5-10 210 Sr) who had 113 yds as a frosh but suffered through injuries the last 2 years. This clearly looks like one of the MWC's best RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Aztecs had to replace JR Tolver and Kassim Osgood last year and those two set an NCAA record. Combining for 236 rec's (old record 212) and an amazing 3,337 yards shattering the old record by 563 yards. They also lost a WR and TE who combined for 13 starts and 63 rec and projected starting TE Rollie Fletcher quit the team over the summer and projected starting WR Willie Dixon, a JC transfer, never enrolled. Dropped passes and missed run routes were the norm in the first half of the season as players who returned last year had just 39 of the teams 352 rec's in 2002. A pleasant surprise was JUCO TE Jeremy Justice who earned a starting job. He had 17 rec (11.9) despite injuring a knee vs UCLA and not being 100% the second half of the season. Jeff Webb (6-2 200, PS#165, speedy) and USC transfer Devin Pitts were #1 and #2 on the team in receiving, despite Webb missing basically the last 3 games. The good news this year is that 9 of the top 10 are back. The only losses are WR Jermaine Moore (2 sts, 21 rec), TE's Jason Dion (1 rec), Mike Lynch (1 rec) and David Gorman (no catches). Not listed in the two deep below are Kyle Conerly (5-11 190 Sr, PS#259) who had 2 rec and 260 return yards, Adam Gray-Hayward (6-1 215 Sr, PS#175) who has 7 career rec, Brian Spinks (6-2 195 So), Ramal Porter (5-9 160 So, 1 st, 6 rec), Marcus Edwards (6-1 200 Jr, PS#183) who is a S Florida transfer and the son of NY Jets Coach Herman Edwards. This unit has a ton more experience heading into last season and added talent as Craft was very high on all three frosh that he redshirted last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had a veteran O-line in 2001 and averaged 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 31 sacks. They had just 2 starters back and had to replace a pair of NFL DC's in 2002 and slumped to 2.6 ypc while allowing 43 sacks. Last year they had 3.5 starters returning and six different players who had earned starts. They improved the ypc rushing to 3.6 and cut the sack total down to 25. This year they lose the equivalent of three starters in LT Brendan Darby (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r), RG Gerald Sykes (7 sts), LG Shawn Dickie (11 sts), LT Anthony Foli (5 sts). The unit was hit hard by injuries, especially late in the year. They bring in two super JUCO's who weigh in at 325 and 330 lbs, were teammates at Palomar JC and both will likely be the starters at the guard positions. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This group has the potential to be better than last year, but is not as experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztec D-line has been inexperienced in each of the last three seasons having to replace three starters. Last year the "Dark Side" defense did show much improvement allowing just 3.3 ypc rushing. This year the losses are heavy again as they must replace DE Brandon Rager (12 sts, 34 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl), DT Brook Miller (12 sts, 29 tkls, 2 sks) and DE Ryan Iata (10 sts, 31 tkls, 7 tfl). Two players do return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. A player to watch is DT Jonathan Bailes, who despite just 20 tackles last year, occupied a lot of double teams and is a force in the middle. It's not an overwhelming group but it is just as experienced as last year.

LINEBACKERS - All three starters returned last season and the Aztecs had arguably the best LB corps in the MWC. Kirk Morrison simply brought home the MWC Def POY Award and Matthew McCoy led the conference in tackles with 125. Stephen Larsen and Heath Farwell split the other LB spot and both were productive. The good news for the Aztecs is that everyone returns from the 2 deep which I list below plus they get 3 HT rFr added to the mix so the unit looks even stronger. Not listed below are Lee Martin (6-1 200 rFr, PS#53) and Kwan Howard (6-0 220 So, PS#256, 3 tkls).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs best finish in my pass D rankings had been #65 way back in 1998. In 2002 they finished #83 but had 7 of the top 8 back last year and I called for them to have their best finish in the pass D rankings and they did coming in at #26 allowing 51.0% with a 12-12 ratio. Their top DB was CB Jeff Shoate (12 sts, 14 pbu, #5DC DEN) who teams threw away from most of the year. Both Marcus Demps and Josh Dean got banged up at the safety spot but they started five and six games respectively and both are back as are two other starters in the secondary whom I list below. Jacob Elimimian led the MWC in pbu with 14, and had an 85 yard int return for a TD. Even with the loss of their top CB, this has the makings of a pretty good secondary once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Craft's first year they finished #78 in my special teams rankings. Last year they had to replace their K and P but did have all their key returnmen back. K JC Mejia won the FG job and was almost perfect early but hit just 9 of his last 18 FG's, including 3 crucial misses vs Colo St. His 18 FG's tied the 1990 school record set by Andy Trakas. He still finished with good numbers hitting 18 of 29 FG's with a long of 51 and 3 of his misses were from 50+. P Seth Santoro averaged 41.6 with a super net of 38.5. He will clearly be missed and I list the candidates for both spots below. The return game was definitely below average and Craft feels they will get a major upgrade by using RB Brandon Bornes this year. Overall the Aztecs finished #85 in my special teams rankings in 2003 and despite having to replace both specialists, could move up with a stronger return game and better kick coverage (allowed 25.3 on KR last year).

COACHES - Tom Craft was a QB here in 1976 leading the team to a 10-1 record and was also the OC here from 1994-'96 when the team averaged 38.9 ppg in his final season. He was the head coach at Palomar JC guiding the team to a 115-56-1 record with many potent offenses. Craft acts as his own OC. DC is Thom Kaumeyer, who was an assistant with the Atlanta Falcons from 1999 to 2000, was also with Craft at Palomar as the DC and special teams coach. His defense was nicknamed "The Dark Side" last year and was the most improved D in the country after finishing #95 in the NCAA stats in 2002 they were #8 last year and the 22 TD's were second to National Champ LSU for the lowest amount in the NCAA. It was the first SDSt defense since 1976 to allow less than 300 ypg.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Tom Craft is doing an excellent job here as in his first season he inherited an underachieving 3-8 team with just 9 starters back. SDSt would play four MWC games on the road but finished 4-3 in his first season here, despite implementing new systems on both sides of the ball. Last year they had 12 starters returning and just 16 lettermen lost, and thanks to the much improved "Dark Side" defense who went from #95 in the NCAA rankings to #8, the Aztecs finished with their first non losing record since 1998. They only lost to Ohio St by 3 points and lost three games which they outgained their opponents. The Aztecs defense figures to be a strength this year especially with the top seven tacklers back and 16 of the top 22. They improved from 4-9 to 6-6 narrowly missing out on a bowl. They saw their MWC record drop to 3-4 but actually outgained league foes by 33.5 ypg. The Aztecs' 15 returning starters and 49 lettermen are both top in the MWC. There are a lot of strengths to this team with the only questions being the health of Lynell Hamilton, rebuilt defensive and offensive lines and how new QB Matt Dlugolecki fares after getting in 5 starts last year. This is a team very capable of moving up and finishing in the upper half of the MWC standings and should that happen they would likely get their first bowl bid since 1998.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB MATT DLUGOLECKI JR. 6-4 225 PS#56. Illinois transfer. 5 sts in '03, 1248 yards (57.8%) 4-8 ratio. Kevin O'Connell (6-6 210 rFr) PS#129. #2 in spg, big, strong arm.

RB LYNELL HAMILTON SO. 6-1 215 **PS#21**. 8 sts as true (inj 2), 1087 yds (4.6). Michael Franklin (5-7 180 Jr) PS#163. 717 yds (4.8) 2 years. 2 sts LY, two 100 yard games.

SL JEFF WEBB JR. 6-2 200 PS#165. 10 sts (inj 2), #1 w/55 rec (12.8), HM MWC. Wesley Williams (6-3 210 Sr) PS#241JC. 1 st, 19 rec (10.3) in '03 here.

WR ROBERT ORTIZ JR. 6-1 185 2 starts in '02, 13 rec (10.8). 3 starts, 33 rec (10.0). Brett Swain (6-1 195 rFr) PS#157DB. Corey Boudreaux (6-1 180 rFr) PS#226.

WR DEVIN PITTS SR. 6-3 200 18 rec at **USC** in '01. JC. 10 sts in '03 here, 39 rec (12.3.). Chazeray Schilens (**6-4** 185 rFr) MLB draft. Lonnel Penman (6-2 200 Sr) 7 starts.

TE JEREMY JUSTICE SR. 6-2 240 PS#140JC. 40 rec at JC in '02. 10 starts here LY, 17 rec (11.9). Adam Watson (6-3 255 Jr) Ark St transfer. 3 sts LY. Solid blocker.

C JASPER HARVEY JR. 6-3 300 PS#324. Last 10 sts at LG as rFr. 12 sts at C in '03, 904 snaps, 19 pancakes (#1 Tm), 0 sks. Aleksander Blagojevich (6-2 285 rFr) PS#265.

RG Taylor Schmidt Jr. 6-5 325 PS#76JC. Danny Negrete (6-1 310 Jr) PS#200. 1 start at LG in '03, also C. Brandyn Dombrowski (6-5 300 rFr) PS#328.

LG Christopher Pino Jr. 6-5 330 **PS#11JC**. Sub 4.5 spd. Patrick Justman (6-5 300 So) 2nd string LY, lettered. Nephi Penerosa (6-2 290 So) PS#199. Only 1 yr of HS FB.

RT MIKE KRACALIK SR. 6-9 325 59 snaps as rFr. 8 starts in '02. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 859 plays, 18 pcakes, 91% grade, #1 on tm. Mike Kravetz (6-5 285 rFr) is PS#302.

LT Will Robinson rFr. 6-6 270 PS#419. Tm's travel roster LY, very athletic. Robert Nelson (6-11 350 Jr) JC, is huge, largest in SDSt history. Matthew Callahan (6-6 290 rFr).

K Mike Hughes rFr. 5-10 170 PS#64K. Hit 54 yd FG in HS. 32 of 34 xp's, 4-4 on FG's. Ryan Bowling (5-10 170 rFr). Garrett Palmer (5-11 170 Fr). Walk-on.

DE Blake Lobel Sr. 6-3 260 PS#300. 1 st @ DT in '02, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. 5 sts in '03, 17 tkls. Antwan Applewhite (6-3 220 rFr) PS#189. Kurt Kahui (6-1 240 Jr) 1 st, 5 tkls LY (inj).

DT JONATHAN BAILES SO. 6-1 325 PS#119. 8 sts as **true**. 20 tkls, 3 tfl but often double teamed. Va'ati Maka (6-5 260 Sr) PS#205JC. 1st Tm CA at JC. 5 tkls, 1 sk here last year.

DT Freddie McCutcheon So. 6-0 280 6 tkls in 6 gms as true. RS in '03. Derrick Durbin (6-3 280 Sr) PS#402JC LY. 2 tkls here LY. Justin Delfino (6-2 235 Sr) is a Colo St transfer.

DE Robert Miller Jr. 6-6 240 18 tkls, 3 tfl in '03. Nicholas Osborn (6-4 245 rFr) PS#327. Aloalii Lealofi (6-2 250 Sr) Walk-on. 13 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Lee Martin (6-1 200 rFr) PS#53

SLB STEPHEN LARSEN SR. 6-1 235 PS#176. 10 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 3 sks. 5 sts LY, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 6 pbu. Heath Farwell (6-0 225 Sr) 59 tkls, 10 tfl in '02. 8 sts, 52 tkls, 4 sks last year.

MLB KIRK MORRISON SR. 6-2 240 **1st Tm MWC** in '02 & '03. **Def POY MWC in '03.** 115 tkls, 17 tfl. Freddie Keiaho (6-0 220 Jr) PS#225. 7 tkls in '03. Brett Martin (6-0 215 rFr) PS#68.

WLB MATTHEW McCOY JR. 6-1 225 9 sts in '02, 55 tkls. #1 in MWC in tkls LY (125) 13 tfl, **2nd Tm MWC**. Marc Hull (6-2 200 rFr) PS#92. Joe Martin (6-1 225 So) 8 tkls.

CB Marcus Demps Jr. 6-0 195 1 st, 24 tkls in '02. 5 sts at SS in '03. 39 tkls, 2 tfl. Hubert Caliste (6-2 190 Sr) PS#188. 1 gm at WR LY, 7 tkls. Carl McCullough (5-11 190 So).

CB JACOB ELIMIMIAN JR. 5-11 180 12 sts at CB in '03, 35 tkls, 4 int, #1 in MWC w/ 14 pbu. Terrell Maze (5-11 170 So) 5 tkls, 9 gms. Donny Baker (5-9 160 So) PS#264. 7 games.

SS MARVIEL UNDERWOOD SR. 5-11 200 PS#213RB. 12 sts at FS in '02, 83 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts at FS LY, 68 tkls, 4 pbu. Reggie Grigsby (5-11 195 Jr) PS#100, 21 tkls in '03.

FS JOSH DEAN SR. 6-1 210 PS#124WR. 1 st, 4 tkls in '01. 11 sts, in '02, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. 6 sts LY, 25 tkls, 3 tfl, inj. Shane Russell (5-10 190 Jr) PS#294. Brian (NFL Minn) brother.

P Mike Hughes rFr. 5-10 170 PS#64K. Average a super 48.1 as senior in HS with 13 of 26 punts inside the 20. Set his high school record with a 70 yard punt.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Christopher Pino 6-5 330 PS#11JC
RB	Pat Gates 5-9 180 PS#36
LB	Allen Russell 6-3 204 PS#71
QB	Darren Mougey 6-5 220 PS#57
OL	Taylor Schmidt 6-5 325 PS#76JC
DB	DeMarco Sampson 6-2 185 PS#94
DL	Andrew Schantz 6-0 210 PS#127
DB	Keenan Jones 5-11 190 PS#103
OL	Eric Rouser 6-7 240 PS#125
DL	Lance Louis 6-3 250 PS#144
DB	Terry Mixon 5-11 190 PS#152
DL	Martin Miller 6-3 275 PS#182JC
WR	Marcus Montgomery 6-2 200 PS#148
OL	Robert Nelson 6-11 350 PS#246JC

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Craft's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

10-15	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
11-10-2	Vs The Spread	2-4	Home Underdog
6-8	Off A SU Loss	1-1-1	Away Favorite
6-7-1	Vs Conference	6-4-1	Away Underdog
		5-3-1	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (22,26,1)
Lost: 21 (10,8,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,626

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SDSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	San Jose St	G					
Sep. 11	Nevada	G					
Sep. 18	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 25							
Oct. 2	at UCLA	G					
Oct. 9	at Wyoming	G					
Oct. 16	Colorado St	G					
Oct. 23	at New Mexico	G					
Oct. 30	Utah	G					
Nov. 6	at BYU	G					
Nov. 13	at Air Force	G					
Nov. 20	UNLV	G					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

SDSU is 4-6 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.
San Diego St is 16-9-1 ATS since 1999 as a road dog.
The Aztecs are 4-1 ATS the last 5 games after a bye.

SDSU used to play in the WAC until '99 when the MWC began (2-0 ATS since vs current WAC).
The Aztecs are 12-2-1 SU & 4-0 ATS since 1966 vs San Jose St.

SDSU is 2-4 ATS the L7Y in their 2nd straight HG, but 2-0 ATS the L2Y.
Could apply: The Aztecs are 4-2-2 ATS under HC Craft after a SU win.

Aztecs are 0-11 SU & 3-8 ATS the last 11 road openers.
Aztecs are 10-2-1 ATS the last 5 years as a double digit away dog.

SDSU is 0-18-1 SU & 2-9-1 ATS vs UCLA, being outscored on avg 31-10.
San Diego St is 8-18-1 ATS their last 27 games vs Pac 10 teams.

The Aztecs are 11-2 ATS in their conference openers since 1991.
SDSU is 4-1 SU & 5-0 ATS in their 3rd straight away game since 1992.

The home team is 1-5 ATS since 1997 in this series.
SDSU is 6-12 SU & 7-11 ATS when hosting MWC opponents.

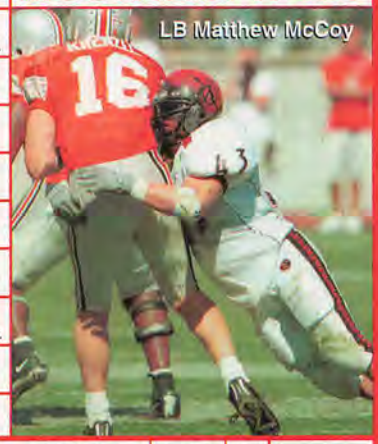
The dog is 10-4 ATS since 1990 with 4 outright upsets.
SDSU is 2-9 ATS the last 11 years vs the Lobos.

There have been 8 outright upsets in the last 15 years in this series.
San Diego St is 4-2 SU & ATS when hosting Utah since 1987.

SDSU is 2-10 SU & 3-8 ATS in Provo since 1980.
The Aztecs have rushed for a total of 58 yds the last 2 years vs BYU.

San Diego St is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 road finales.
The last 3 years have had outright upsets by the underdog.

SDSU is 7-15 ATS the last 22 November home games.
The dog is 1-4 ATS the last 5 & the home team is 2-4 ATS the last 6 games.



STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	7-4	5-6	3-8	3-8	4-9	6-6	33-48
ATS	6-6	4-6-1	6-4	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	5-4-1	36-38-3
Home Fav	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	6-7-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	6-14
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1-0	4-3-1
Away Dog	3-3	1-2	3-1	4-2	3-2	4-2	2-2-1	20-14-1
Favorite	3-2	2-2-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1-1	2-1	10-10-2
Dog	3-4	2-4	5-2	5-6	3-4	5-5	3-3-1	26-28-1
Grass	5-4	3-6-1	5-3	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	3-3-1	30-32-3
Artificial	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	6-6
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	3-4	24-25-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	3-3	2-0-1	12-13-1
Off SU Win	2-3	2-3-1	2-2	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	2-1-1	10-15-3
Off SU Loss	3-3	2-2	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-3	23-21

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lynell Hamilton	234	1154	67	1087	4	4.6
Michael Franklin	86	388	17	371	2	4.3
DeAngelo Nedd	15	100	4	96	2	6.4
Matt Dlugolecki	17	21	84	-63	0	-3.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Dlugolecki	230	133	57.8	1248	4	8
Adam Hall	206	105	51.0	1320	5	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Webb	55	706	12.8	4	70
Devin Pitts	39	478	12.3	2	33
Robert Ortiz	33	329	10.0	1	25
Jermaine Moore	21	221	10.5	0	25
Jeremy Justice	17	202	11.9	0	40
Wesley Williams	19	196	10.3	1	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Seth Santoro	70	2915	41.6	11	38.5	1	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
JC Mejia	20-23	3-4	8-11	6-10	1-4	18-29	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt McCoy	125	4	9	2	0
Kirk Morrison	115	3.5	14	3	1
Marviel Underwood	68	1	2	4	2
Heath Farwell	52	3.5	4	1	0
Marcus Demps	39	1	1	1	0
Stephen Larsen	38	2.5	2	6	0
Jacob Elimimian	35	0	0	14	4
Jeff Shoate	35	0	1	14	1
Brandon Rager	34	4.5	6	2	1
Ryan Iata	31	1	6	0	0
Brook Miller	29	2	2	0	0
Josh Dean	25	1	2	2	2
Reggie Grigsby	21	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kyle Conerly	30	231	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kyle Conerly	11	219	19.9	0
Jason Van	9	162	18.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
67	Camellia	NL	San Francisco St	28-6	–
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7	–
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa	38-39	W
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa	17-28	L
98	Las Vegas	+7	N Carolina	13-20	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN DIEGO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	18.7	19	123	3.6	217	54.5	18.2	-1	2003	7	17.3	16	130	3.3	160	51.0	16.8
4*	23.8	22	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	0	2002	5	31.6	23	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0
10*	16.7	17	148	3.8	175	48.0	19.3	-9	2001	8	26.4	17	141	3.5	198	55.0	12.8
5*	15.5	17	78	2.3	227	51.6	19.7	-5	2000	2	24.8	19	146	3.5	205	57.9	14.1
9*	24.7	20	176	4.4	206	52.9	15.5	-4	1999	6	20.5	16	108	2.8	197	57.5	14.8
5*	20.3	18	192	4.4	146	52.9	16.7	0	1998	5	20.3	18	137	3.5	188	56.4	16.0

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Washington	18	34-167	4.9	17-33	151	0	18	43-117	2.7	17-33	100	3	-2
at Ohio St	20	26-28	1.1	24-41	188	4	10	37-120	3.2	5-20	76	3	-2
at UTEP	14	34-137	4.0	18-29	180	0	15	44-124	2.8	15-40	137	5	+4
Samford	27	47-294	6.3	20-39	234	2	14	26-106	4.1	18-37	138	1	-2
at UCLA	13	29-120	4.1	19-37	110	3	17	36-65	1.8	18-28	258	4	+1
BYU	16	34-40	1.2	18-35	352	6	18	45-238	5.3	17-27	180	1	0
at Utah	15	24-49	2.0	19-36	203	2	22	42-142	3.4	17-22	273	1	0
New Mexico	20	25-38	1.5	32-59	354	3	14	52-207	4.0	8-16	119	2	-4
Wyoming	21	47-206	4.4	14-26	191	1	18	27-45	1.7	25-45	247	5	+1
at UNLV	18	50-151	3.0	13-25	158	0	11	22-31	1.4	15-34	144	0	+2
at Colorado St	20	30-108	3.6	23-50	237	3	15	40-168	4.2	11-19	156	1	-1
Air Force	20	33-132	4.0	24-32	251	1	19	54-191	3.5	10-24	95	1	+2
TOTALS	222	413-1470	3.6	241-442	2609	25	191	468-1554	3.3	176-345	1923	27	-1
AVERAGES	18.5	34-123	3.6	20-37	217	2.1	15.9	39-130	3.3	15-29	160	2.3	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	NL	41-12	–
at Illinois	-3'	10-38	L
at USC	+24	21-24	W
at Kansas	+1	41-13	W
Air Force	+2	22-23	W
New Mexico	-15	21-24	L
at Colorado St	+6	17-10	W
at Utah	+6'	16-38	L
BYU	+6'	7-30	L
at UNLV	-13	37-7	W
Wyoming	+1'	39-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	+4	7-10	W
Illinois	+6'	13-49	L
at Arizona	+19'	3-17	W
at Oregon St	+16'	3-35	L
at Wyoming	+3'	34-0	W
Utah	+5	7-21	L
at BYU	+13'	16-15	W
Colorado St	+8	22-34	L
at New Mexico	+5'	17-16	W
at Air Force	+9'	24-45	L
UNLV	+5'	24-31	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-2	10-23	L
at Arizona St	+7	7-38	L
at Colorado St	+6'	14-7	W
Air Force	-3'	21-45	L
E Illinois	NL	40-7	–
at UNLV	+4	3-31	L
at Ohio St	+22'	12-27	W
BYU	+14	21-59	L
New Mexico	+2	15-20	L
at Utah	+17'	3-17	W
Wyoming	-6'	38-16	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	+17	14-16	W
at Colorado	+22	14-34	W
Arizona St	+6	28-39	L
at Idaho	-7'	38-48	L
UCLA	+15	7-43	L
Utah	+10'	36-17	W
at Wyoming	-4	24-20	T
UNLV	-3	31-21	W
at BYU	+1'	10-34	L
at New Mexico	+5	8-15	L
Colorado St	+12'	21-49	L
at Air Force	+16'	38-34	W
at Hawaii	+14'	40-41	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	19-9	–
at Ohio St	+30'	13-16	W
at UTEP	-19'	34-0	W
Samford	NL	37-17	–
at UCLA	+10	10-20	T
BYU	-2'	36-44	L
at Utah	+9'	6-27	L
New Mexico	+1/2	7-30	L
Wyoming	-3	25-20	W
at UNLV	+5	7-0	W
at Colorado St	+13'	6-21	L
Air Force	+4	24-3	W

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Kelly enrolled as a walk-on in 1999 and never received a lot of hype as the starting QB. He leaves as the school's all-time leader in wins at QB with 19, beating out Jim Cromartie who was 18-6 as a starter from 1960-62. Kelly started his career in 2001 beating out the incumbent starter and led the team to a 5-2 record down the stretch. The team averaged 31.3 ppg and 402 ypg in his seven starts after averaging just 21.3 and 331.5 in the first four games. In 2002 Long stated that he would like to redshirt speedy true frosh Kole McKamey (PS#62), who was 2nd in New Mex in the 100m in HS Kelly broke his left arm against TTech and Long named McKamey the starter vs UNLV. McKamey, however, was suspended for one game for an off-field incident and Justin Millea took over and rushed for 148 yards vs UNLV in a game that saved the season. Kelly, who hit just 47% with an 8-12 ratio in 2001, improved to 58% with a 14-7 ratio in 2002. He played the 2H of the season with a soft cast on his broken left arm. Kelly struggled early last year and some fans were calling for him to be replaced. He was benched in the 2H vs NMexSt with the team trailing 14-7, and while the team did rally to the victory with McKamey at QB, he threw for just 17 yards. Kelly returned to start the next week and had a great second half of the season. For the year he threw for 2,223 yards (53.3%) with a 14-9 ratio while also rushing for 438. McKamey played in 13 games and threw for just 128 yards (43.5%) with a 2-3 ratio while rushing for 55. Wash St transfer Tali Ena (6-5 235 Sr) had 8 pass attempts at WSU in 2001 and had two here in 3 games last year. He has NFL size and arm strength. Tye Butler (6-1 190 rFr) was PS#103. Kelly was a fine leader and was outstanding at reading a defense and changing calls at the line. While McKamey and Ena may possess better athletic talent, they are far less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the leading returning rusher was Quincy Wright, who had just 62 yards in 2001. He opened up with a bang as he had 265 yards vs Weber St, a school record. Unfortunately he was injured in the 1Q vs Baylor and missed the rest of the year and had 628 total yards in just 3 games. DonTrell Moore had just 7 rush attempts for zero yards after three games as he suffered an early sprained knee and did not travel to the opener. Moore took over and rushed for 1,134 yards (4.6), setting a school frosh record which was previously held by Winslow Oliver. Moore was named MWC Frosh of the Year. Last year the team added Okla St transfer DD Cox (PS#73). Moore sprained his ankle early against TTech and Cox rushed for 187 yards. Cox, however, sprained his ankle. Moore, who had 272 yards in the first four games, rushed for 1,166 in the next eight (145.8 ypg) and set the school record for rushing with 1,450 yards (5.3) and 19 TD's. The old record was held by Mike Williams (1,240 in 1976). Moore is just the 2nd back in NM history to have back-to-back 1,000 yard rushing years. For the second straight year Moore did not produce in the bowl game. He suffered a sprained knee vs UCLA and had 17 yards rushing. Last year in the Las Vegas Bowl he had just 12 yards on 10 att. Fortunately for New Mexico, Moore and Cox both return. I list the FB's below. Not listed in the 2 deep are FB's Billy Pytel (6-1 220 Jr) and Allan Stone (6-1 225 rFr), plus TB's Jesse Demarest (5-9 169 Sr), Daniel Ramirez (5-8 190 Jr, 13 yds), Matt Peebles (6-2 200 rFr, PS#296) and this year's true frosh. With everyone back including FB Adrian Bryd, this will be one of the MWC's best RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Lobos had a veteran receiving corps last year with everyone back except their #1 man who had only 9 yards more than their leading returning receiver Dwight Counter (35 rec, 11.5). This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are WR's Adrian Boyd (9 sts, 41 rec, 14.2), Dwight Counter (9 sts, 31 rec, **25.0**), Rashaun Sanders (1 st, 13 rec), Terrence Thomas (1 st, 13 rec), TE's Bryan Penley (13 sts, 7 rec) and Zach Cresap (7 rec). Long went the JUCO route bringing in 3 this year. In 2002 he said that Hank Baskett (6-4 215) had enormous potential and the MWC outdoor track champ had just 17 rec's (injured early) and should be the go-to receiver. While this unit is not as experienced as last year's version it could be just as good.

LB Nick Speegle

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos feature one of the biggest O-lines in the NCAA on an annual basis and nicknamed themselves "The Hitman". The 2002 OL paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks and last year had all five starters returning with the unit averaging a hefty 317 lbs per man. They paved the way for 4.4 ypc but did allow 26 sacks with 3 OL's earning 1st Tm MWC honors and the good news is two are back. The only losses are RT Jason Lenzmeier (10 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r), LT Justin Colburn (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) LG Calvin McDonald (3 sts, inj'd, 14 sts in '02) and RG Derek Watson (3 games). The inside of the line is outstanding with Ryan Cook perhaps the largest starting C in the country, Claude Terrell, one of the best guards and frosh AA Robert Turner. They also add in two outstanding transfers in Dustin Moore (PS#37 Arkansas) and Nate Weber (PS#79 Mich St). While not quite as experienced as 2003, this looks like one of the top OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Lobo's had two starters returning to the defensive front and the D allowed 3.1 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks. Last year 5 of the top 6 returned, all with starting experience, and allowed just 2.6 ypc while recording 39 sacks. This year the top 3 DL's depart in DE DJ Renteria (1st Tm MWC, 13 sts, 12 tfl), DE Daniel Kegler (5 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 7.5 sks) and DE Zach Rupp (13 sts, 2nd Tm MWC, 55 tkls, 17 tfl). Two players return who combined for 11 starts last year and Long has gone the JUCO route bringing in five who I list in the 2 deep below. I expect Long to form a solid defensive front once again, but clearly this unit is less experienced than last year's outstanding version.

LINEBACKERS - I know the Lobos play a 3-3-5 scheme but I list four DB's and discuss the LOBO position with the LB's. The most famous LOBO, Brian Urlacher, was drafted as an NFL LB. Last year seven of the top eight players returned as they had to replace a 1st Tm MWC LB. Fola Fashola was off to a great start with 3 sacks and 11 tackles in the first 1.5 games but went down to a season ending injury. This year they lose LLB Billy Strother (11 sts, 100 tkls, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC), MLB Daniel Gawronski (13 sts, 100 tkls, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC), LOBO Sidney Wiley (12 sts, 65 tkls, 6 tfl, HM MWC) as well as RLB Shannon Kincaid (1 st, 24 tkls). Nick Speegle was a starter at LB last year but is listed at SS this season and at 244 lbs, fits the LOBO mold. They get back Fashola and add in a top-notch JC and rFr whom I project as starters. This has the makings of a pretty decent group but is less experienced than 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NM finished a solid #41 in my pass D rankings in 2002 but had to replace three CB's who combined for 24 starts and a SS who had six starts so basically had two starters returning. NM finished #51 in my pass D rankings allowing 56.6% with a 20-13 ratio. This year they return both starting CB's who were in their first year last season but must replace two outstanding safties. Gone are SS Brandon Ratcliff (11 sts, 1st Tm MWC, 72 tkls) and FS Terrell Golden (10 sts, 44 tkls, 7 tfl) but six of the top 8 return and they do add in some JUCO's. This unit actually has a little more experience than last season and should continue to finish strong in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Katie Hnida, transfer from Colorado, became the first woman to score in a major college game when she booted two xp's vs Texas St in the opener but that would be her only attempt of the season. She has been granted a 6th year of eligibility. This area has been a strength under Coach Long with a pair of Top 25 finishes in 2000 and 2001 but they dropped to #43 in 2002. They used 3 different FG kickers that season with little success and had two of them returning last year. They also had their top PR's back and punter so you would have expected the unit to improve but they actually dropped to #72. They struggled on KO's with Long bemoaning short KO's and giving opponents great field position. The return game was average and P Tyler Gaus had his overall average drop from 40.5 to 39.4 (net 35.8). This year they must replace their top PR and KR but have Gaus and Wes Zunker back. Zunker had a great season hitting 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 48. I would expect the Lobos to move back up in the special teams rankings even with the loss of their six year special teams coordinator.

COACHES - Rocky Long was a three year starting QB here and his 1970 & '71 Lobos were the last team to have consecutive winning seasons until the '96 and '97 squads matched that feat. Long was UCLA's DC in 1996 and 1997. He enters his 7th year and amazingly has increased the win total each and every year beginning with the 3-9 in 1998, moving up to 4-7, 5-7, 6-5, 7-7 and 8-5 in the next five years. His OC is Dan Dodd who is in his fifth year in that role here and was at TCU from '97-'99. The DC is Osia Lewis who took over for the departed Bronco Mendenhall last year. Lewis coached the DL from 1997-2000 and LB's from 2001 to last year at Illinois and spent five seasons at Oregon St under Long when he was the DC there.

PHIL'S FORECAST

New Mexico's last bowl win was in 1961 but they are getting closer every season. New Mexico joins powerhouses Kan St, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas as the only schools to finish in the Top 30 in total defense in each of the past four seasons. NM finished one game out of first each of the last two years and is tied for the best conference record in those two seasons. They led the MWC in rushing offense, total offense, rushing defense, scoring defense and total defense in MWC games and beat league champion Utah on the road. The success helped NM set school records for single game attendance, season & average attendance (35,127). The offense in 2003 averaged 400.5 ypg, the best for a Rocky Long team. Last year's Lobos had 17 starters returning (most in MWC) and overcame the loss of their excellent DC Bronco Mendenhall. They kept their amazing streak of winning one more game than the previous year alive. It looks as if Rocky Long's opportunity to win the MWC really should have been last year with a veteran team as they outgained league foes by an avg of 157 ypg which was over 100 ypg more than the #2 team! Unfortunately, despite an 18-14 FD edge they lost to BYU at home and despite a 25-20 FD edge and 578-229 yard edge vs UNLV they lost that by 2 at home. They beat league champ Utah 47-35 on the road and had they won one of the two games, they would have taken home the league title. Those type of stats generally would have me looking at New Mexico as one of the top teams again this year but unfortunately they have just 9 starters back, the lowest under Long since 1998, his first season (3-9). They also lose 25 lettermen, have to play 4 MWC games on the road and each year more teams' in the MWC are playing the NM style defense which means it is not as unique as it once was, taking away some of its advantage. Another factor that hurts them this year is the inexperience on defense (4 starters back). They said they would blitz less and that has been the key to their D. I think it will be very tough for the defense to finish in the Top 30 for a 5th straight season. Offensively they have potential with RB Moore, a top-notch O-line and I think whichever QB wins the job will be solid. In the magazine in each of the last 5 years I've called for the Lobos to improve the win total but unless Rocky Long is a magician, that streak will stop this year.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Kole McKamey So. 6-2 194 PS#62. 4.45 spd. 128 yds pass as rFr (43.5%) 55 rush. Tali Ena (6-5 235 Sr) Wash St trans, 53 yds, 4 games at WSU, rocket for an arm.
RB DONTRELL MOORE JR. 5-11 214 PS#97. 1st Tm MWC in '02! 1134 yds (4.6) in '03. School record 1450 yds (5.3) LY. **DD Cox** (6-0 205 Sr) PS#73. Okla St trans. 642 (5.1) 2 sts LY.
FB ADRIAN BYRD JR. 6-1 225 Scout Tm POY in '01. 1 st, 35 yds in '02. 9 sts LY, 202 rush (5.9). Landrick Brody (5-11 240 Sr) 4 sts, 121 yds (3.8) in '02. 23 yards last year.
WR Hank Baskett Jr. 6-4 215 PS#190QB. Track (high jump). 2 sts LY, 17 rec (16.9). Curtis Flakes (5-10 165 Sr) converted DB. #1 in spg. Kenneth Shelton is **PS#83JC**.
WR Chris Brawly Jr. 6-3 205 PS#234JC. 42 rec (20.0) at JC last year. In for spg. Marcus Smith (6-3 210 rFr) PS#423RB. Major Mosley (6-3 215 rFr) PS#446. 4.49 spd.
TE Mike Augustyniak Sr. 6-5 256 3 sts, 2 rec in '02. 8 sts LY, 6 rec (14.2). Logan Hall is **PS#85JC**, in for spg. Allex Alvarado is PS#98. Ryan Rice (6-0 223 Sr) 4 games LY.
C RYAN COOK JR. 6-7 339 Last 8 sts as rFr. **1st Tm MWC**. 114 KD's in '03, 13 sts. Jorge Enriquez (6-4 297 Jr) PS#283. Marty Moss (6-4 315 So) PS#437.
RG CLAUDE TERRELL SR. 6-3 330 **3rd Tm AA!** "Big C". 350 career KD's. 10 sts in '01, 14 in '02, 13 LY, 1st Tm MWC. Patrick Hodges (6-5 295 So) 2nd string 2 games LY.
LG ROBERT TURNER SO. 6-3 320 2nd string in '02 but RS. 13 sts in '03, 127 KD's. **Frosh AA**. Vince Natali (6-2 295 rFr) PS#216. Bart Miller (6-4 295 rFr) PS#179.
RT Dustin Moore Fr. 6-5 360 PS#37 & orig at **Arkansas**. Terrance Pennington (6-7 325 Jr) 3 sts in '02. 1 st in '03. Bryan Humphreys (6-3 289 Sr) 1 st in '02.
LT Nate Weber So. 6-5 300 **PS#79OL** & orig at **Michigan St**. Siosifa Vave (6-3 315 Jr) PS#319JUCO. Fred Tucker (6-4 330 So) 2nd string as rFr, 4 KD's in 2 games.
K WES ZUNKER SR. 5-9 176 2 of 4 FG's, long of 51 as true. 1 of 4 FG in '02. Super 15 of 17 FG's LY, long of 48. **1st Tm MWC**. Kenny Byrd (6-0 154 So) 1 of 2 FG in '02.

DE Marcus Parker Jr. 6-2 270 2 sts, 13 tkls, 7 tfl in '02. 5 sts LY, 25 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. Adam Garday (6-2 250 Jr) 4.43 spd. PS#306JC, in for spring. Freddie McGowen is PS#312JC.
NT KYLE COULTER SR. 6-1 255 3 sts in '02, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl. 6 sts in '03, 21 tkls, 2 tfl. Evroy Thompson (6-0 244 Jr) 2 yr mission. 6 tkls LY. Billy Brittain (6-2 260 So). 2 gms LY.
DE Bryan Easterly Jr. 6-3 237 PS#163JC. RS here LY. Bo Greer PS#177, orig at **Indiana**. PS#210JC. Donald Paul is PS#247JC. Michael Tuohy (6-2 235 rFr) #1 DE in spring.
LLB Fola Fashola Sr. 5-11 209 JC. 50 tkls, 8.5 tfl here in '02. 11 tkls, 3 sks in 2 games until inj. George Carter (6-3 205 rFr) PS#427. Storm Field (6-2 211 Jr). "Hardworking."
MLB Jason Turner rFr. 6-1 225 PS#106LB. Mike Mohoric (6-3 225 Jr) PS#173 20 tkls, 2 yrs. Josh Lancaster (6-1 205 rFr) PS#222. 4.5 spd. Jose Medrano (6-2 200 rFr).
RLB Yimin Bauman Jr. 6-0 230 PS#294JC. In for spg. 25 tfl at JC LY. Chrishone Harris (6-2 232 Sr) 24 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 yrs. Cody Kase (6-2 205 rFr). Darius Ferguson (5-9 190 rFr).
LOBO NICK SPEEGLE SR. 6-6 244 4 sts, 56 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr, 14 sts, 89 tkls, 5 sks in '02. HM MWC 2 yrs. 13 sts at RLB LY, 80 tkls, 10.5 tfl. 4.6 spd. Joe Selander (6-2 220 Jr) 24 tkls, 2Y.
CB BRANDON PAYNE SR. 6-0 188 PS#387JC. 9 sts here LY, 34 tkls, 4 pbu. Jerrell Malone (6-1 186 Jr) 5 sts, 30 tkls, 2 pbu in '03. Juamar Hall (5-11 170 rFr) PS#332.
CB GABRIEL FULBRIGHT JR. 5-10 168 16 tkls as rFr. **2nd Tm MWC** in '03, 11 sts, 43 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu. Arron Brack (5-11 207 Jr) PS#329RB. 4.41 spd. Martelius Epps (5-9 171 rFr).
SS Josh Bazinet Sr. 5-11 207 PS#257WR. 19 tkls in '01 & '02. 2 starts last year, 39 tkls, 2 tfl. **Ken West** is **PS#105JC**. Roylee Luna (6-1 195). Justin Ayala (5-8 170).
FS Kevin Walton Sr. 6-0 200 2 sts, 33 tkls, 2 pbu in '01 & '02. 23 tkls in '03. Art Haynes (6-3 206 Jr) PS#474JC, 7 tkls LY. Charles Brown is PS#297JC. 4.5 speed.
P TYLER GAUS JR. 6-1 205 79 punts in '02, 40.5 avg and net of 36.0. 71 punts in '03, 39.4 average, net of 35.8. Conrad Bokich (5-9 215 rFr) 2X All NM punter in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Kenneth Shelton	6-1 190 PS#83JC
TE	Logan Hall	6-4 250 PS#85JC
CB	Ken West	5-11 180 PS#105JC
RB	Rodney Ferguson	6-0 200 PS#118
TE	Chris Mark	6-5 245 PS#54
WR	Chris Brawley	6-3 205 PS#234JC
DL	Donald Paul	6-3 280 PS#247JC
QB	Steve Harris	6-3 200 PS#132
LB	Matthew Quillen	6-0 240 PS#194
LB	Yimin Bauman	6-0 230 PS#294JC
CB	Charles Brown	6-0 195 PS#297JC
WR	Anthony Carter	6-0 190 PS#298JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 3	Washington St (Fri)	G						New Mexico is 25-15 ATS the last 40 as a home dog. NM is 19-8 ATS the last 27 as a home favorite. The Lobos are 9-1 ATS their last 10 lined Homecoming games.
Sep. 11	Texas Tech	G						New Mexico is 0-4 SU, but 4-0 ATS vs the Pac 10 since 1987. NM is 7-3 ATS since 1989 in lined home openers.
Sep. 18	at Oregon St	A						The Lobos are 0-9 SU & 2-6-1 ATS vs Texas Tech since 1986. NM is 15-56-2 SU being outscored on avg 27-11 vs current Big 12 members.
Sep. 25	at New Mexico St	G						Lobos are 3-8-1 ATS the last 6 years in September road games. NM had just 7 FD's & 6 yds rushing vs Oregon St in LY's Las Vegas Bowl.
Oct. 2	Utah (HC)	G						This series started in 1894 & they have played every year since 1946. NM is 8-4 ATS in their 2nd straight away game since 1994.
Oct. 9	at Air Force	G						New Mexico is 12-6 ATS hosting MWC opponents since 1998. The Lobos are 8-4 ATS since '89 in lined games after instate rival NMSU.
Oct. 16	at UNLV	A						NM has won 6 straight ATS MWC road games, last ATS loss was vs AF. The Lobos have covered 7 out of the last 9 vs the Falcons.
Oct. 23	San Diego St	G						UNLV was 1 of the losses LY for NM that kept them from the Liberty Bowl. NM's last visit to Sin City was not good as they lost 55-14 to Oregon St in LY's Las Vegas Bowl.
Oct. 30	at Colorado St	G						The Lobos are 13-4 ATS vs the Aztecs since 1987. Nine out of the last 11 meetings have been decided by single digits.
Nov. 6								The Lobos are 7-3 ATS prior to a bye since 1997. The favorite is 3-8 ATS in the last 11 series meetings.
Nov. 13	at BYU	G						
Nov. 20	Wyoming	G						The Lobos are 11-0 ATS after a bye since 1996. New Mexico is 2-13 SU, but 9-6 ATS vs BYU the last 15 meetings.
Nov. 27								New Mexico is 11-5 ATS in their last 16 home finales. The home team is 6-2 ATS the last 8 meetings.

ROCKY LONG (Career 33-40)
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Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

33-40	Straight Up	11-7	Home Favorite
34-31-1	Vs The Spread	7-7	Home Underdog
18-16	Off A SU Loss	4-7	Away Favorite
26-17	Vs Conference	12-10-1	Away Underdog
	8-14-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (18,17,2)
Lost: 25 (12,10,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 35,127

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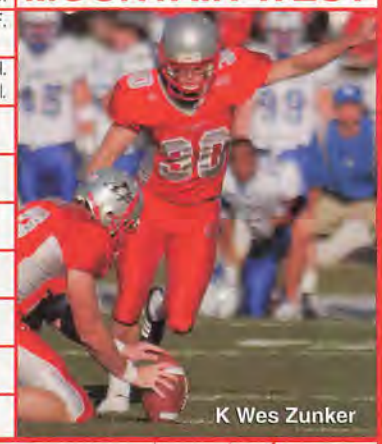
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STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	3-9	4-7	5-7	6-5	7-6	8-4	42-41
ATS	9-3	2-9	5-5	7-4	6-4-1	7-5	7-4	43-34-1
Home Fav	5-1	0-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	3-0	2-2	16-8
Home Dog	0-0	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	7-7
Away Fav	3-0	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	7-7
Away Dog	1-2	0-3	3-1	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	2-1	13-12-1
Favorite	8-1	1-4	1-2	1-1	5-3	3-2	4-2	23-15
Dog	1-2	1-5	4-3	6-3	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	20-19-1
Grass	8-2	1-9	4-4	7-3	6-4	7-5	5-3	38-30
Artificial	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0-1	0-0	2-1	5-4-1
vs Conf	6-3	2-6	4-3	5-2	4-3	6-1	5-2	32-20
vs Non-Conf	3-0	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	1-4	2-2	11-14-1
Off SU Win	7-2	0-3	0-3	3-1	3-1-1	3-3	5-2	21-15-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-6	4-2	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-2	19-17

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DonTrell Moore	**276**	**1507**	**57**	**1450**	**19**	**5.3**
DD Cox	**126**	**671**	**29**	**642**	**7**	**5.1**
Casey Kelly	110	438	207	231	1	2.1
Adrian Byrd	**34**	**202**	**0**	**202**	**0**	**5.9**
Adrian Boyd	20	84	4	80	0	4.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Casey Kelly	274	146	53.3	2223	14	9
Kole McKamey	**23**	**10**	**43.5**	**128**	**2**	**3**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Dwight Counter		31	776	25.0	6	71
Adrian Boyd		41	581	14.2	3	66
Hank Baskett		**17**	**288**	**16.9**	**3**	**42**
Rashaun Sanders		13	177	13.6	0	38
DonTrell Moore		**11**	**149**	**13.5**	**2**	**44**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tyler Gaus	**71**	**2798**	**39.4**	**9**	**35.8**	**0**	**22**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Wes Zunker	**42-45**	**8-8**	**3-3**	**4-6**	**0-0**	**15-17**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daniel Gawronski	100	3	3	1	0
Billy Strother	100	6	7	3	0
Nick Speegle	**80**	**2.5**	**8**	**5**	**1**
Brandon Ratcliff	72	0	2	2	4
Sidney Wiley	65	1	5	5	3
Zach Rupp	55	4	13	3	0
Terrell Golden	44	0	7	2	0
Gabriel Fulbright	**43**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**4**
DJ Renteria	41	5	7	3	0
Josh Bazinet	**39**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Payne	**34**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**0**
Jerrell Malone	**30**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Daniel Kegler	30	7.5	4	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwight Counter	36	267	7.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Ratcliff	15	314	20.9	0
Tony Frazier	5	120	24.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
46	Harbor	NL	Montana St	13-13	–
61	Aviation	NL	W Michigan	28-12	–
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20	W
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27	L
03	Las Vegas	+2	Oregon St	14-55	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	30.1	20	210	4.4	191	52.4	13.3	+5	2003	7	22.3	19	86	2.6	248	56.6	15.0
5*	24.4	17	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	+2	2002	6	25.6	17	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0
7*	27.6	19	190	4.1	186	42.6	13.6	0	2001	4	22.1	16	87	2.5	223	51.2	14.1
6*	19.1	15	148	3.2	119	51.9	14.0	+8	2000	6	20.8	17	115	3.2	194	50.9	14.9
7	21.8	19	143	3.6	202	53.5	15.8	+2	1999	7	27.1	19	165	4.2	206	55.3	13.7
5*	22.8	19	139	3.6	228	53.3	16.1	-10	1998	2	33.1	21	173	4.3	222	54.8	11.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Texas State	31	54-299	5.5	15-23	257	0	16	24-59	2.5	27-60	321	4	+2
at Texas Tech	26	51-235	4.6	22-42	349	2	27	19-38	2.0	37-54	418	3	-1
BYU	18	48-171	3.6	11-24	141	1	14	29-136	4.7	20-37	172	1	-1
at Washington St	12	23-22	1.0	17-33	235	4	27	44-87	2.0	29-42	346	5	-1
New Mexico St	13	49-145	3.0	10-18	83	2	19	38-106	2.8	15-32	258	2	+2
Utah St	22	51-160	3.1	14-28	244	2	14	31-55	1.8	14-31	166	2	+2
at San Diego St	14	52-207	4.0	8-16	119	2	20	25-38	1.5	32-59	354	3	+4
at Utah	26	60-407	6.8	9-24	226	2	14	27-80	3.0	18-32	220	3	-1
UNLV	25	31-149	4.8	24-39	429	3	20	49-74	1.5	15-24	155	3	-5
Colorado St	20	45-319	7.1	8-12	106	1	19	40-111	2.8	16-24	217	5	+2
Air Force	23	58-274	4.7	5-10	90	1	15	44-158	3.6	8-15	115	0	+1
at Wyoming	24	60-336	5.6	8-15	77	0	9	23-23	1.0	12-25	99	7	+1
† Oregon St	7	34-6	0.2	10-23	121	6	29	35-154	4.4	27-42	386	1	0
TOTALS	261	616-2730	4.4	161-307	2477	26	243	428-1119	2.6	270-477	3227	39	+5
AVERAGES	20.1	47-210	4.4	12-24	191	2.0	18.7	33-86	2.6	21-37	248	3.0	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UTEP	+4'	10-13	W
New Mexico St	-6'	28-35	L
N Arizona	NL	45-14	–
at Boise St	-3	9-20	L
at San Diego St	+15	24-21	W
BYU	+16'	7-31	L
UNLV	-8'	27-6	W
Colorado St	+7	22-36	L
at Utah	+12	7-52	L
at Wyoming	+17	28-42	W
Air Force	+11	33-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+16'	3-24	L
Boise St	+1'	14-31	L
Oregon St	+9'	20-28	W
at New Mexico St	+4	16-13	W
N Arizona	NL	35-28	–
Wyoming	+3	45-10	W
at Colorado St	+18'	14-17	W
at Air Force	+11'	29-23	W
Utah	-1'	10-3	W
San Diego St	-5'	16-17	L
at UNLV	+8	14-18	W
at BYU	+6	13-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-2'	26-6	W
at Texas Tech	+12	30-42	T
at Baylor	-4'	13-16 OT	L
at Utah	+8	16-37	L
at Wyoming	-3	30-29	L
BYU	+14	20-24	W
Air Force	-2'	52-33	W
at San Diego St	-2	20-15	W
UNLV	-2'	27-17	W
Colorado St	-3	17-24	L
New Mexico St	-10'	53-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+13'	14-34	L
Weber St	NL	38-24	–
at Air Force	+6'	31-38	L
Baylor	-9'	23-0	W
at New Mexico St	-6	13-24	L
Texas Tech	+8	0-49	L
at UNLV	+8	25-16	W
at Utah St	-2	44-45 OT	L
Utah	+6'	42-35 OT	W
San Diego St	-5	15-8	W
at BYU	+4'	20-16	W
at Colorado St	+16'	14-22	W
Wyoming	-8	49-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas State	NL	72-8	–
at Texas Tech	+13'	28-42	L
BYU	+2'	7-10	L
at Washington St	+15	13-23	W
New Mexico St	-10	24-17	L
Utah St	-14	34-7	W
at San Diego St	-1/2	30-7	W
at Utah	+8	47-35	W
UNLV	-9'	35-37	L
Colorado St	+1	37-34	W
Air Force	-4	24-12	W
at Wyoming	-8'	26-3	W

AIR FORCE FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Falcons keep coming up with solid QB's year in and year out. Mike Thiessen led the MWC in pass efficiency in 2000. In Keith Boyea's first year as a full-time starter, he became only the 13th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. Chance Harridge had just 24 pass attempts in 2001 and took over as the starter in 2002. He rushed for 1,229 yards (4.9), and he not only broke the school record of rushing TD's with 22, but broke the NCAA record of rushing TD's by a QB which was held by Chris McCoy of Navy. Harridge threw for 1,062 yards (44.4%) with a 10-7 ratio. Last year Harridge was trying to become just the 4th QB to top 1,000 yards both rushing and passing in consecutive seasons but just missed as he threw for 995 yards (49.7%) with a 6-7 ratio while rushing for 914 net yards (5.1) with 12 TD's. Harridge was a fiery leader and will be missed. The backup QB last year was Adam Fitch who threw for 112 yards (64.3%) with a 1-0 ratio while rushing for 51 yards (2.5) and he led the comeback vs Northwestern. Fitch tore his Achilles during the 2004 spring and his health is questionable for the fall. Andy Gray went on a two year Mormon mission and was on the JV team for the first half of last season but moved to 3rd string and will contend as will Travis Thurmond (5-10 190 Sr, PS#136DB) and soph Luke Ewing. AF usually finds a capable replacement even if they have little experience so this unit will probably perform better than you would expect despite the loss of a top-notch QB.

RB Darnell Stephens

RUNNING BACKS - The leading rusher in 2001 and 2002 was Leotis Palmer who led the team with 516 (4.6) and 559 (5.6) yards respectively. Last year basically everyone but Palmer returned. Anthony Butler was good enough to play as a true frosh and has rushed for 375 (5.7), 349 (5.0) and 388 (5.1) in his three years. Darnell Stephens rushed for 431 (6.8) and 604 (5.0) in his two seasons as a full-time contributor. Perhaps the strongest player on the team pound-for-pound is FB Dan Shaffer who had 296 yards (4.4) after missing almost the entire season of 2002 with an injury. Matt Ward was a member of the track team in HS and averaged 7.0 ypc in 2002 and had 384 yards (5.8) last year. This year the only losses are HB Joe Schieffer (11 sts, 90 yds, 4.3) and FB Steve Massie (4 sts, 167 yds, 3.3). This is one of the most experienced RB corps the Falcons have ever had.

RECEIVERS - In a wishbone offense blocking is sometimes the most important role of a WR. The Falcons were very experienced in this area last year with everyone back, and Anthony Park was the leading returning receiver with 11 catches averaging 25.7 ypc in just 2 starts. Park had 1 start last year and 8 rec but departs as does starting TE Adam Strecker (12 sts, 6 rec, 14.5). Backup TE's John Schwartz (1 rec, 1 TD) and Todd Jolly also depart. The top 2 WR's are back and I list them below and they averaged a solid 15.6 and 15.1 ypc on 21 and 19 grabs. This is far from an overwhelming unit and won't have big stats with a new QB, but it should come close to 2003 in terms of production with the top two guys back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Air Force usually graduates a lot of starters. In 2001 the Falcons averaged 4.8 ypc rushing while yielding just 7 sacks. In 2002 they had to replace all 5 starters and a backup but amazingly they averaged 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 3 sacks and finished #1 in the NCAA in rushing. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 8 starts and had the biggest OL in school history with one of the most experienced with 5 senior starters. Last year's line allowed just one sack all year. Surprisingly, they only paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing which is the lowest total since 1997 and that was another year they had 4 starters returning. Naturally this year the losses are heavy as they lost C Stephen Maddox (12 sts), SG Brett Huyser (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MWC), QG Jesse Underbakke (10 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM MWC), QG Corey Crossetti (2 sts), QT Brett Waller (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MWC), and ST Blane Neufeld (11 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM MWC). DeBerry does an excellent job with inexperienced OL's and as an example, in 1998 they lost four starters and had to replace seven of their top 10 and yet improved the ypc to 4.9. Clearly, this is a far less experienced group than it was heading into 2003 but it wouldn't surprise me to see the ypc rushing improve although the sack total will clearly be higher.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Experience hasn't meant much to Air Force's defensive numbers. They had an experienced defensive front in 2001 but allowed 5.1 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. They had to replace all 3 DL starters and were on the small side in 2002 but cut the ypc down to 4.0 while recording 31 sacks. Last year it was a veteran group that had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts but all 3 starters had at least 7 starts. While the ypc remained the same at 4.0, they yielded 13 ypg more rushing and only recorded 20 sacks. This year they lose all 3 starters in DE Monty Coleman (12 sts, 3 yr st'r, HM MWC, 48 tkls, 6 sks, 7 tfl), NG Nick Taylor (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, HM MWC, 40 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Charles Bueker (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, 25 tkls, 2 sks). I like the group below as DeBerry is very high on soph Gilberto Perez and Ryan Carter who was actually the 3rd leading DE's tackler (39) last year. This unit is less experienced but should still be a solid group.

LINEBACKERS - The Falcons switched to a 3-3-5 defense in 2002 and use a pair of Falcon's who are safety/LB hybrids and in my mind, are more like LB's. I will list the bigger FAL (Right FAL) in the LB writeup. Last year the LB's had to replace two starters and one backup and the starters were #1 and #3 on the team in tackles. This year the losses are similar as ILB Trevor Hightower (12 sts, #2 tkl'r, 8 tfl, HM MWC) and ILB Marchello Graddy (12 sts, 1st Tm MWC, #1 tkl'r, 6 sks) depart. Everyone else from the 2 deep returns with Rudzinski and Poland being the team's top returning tacklers at #5 and #6. Four players are back with starting experience and even with the loss of their top two guys, this unit appears to be in the same shape they were heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Air Force had its best finish ever in my pass D rankings in 2002 at #52 as they had 7 of their top 9 DB's back. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 27 starts and one backup. They did have two very talented returning starters in CB Jeff Overstreet and FS Larry Duncan. The Falcons dropped to #77 in the pass D rankings allowing 54.2% with an 11-13 ratio. This year they must replace LF Adrian Wright (12 sts, 73 tkls, 10 tfl), FS Duncan (12 sts, 77 tkls, HM MWC) and CB Overstreet (12 sts, 57 tkls, 3 int, HM MWC). This unit is far less experienced than 2003's.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Fisher DeBerry's special teams are just that, special. They are known for blocking kicks and have the second most blocked kicks since 1990 with 86. They normally finish high in my rankings but surprisingly got off to a slow start this decade with finishes of #88, #87 and #70 in the first 3 seasons. Last year their punter left the team over the summer so only the kicker was back. Surprisingly AF moved up to #7, as the strengths were P Andrew Martin (43.2) with an incredible net of 41.5. Ashcroft chipped in with 23 TB's on 37 KO's last year. The team allowed just 14.9 ypr on the 24 KR's that were returned (a lot of TB's). They had 7 more blocked kicks last year including two punts. Joey Ashcroft, who was 1st Tm MWC in 2002 hitting 16 of 18 FG's with a long of 45 and LY was HM MWC as he hit 13 of 21 FG's with a long of 59. Don Heaton hit his one punt last year for 54 yards and it went inside the 20. Michael Greenaway has handled the KO's the last two years and will contend at K. Both P and K depart and DeBerry is also concerned about the loss of three year LS Howard Turner. It will definitely be tough to match last year's outstanding numbers, especially with the loss of their kicker and punter.

COACHES - Fisher DeBerry does an amazing job year in and year out here at Air Force. He now enters his 21st year at the school, which is the third longest tenure of any active head coach at the same school, with a 156-88-1 record. His OC is Chuck Petersen and he is now in his fifth year in that role and in his 15th year at Air Force. His offenses led the MWC in scoring in both 2000 and 2002. Richard Bell enters his sixth year as DC and his 10th season at the academy. In 2002 he switched the defense to a 3-3-5 and after allowing 452.7 ypg in 2001, they trimmed that to 354.3 and 352 the last two years. Overall DeBerry and his two coordinators combine for 92 years of coaching experience, the third most of any program in the country.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Air Force has now had ten straight seasons of .500 or better. In 2002 they surprisingly won their 1st ever national rushing title averaging 307.8 ypg on the ground. Last year they finished #4 with a 280.6 ypg average as DeBerry had his most experienced squad ever with 13 returning starters and 51 lettermen back. Unfortunately the schedule maker had them face BYU, Colo St and New Mexico all on the road. They did win at BYU for the first time ever under DeBerry and at that point rose to 5-0 and were #25 in the AP poll. The rest of the season did not go as planned. They were upset by Navy which meant that they would lose the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time in six years. They did beat UNLV the next week to go 6-1 but lost 4 of their final 5 games stumbling to a 3-4 finish in MWC and the loss to SDSt cost them a bowl bid. They did lose in 3OT's to league champ Utah but were fortunate to get past Northwestern using three 4Q int including a 79 yard IR TD. Interestingly last year's senior class was 1-7 in JV ball in 2000, while this year's was 6-2 in JV. On offense this year they lose Chance Harridge who was one of their most dynamic QB's ever. They have just 3 starters back on that side of the ball but keep in mind in 2002 they had just 2 starters back and averaged 33.8 ppg. The defense also has just 3 starters back. The last time that happened was in 2000 and they yielded a respectable 26.0 ppg. AF gets four MWC games at home and if this was basically any other team in the country with this few starters and lettermen returning, you would have to forecast a losing season. Keep in mind that DeBerry has done more with less and this is the type of season that AF is usually most dangerous.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Adam Fitch Jr. 6-0 190 JV in '02. 112 pass yds, 64 gross rush yds LY & led comeback vs N'western. Andy Gray (6-2 195 Jr) PS#252. Travis Thurmond is PS#136.
HB DARNELL STEPHENS SR. 6-2 195 51 yds in '01. 431 yds (6.8) in '02. 9 sts LY, 604 (5.0). **HM MWC** Matt Ward (5-11 175 Jr) 1 st, 384 yds (5.8) LY. Brandon Gould on JV team LY.
HB Anthony Butler Sr. 5-9 200 1 st, 375 (5.7) rush in '01. 349 (5.0) in '02. 2 sts in '03, 388 (5.1) in '03. Kris Holstege (5-10 190 Sr) 62 ttl yds LY. Jason Boman (6-1 205 Jr).
FB DAN SHAFFER SR. 5-11 230 1 sts in '01, 203 (5.3). 1 st in '02 (inj). 3 sts in '03, 296 (4.4). Adam Cole (6-0 225 Sr) 2 sts, 196 yds in '02. 5 sts in '03, 341 yds (4.3).
WR ALEC MESSERALL SR. 5-11 190 PS#283QB. 3 rec (28.0) in '02, 147 return yards. 5 sts LY, 21 rec (15.6). JP Waller (6-3 195 Sr) 12 rec (13.7) in '02. 6 sts LY, 19 rec (15.1).
TE Robert McMenomy Jr. 6-4 235 JV team in '02. 2nd string TE last year. Robert Scott (6-3 245 So). **WR** Jason Brown (6-4 210 Jr). Chris Charron (6-2 190 Sr).
C John Peel Sr. 6-2 260 Starting C on JV's in '01. 6 sts at C, 10 games, 8.6 KD per game in 2002. 2nd string C in '03. Mark Koalenz (6-2 250 So) PS#460. #1 C in spg.
RG Jon Wilson Jr. 6-4 290 PS#370. JV team in '02. 2nd string G in '03. Miss spg '04 (shoulder). Joel Lammers (6-4 255 Jr). Tyler Dohallow (6-3 270 So).
LG Curtis Grantam So. 6-2 275 Listed #1 LG in spg. Lee McKenna (6-4 285 Jr) Is #2 in spg. Brian Jarrett (6-5 270 Sr) JV in '01 & '02. Added 13 lbs last year. Miss spg '04.
RT Ross Weaver Jr. 6-7 295 PS#142TE. Backup TE in '02. Moved to OT in '03 & 2nd string all year, 1 start. Robert Kraay (6-8 280 So) PS#312. Brett Thornton (6-5 300 Jr).
LT Jacob Anderson Sr. 6-5 280 PS#401. JV in '01. 2nd string OT on varsity L/2Y. Lawrence Hufford (6-1 280 Jr) #3C in '03. #1 OT in spg. Gavin Cummings (6-3 280 Jr).
K Michael Greenaway Sr. 5-10 175 31 TB's on 75 KO's in 2002. 8 TB on 20 KO's in '03, 4 KO's inside the 20. Scott Eberle (6-1 193 Jr) PS#21. Taylor Brown (6-2 205 Jr).

DE Nathan Terrazone Sr. 6-3 240 DE on JV team in '01 & '02. 7 games, 2 tkls in '03. Nelson Mitchell (6-1 260 Jr) JV team in '02. 5 tkls, **2 sks** in '03. Carston Stahr (6-3 230 Jr).
NG Gilberto Perez So. 6-3 275 PS#265OL. JV team in '03. DeBerry "next big time player". Russ Mitscherling (6-2 260 Jr) PS#225. 3 tkls, 6 gms in '02. 15 tkls, 1 tfl in 2003.
DE Ryan Carter Sr. 6-2 250 Miss '01 ACL. 23 tkls, 2 sks in '02. 39 tkls, 2 sks, 4 tfl, 2 pbu LY. Erik Anderson (6-8 280 Jr) JV tm in '02. David Shaffer (6-2 245 Jr). JV tm in '02.
ILB Cameron Hodge Sr. 6-2 225 **PS#101**. JV in '01. 4 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 1 st in '03, 14 tkls, 2 pbu. Robert Ricciardi (6-1 230 So). Andrew Braley (6-0 195 So) PS#344DB.
ILB Kenny Smith Sr. 6-3 240 8 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. 13 tkls, 1 sk, 1 tfl in '03.
Overton Spence (6-2 230 Jr) **PS#158**. 9 tkls in '02. 14 in '03. Joe Cianciolo (6-1 235 Jr) PS#205.
ILB JOHN RUDZINSKI SR. 6-2 230 **PS#151**. 12 sts in '02, 50 tkls, 4 sks, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. 11 sts LY, 65 tkls, 4 tfl (sp ankle). Joseph Keller (6-1 225 So) PS#447. Jeff Busbee (6-1 235 So) PS#494.
RF DENNIS POLAND JR. 6-3 215 JV in '02. 12 sts in '03, 64 tkls, 6 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. Sean Rodgers (5-11 195 Sr) 4 sts in '02, 19 tkls. 5 tkls LY. George Moore (5-10 205 Jr).
CB David Conley Sr. 5-11 185 JV CB in '01 & '02, varsity spec tms in '02. 17 tkls, 1 pbu in '03. Jordan Wilkie (5-11 180 Sr) 13 tkls, 18 gms, 2Y. Cole Marton (6-0 180 So) PS#413.
CB NATE ALLEN SR. 5-10 180 3 tkls, 2 blk punts in '02. 12 sts in '03, 30 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 79 yd int TD. Chris Huckins (5-11 180 So). Chris Sutton (6-0 185 So) PS#502.
LF Baca "John" Taibi Jr. 6-2 205 JV in '01 & '02. 8 games, 14 tkls, 1 pbu in '03. Tyler Hess (5-11 190 Sr) PS#307. JV QB in '01. 4 tkls in '02. 16 tkls, 1 blk punt in '03.
FS Mark Carlson Jr. 6-1 200 HB on JV team in '02. Dressed 5 varsity home games. 7 games in '03, 5 tkls. Beau Suder (5-11 180 So). Jared Baxley (5-11 195 So).
P Donny Heaton Jr. 6-3 180 JV tm in '02. 1 punt in 1 game in '03 but it was for 54 yards. Darin Lister (5-10 160 So). Daniel Wasson (5-10 180 Jr). Also on AF soccer tm.

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY

2003	6-1	1998	7-1	1993	4-2
2002	5-3	1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1
2001	6-2	1996	3-2	1991	7-2
2000	1-7	1995	5-1	1990	5-3
1999	2-4	1994	3-2	1989	5-2-1

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS
JV HEAD COACH: TIM SCHUMACHER
We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams for the last 15 years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable.

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DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE

156-88-1 Straight Up
104-115-2 Vs The Spread
33-39 Off A SU Loss
66-81-2 Vs Conference
40-40-1 Home Favorite
13-13 Home Underdog
28-39-1 Away Favorite
23-23 Away Underdog
38-34 Vs Non-Conf

2003 RECORD: (7-5)

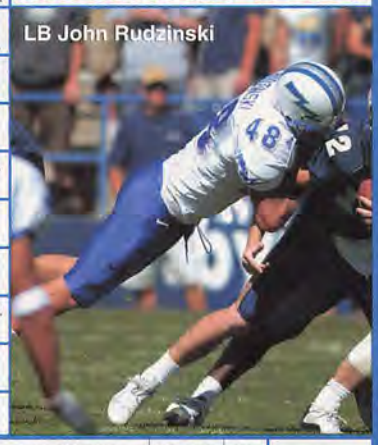
RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 29 (14,13,2)
Lost: 28 (13,12,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,210

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4 2004 Schedule Difficulty-#83		TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score		Win	**2004 Angles, Trends & Notes**
Date	**Opponent**				AF	Opp	Loss	Since 1999 AF is 14-5 SU vs non-conf teams but 17-18 SU vs conf teams. The Falcons are 10-7 SU, but 7-10 ATS when hosting MWC opponents. DeBerry won his 150th game vs Wofford in last year's opener.
Sep. 4	California	G						Air Force is 2-4 SU, but 2-0 ATS vs California. Including bowls, Falcons are 5-7 SU, but 8-4 ATS since '76 vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 11	E Washington	G						AF is 8-0 in non-lined games S/'90 winning by an avg score of 39-6. EWU Eagles finished LY 6-5 as members of the Big Sky (1-1 vs IA opp).
Sep. 18	at UNLV	A						Air Force is 9-1 SU & 8-2 ATS in road openers since 1994. Falcons are 12-3 SU & 11-4 ATS the last 15 on artificial turf.
Sep. 25	at Utah	A						The Falcons have covered 5 of the last 7 in this series. AF is 15-3 SU & 13-5 ATS the week before Navy since 1984.
Sep. 30	Navy (Thur)	G						Air Force is 20-4 SU their last 24 vs Navy, but 4-8 ATS the last 12. This will be the 1st Thurs night National telecast by ESPN involving 2 service academies.
Oct. 9	New Mexico	G						The Falcons are 2-7 ATS vs the Lobos since 1981. Last year AF had season lows in rushing & total offense vs New Mexico.
Oct. 16								
Oct. 23	BYU	G						Air Force is 12-4-1 SU & ATS after a bye since 1989. Counting the '98 WAC Title games, AF is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS vs BYU.
Oct. 30	at Wyoming	G						Air Force is 2-3 SU, but 1-4 ATS since the MWC was formed vs Wyoming. The Falcons are 5-12 SU & 6-11 ATS since 1987 before Army.
Nov. 6	at Army	A						The home team is 15-5 ATS their last 20 series battles. Air Force is 14-1 SU & 11-4 ATS since 1989 vs Army.
Nov. 13	San Diego St	G						AF is 5-1 SU & ATS the week after clinching the CIC Trophy S/'97. LY AF rushed for 191 yds, which was the lowest vs the Aztecs ever.
Nov. 20	Colorado St	G						This will be the 12th meeting between the HC's as DeBerry is 3-8 SU & 3-7-1 ATS vs Lubick S/'93. The favorite is 4-9-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Nov. 27								



STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (52,480)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-1	6-5	8-3	6-6	8-4	7-5	56-26
ATS	5-6	9-2-1	3-7	7-3	3-8	8-4	4-7	39-37-1
Home Fav	1-4	3-1-1	1-3	1-2	0-3	4-2	3-2	13-17-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	5-2
Away Fav	1-2	5-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-3	10-12
Away Dog	2-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	2-3	2-0	1-2	11-6
Favorite	2-6	8-2-1	1-6	3-3	0-4	6-3	3-5	23-29-1
Dog	3-0	1-0	2-1	4-0	3-4	2-1	1-2	16-8
Grass	4-5	5-2-1	2-7	6-3	3-7	6-4	4-7	30-35-1
Artificial	1-1	4-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	9-2
vs Conf	3-5	6-2-1	1-6	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-5	24-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	0-4	4-1	2-2	15-10
Off SU Win	5-3	7-2-1	1-5	5-2	2-3	6-2	2-5	28-22-1
Off SU Loss	0-2	1-0	2-2	2-1	1-4	1-2	2-2	9-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chance Harridge	180	956	42	914	12	5.1
Darnell Stephens	**120**	**633**	**29**	**604**	**4**	**5.0**
Anthony Butler	**76**	**402**	**14**	**388**	**3**	**5.1**
Matt Ward	**66**	**404**	**20**	**384**	**4**	**5.8**
Adam Cole	**80**	**344**	**3**	**341**	**2**	**4.3**
Dan Shaffer	**67**	**296**	**0**	**296**	**3**	**4.4**
Steve Massie	50	173	6	167	1	3.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chance Harridge	161	80	49.7	995	6	7
Adam Fitch	**14**	**9**	**64.3**	**112**	**1**	**0**
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Alec Messerall	**21**	**328**	**15.6**	**3**	**69**	
JP Waller	**19**	**287**	**15.1**	**3**	**37**	
Joe Schieffer	16	234	14.6	0	41	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andrew Martin	43	1857	43.2	2	41.5	0	9
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Joey Ashcroft	28-30	7-7	2-4	3-8	1-2	13-21	59

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marchello Graddy	113	6	4	2	0
Trevor Hightower	104	1	7	2	1
Larry Duncan	77	0	0	6	2
Adrian Wright	73	1.5	9	3	1
John Rudzinski	**65**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**	**1**
Dennis Poland	**64**	**0**	**6**	**3**	**2**
Jeff Overstreet	57	0	2	6	3
Monty Coleman	48	5.5	7	1	0
Nick Taylor	40	0	5	1	0
Ryan Carter	**39**	**1.5**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Nate Allen	**30**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Charles Bueker	25	1.5	1	0	0
David Conley	**17**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Tyler Hess	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Matt Ward	**18**	**155**	**8.6**	**0**	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Alec Messerall	**13**	**272**	**20.9**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55	L
97	Las Vegas	+4	Oregon	13-41	L
98	Oahu	-3'	Washington	45-25	W
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34	W
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech	13-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.8	21	281	4.7	105	50.3	14.4	+6	2003	6	20.2	19	169	4.0	183	54.2	17.5
2	33.8	22	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	+9	2002	6	23.3	19	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2
2	28.1	21	273	4.8	119	47.9	14.0	+8	2001	4	32.2	23	204	5.1	249	54.9	14.1
5*	35.1	26	293	4.9	161	55.9	12.9	+10	2000	3	26.0	19	151	4.2	228	54.4	14.6
7	24.0	22	285	4.9	114	48.8	16.6	-4	1999	4	19.8	18	134	3.4	204	57.0	16.7
5*	36.0	20	264	4.9	138	57.4	11.2	+19	1998	4	14.2	17	113	2.8	190	57.2	21.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Wofford	28	74-380	5.1	7-11	89	0	9	40-88	2.2	9-14	87	2	+2
at Northwestern	14	53-270	5.1	6-12	139	0	21	41-218	5.3	15-38	234	1	+2
N Texas	24	60-271	4.5	10-16	156	0	13	35-45	1.3	13-22	215	4	-1
Wyoming	31	75-431	5.7	8-13	79	0	26	28-88	3.1	27-52	398	3	-2
at BYU	17	47-194	4.1	12-22	134	0	18	36-113	3.1	19-36	193	1	0
at Navy	23	61-275	4.5	7-16	87	0	22	65-294	4.5	3-6	32	0	+1
UNLV	15	59-261	4.4	5-10	63	1	13	41-166	4.0	8-20	84	2	+2
at Colorado St	18	52-276	5.3	4-14	154	0	27	53-306	5.8	14-22	258	0	-2
Utah	26	70-288	4.1	6-15	74	0	23	40-162	4.1	22-32	297	2	+1
Army	25	67-372	5.6	9-15	74	0	17	41-141	3.4	10-28	58	3	+6
at New Mexico	15	44-158	3.6	8-15	115	0	23	58-274	4.7	5-10	90	1	-1
at San Diego St	19	54-191	3.5	10-24	95	0	20	33-132	4.0	24-32	251	1	-2
TOTALS	255	716-3367	4.7	92-183	1259	1	232	511-2027	4.0	169-312	2197	20	+6
AVERAGES	21.3	60-281	4.7	8-15	105	0.1	19.3	43-169	4.0	14-26	183	1.7	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	37-13	–
at Washington	+4	31-21	W
Wyoming	-9	7-10	L
at San Diego St	-1'	23-22	L
at Navy	-10	19-14	L
Utah	-4	15-21	L
at BYU	+7'	20-27	W
Army	-15	28-0	W
UNLV	-25	35-16	L
at Colorado St	+2	21-41	L
at New Mexico	-11	28-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
CS Northridge	NL	55-6	–
BYU	+2	31-23	W
at Utah	+2'	23-14	W
at UNLV	-5'	13-34	L
Navy	-15'	27-13	L
at Wyoming	-14'	51-26	W
New Mexico	-11'	23-29	L
at Notre Dame	+13'	31-34 OT	W
at Army	-7'	41-27	W
Colorado St	+3	44-40	W
San Diego St	-9'	45-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	+17'	3-44	L
Tennessee Tech	NL	42-0	–
at San Diego St	+3'	45-21	W
at Navy	-15	24-18	L
Wyoming	-14'	24-13	L
at BYU	+12'	33-63	L
at New Mexico	+2'	33-52	L
Army	-13	34-24	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-28	W
UNLV	-2'	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+9'	30-52	L
Utah	+16'	38-37	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	-1/2	52-3	W
New Mexico	-6'	38-31 OT	W
at California	+9'	23-21	W
at Utah	+8'	30-26	W
Navy	-22'	48-7	W
BYU	-4'	52-9	W
Notre Dame	-3	14-21	L
at Wyoming	-18	26-34	L
Colorado St	+1'	12-31	L
at Army	-17'	49-30	W
at UNLV	-5	49-32	W
San Diego St	-16'	34-38	L

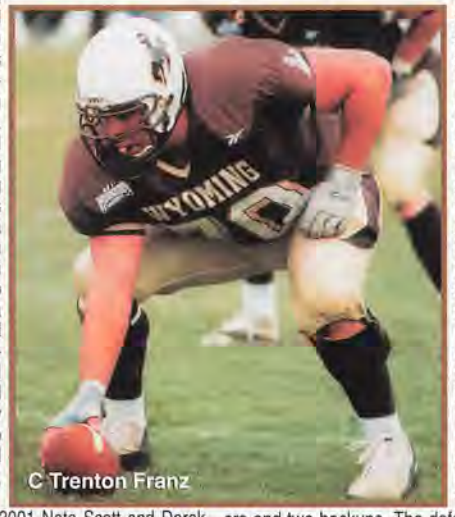
2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wofford	NL	49-0	–
at Northwestern	-7'	22-21	L
N Texas	-9'	34-21	W
Wyoming	-20	35-29	L
at BYU	+1/2	24-10	W
at Navy	-14'	25-28	L
UNLV	-6'	24-7	W
at Colorado St	+5'	20-30	L
Utah	-3	43-45 3OT	L
Army	-26'	31-3	W
at New Mexico	+4	12-24	L
at San Diego St	-4	3-24	L

WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Bramlet played some as a rFr and in his first full year as a starter in 2001 he threw for 3,069 yards (52.1%) with a 9-20 ratio. In 2002, Bramlet improved to 3,290 yards (59.7%) with a 24-18 ratio. His younger brother Corey got in 3 games attempting 5 passes for 67 yards. JJ Raterink (6-2 205 Sr) has a great work ethic, is intelligent and played in four games in 2001 throwing 5 passes for 37 yards. Last year all three QB's returned and Casey had the best ratio of his career with 22 TD's and 9 int's. In fact, he did not throw an int in the first four games. He ended up throwing for 3,037 yards (56.7%) while rushing for 239 gross yards (#7DC CIN). Corey has good size (6-5 215) but played in just 3 games with 9 passes for 66 yards last year. Raterink was the holder on special teams and those two will be among the combatants for this year's starting job. Also in the mix are Jacob Doss (6-1 204 rFr, PS#107) who was a finalist for Mr. Football in Kentucky in 2002 with a 43-4 ratio and Zach Weidenaar (6-2 206 rFr, PS#256) who is more of an option QB but has a strong arm. The team also signed true frosh Stinson Dean who graduated early and is in for the spring. I think it will come down to Bramlet and Doss but this team goes from a very experienced four year starter who leaves as the career leader in total offense, TD's, int's, passing yards, etc. to an inexperienced group.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RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 and 2001 Nate Scott and Derek Armah shared the RB duties with Scott being the leading rusher each year. Armah rushed for 515 yards (3.5) in 2000 and 396 (3.3) in 2001. Armah is a plodder that runs well between the tackles but lacked breakaway speed. In 2002 he led the team in rushing with 596 yards and had his best ypc at 4.8. Kit Bradshaw was the #2 rusher in 2002 with 302 yards (3.6) but missed 2003 due to injury. The #3 returning rusher, Leonard Jones (206 yds, 4.2) moved to DB last season. Armah suffered shoulder problems all year but still rushed for a career high 683 yards (3.9) and leaves as the school's 4th all-time leading rusher. Ivan Harrison (PS#189) has 4.47 speed and rushed for 151 yards (3.7) and WR Jovon Bouknight was actually the team's 3rd leading rusher. I expect this year's JUCO signee Joe Harris (PS#43) to take over the starting job. He rushed for 1,841 yards (7.1) with 26 TD's at JUCO last year and has sub-4.5 speed. Also in the mix at RB are CR Davis (5-10 193 Jr, PS#235) who had 136 total yards in 8 games, Alex Renshaw (5-10 202 So, AF trans), Monty Brunk (5-10 215 So), Beau Starkebaum (6-1 200 rFr) and this year's true frosh. If Harris has the impact I expect, he could be Wyoming's first 1,000 yard rusher since 1998.

RECEIVERS - From 1991 to 1996 a Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards four of the six years under Joe Tiller's guidance and a Cowboy receiver was ranked in the Top 3 in all six. Ryan McGuffey and Malcom Floyd both broke the frosh receiving record here in 2000 which is impressive because former Wyoming receivers Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA's record for career receiving yards. Surprisingly in 2002 after the duo were #1 and #2 on the team in rec's they dropped to #3 and #5 in 2002. Jovan Bouknight led the team with 63 catches that year. Last season they had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers as well as their starting TE but McGuffey and Floyd stepped to the forefront. Unfortunately this year both depart and they leave as the #3 and #4 in career receptions here. Bouknight is back and had a team high 15.9 ypc and he was also 2nd in the MWC in all-purpose yards. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and starting HB Aaron Robbins (8 sts, 10 rec) is an outstanding blocker but moves to the DL. They add in JUCO Jason Wallace PS#253JC who led his JC team in rec and the conference in KR's. Glenn felt this was the strength of the team last year but has to replace Floyd, McGuffey and TE Marshall Schaap. This unit looks to be down a few notches in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys O-line paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 40 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 28 starts including a 3 and 4 year starter. Then starting RG Henry Randle lost his job so only one full-time starter returned. The inexperienced unit opened holes for just 2.7 ypc rushing while allowing 42 sacks. This year they are in better shape as not only do all five starters return, they also add in JUCO Alan Erving (PS#192) who could take a starting spot. The only loss from last year is Randle (2nd string, 1 st), so 9 of the top 10 return. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country and are now in the 2nd year of Glenn's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Pokes allowed 4.6 ypc rushing which was actually an improvement from 2001's 5.3 but the D had just 10 sacks overall. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. The defense allowed 230 ypg (5.0 ypc) rushing while still recording just 14 sacks. This year the group is more experienced. They only lose DE Brandon Casavan (11 sts, 58 tkls, 3.5 sks) and DT Casey Adams (12 tkls, 2 tfl). They also move in starting HB Aaron Robbins to a DE spot so the group has added talent. This should be a more formidable front wall in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Wyoming had two starters returning to the LB position last year including Guy Tuell who moved over from SS. This year they have to replace their top LB, Tyler Gottschalk (#1 tkl'r, 7 tfl, HM MWC, 12 sts) as well as Tom Vincent (1 st, 7 tkls) and JC Trautwein (14 tkls). Two full-time starters return and when Tuell was injured vs AF, Jeff Tatnall filled in with 14 tackles and adds good depth. They also bring in a HT true frosh in Garrett Bliss (PS#91) and have some added rFr. Despite the loss of their #1 tackler, they have 5 of the top 6 back and I look for the unit to be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming finished #114 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had all 4 starters returning last year but starting FS Nate Young left the team prior to the season. They improved in the pass D rankings moving up to #90 allowing 57.8% with a respectable 20-12 ratio. This year they lose CB Chris Dixon (12 sts, 44 tkls, 5 int, HM MWC), CB Leonard Jones (L/8 sts, 36 tkls), FS Jacque Finn (7 sts, 37 tkls, 1 int), CB Roderrick Jackson (4 sts, 33 tkls, 1 int) and SS Chad White (15 tkls). Derrick Martin took off his redshirt playing in the final six games (started 4) but moves from FS to CB. I list the 3 deep below. This unit is less experienced and SS Jay McNeal (#3 tkl'r) tore his ACL in the spring and is doubtful to return in the fall so this unit will probably drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wyoming usually has an excellent punter, thanks in part to the high altitude and has had some fine finishes in the last seven years in my special teams rankings including #7 and #19. In 2002 they were #80 and only had to replace their top PR. Glenn was very high on the unit prior to the season and I projected that P Luke Donovan could lead the MWC in punting. Overall the team did show improvement as it moved up to #44 and Donovan averaged a solid 42.5 while increasing his net to 36.3. I list his replacements below. Sophomore Josh Barge led the team in PR's (9.5) and Bouknight in KR's (23.7). Keep in mind that JUCO Jason Wallace is also a dangerous returnman so that unit appears to be in good shape. Scott Parker hit just 4 of 8 FG's with a long of 31 in 2002. Deric Yaussi, despite missing his first two FG's in the opener, rebounded to hit 12 of his last 15 with a long of 43. Both are back. Glenn said that LS David Gough and holder Raterink were the best he'd been around and both return. The team blocked 2 punts (LB Austin Hall, DB Derrick Martin) but also allowed two. Donovan was handling KO's but suffered a hip flexor, then Parker struggled in the KO role so Yaussi took over those duties at the end of the year. The key to this unit will be how the new punter performs.

COACHES - Joe Glenn and his staff begin their second year here. Glenn compiled a record of 39-6 in his final 3 years at Montana and has been a HC for 19 years. Last year was the first time in his 18 years as HC that he had a losing season. His OC, Billy Cockhill, was his OC at Montana and DC Mike Breske was his DC there as well in his final three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Wyoming has not been to a bowl since 1993. Coming into the 2000 season they had not had a losing season since 1992 but obviously it was a rebuilding year with just seven starters back, a brand-new head coach and I pegged them last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 in 1999 to 1-10 in 2000. The next two years things did not get much better as the team had just two wins in each season even though they had 16 starters returning in 2002 and lost the fewest amount of lettermen in the MWC. They upset Air Force and nearly had 4 wins in MWC play that year but missed an xp vs UNLV, and lost by 1 point in OT, they were tied with Colo St in the 4Q, led BYU 31-28 with 4:00 to go and were actually 22 points away from being conference champs. That 2002 season featured their 12th straight loss dating back to 2001, setting a school record. Last year new head coach Joe Glenn inherited a veteran group with 15 returning starters and only 18 of 66 lettermen lost (27.3%). They also had 4 MWC home games. They had a veteran senior QB in Casey Bramlet and I gave them a good shot at escaping the basement. On the surface Wyoming appeared to make great strides as they improved from 2 to 4 wins and knocked off both BYU and Colo St at home. At one point, they stood 2-2 in MWC play and were thinking bowl at 4-5 overall. Two of their losses were to Air Force and SDSt by a combined 11 points. They dropped their final 3 games. I mentioned on the surface they were better because in MWC play in 2002 they were only outgained by 65.3 ypg, but last season were outgained by 113.2 ypg and went 4-8 on the season despite benefitting from +10 in turnovers. Replacing Casey Bramlet will not be easy but I like the athletic ability of Corey Bramlet and he has spent 3 years in the offense. That, plus the fact he has a solid surrounding cast with JUCO RB Harris, an outstanding WR in Jovon Bouknight and a top-notch OL. I can see Wyoming topping last year's 23.8 ppg. Defensively they have 6 starters back and while not an overwhelming unit, they showed improvement last year trimming their ypg allowed by 49 yards and ppg by 6.0 and should continue to improve. This year they have just 3 MWC home games and despite being an improved squad, it's doubtful they will benefit from the +10 turnovers again and may finish in the basement of the MWC for a fourth straight year.

LB Guy Tuell

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Corey Bramlet Jr. 6-5 215 PS#204. 6 games in 2 years, 14 att, 130 yards, 1-0 ratio. Jacob Doss (6-1 204 rFr) PS#107. JJ Raterink (6-2 205 Sr) 5 att's in career.

RB Joseph Harris Jr. 5-7 205 PS#43JC. 1841 yds (7.1) at JC LY. **Ivan Harrison** (5-7 190 So) PS#189. 343 all-purp yds. CR Davis (5-10 193 Jr) 136 yards in '03.

WR Jason Wallace Jr. 6-0 180 PS#253JC. 1031 all-purp JC last year. **Dustin Pleasant** (5-8 169 So) **18 rec** (10.4) as true. RS LY. Taber LeMarr (6-2 179 rFr) PS#235.

WR Josh Barge Jr. 6-0 203 PS#133. 4.5 speed. 4 sts in '03 (14.7), 24 PR (9.5). Michael Ford (6-2 203 rFr) PS#123TE. Tyler Holden (6-0 173 So) PS#240JC.

WR JOVON BOUKNIGHT JR. 6-2 189 5 sts in '02, HM MWC, 63 rec (10.9). 12 sts LY, 47 rec (15.9), #1 rusher of WR's w/110, 26 KR (23.7). Chase McBride (5-7 158 rFr) PS#155.

TE John Wadkowski Jr. 6-4 254 PS#112JC. 43 rec (14.3). JC LY. Chris Cox (6-6 246 Sr) Mission in '99 & '00. 3 sts, 3 rec LY. Spencer Miller (6-1 249 rFr). Kevin Fulton (5-9 206 Sr).

C TRENTON FRANZ SR. 6-2 282 PS#314. 3 games as true but RS. Last 7 sts in '01. 12 sts in '02, HM MWC. 12 sts LY, HM MWC. Ben Penfold (6-4 294 rFr) PS#538. 2nd string LY.

RG DREW SEVERN JR. 6-1 276 PS#112DL. L/5 sts at RG in '02. 9 sts LY. Also backup C. Miss spring (inj). John Ulibarri (6-3 279 rFr). Dave Shipula (6-5 292 rFr) PS#495.

LG ISAAC MORALES SR. 6-5 306 PS#529. Last 4 starts as true. 8 starts at LG in '02, inj LY. 12 sts in '03, HM MWC. Mark Schwarz (6-4 290 So) PS#236. 2nd string as rFr.

RT JASON KARCHER SO. 6-3 304 PS#122. 12 sts as rFr (10@RT, 2@RG). **Alan Erving** (6-5 315 Jr) PS#192JC. Hunter Richards (6-7 275 So). Listed #1 RT in the spring.

LT CHASE JOHNSON SO. 6-8 307 PS#183DL. 12 sts as rFr. Dan Fisher (6-5 303 JR) PS#107TE. 2 sts in '03 (broke hand). Matt Kostelnick (6-5 230 rFr) 2nd string last year.

K DERIC YAUSSI JR. 5-11 181 Hit 12 of 17 FG's in '03, long of 43 also 34 of 35 on xp's. Scott Parker (6-1 188 Jr). Hit 4 of 8 FG's in '02, long of 31, 22 of 27 on xp's.

DE Mike Groover So. 6-3 234 PS#157LB. 3 tkls as rFr. **Aaron Robbins** (6-3 241 Jr) PS#133TE. **8 sts** at HB, 10 rec in 2003. Tyler Ottem (6-4 228 rFr) PS#525.

DT JACOB BONDE SR. 6-4 299 22 tkls, 1.5 tfl in' 02. 12 sts in '03, 29 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. Dusty Hoffschneider (5-10 265 Jr) PS#171JC. David Gough (6-4 275 Sr) LS. 4 tkls.

NG ZACH MORRIS SR. 6-2 281 PS#207. 7 sts as true, 20 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts, 41 tkls, 6.5 tfl LY. Jake Mayes (6-3 250 So) PS#244. 8 tkls, 3 tfl as **true**. Chad Gardner (6-3 270 Jr).

BUCK JOHN FLORA JR. 6-4 273 PS#66TE. 11 sts in '03, 38 tkls, 4 tfl. Adam Diehl (6-3 218 So) PS#261. 12 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Anthony Jones (6-5 262 Sr) 2 sts, 21 tkls in 3 yrs.

SLB Austin Hall So. 6-3 212 PS#402. 1 st, 21 tkls, 1 int as rFr. **Garrett Bliss** is **PS#91LB**. Sean Claffey (6-3 231 rFr) PS#195QB. Luke Chase (6-1 220 rFr) PS#391.

MLB RANDY TSCHARNER SR. 6-3 238 PS#193JC. 12 sts here LY, 88 tkls, 8.5 tfl. John Prater (5-11 229 So) 7 tkls. Shane Powell (5-10 229 Sr) 1 st, 43 tkls, 2Y. Matt Chase (6-1 215 Jr) 4 tkls.

WLB GUY TUELL SR. 6-1 215 7 sts in '01. 12 sts at SS in '02, 56 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts at WLB LY. 69 tkls. Brandon Haugen (6-1 228 rFr). Jeff Tatnall (5-11 225 Jr) 1 st, 28 tkls.

CB Derrick Martin So. 5-9 182 PS#255. Took off RS in Wk 7 LY, **4 sts in last 5 as true**, 27 tkls, 1 PR (6.0). Andre LaCaille (5-11 168 rFr) PS#441. Track star. 14.6 100m.

CB Brandon Bell Jr. 6-1 195 PS#295JC. 7 int's in '02 at JC. Terrance Butler (5-11 171 Jr) 2 tkls, 1 tfl. Christian Cameron (5-10 173 rFr). Cameron Clark (5-9 199 rFr).

SS JAY McNEAL SR. 5-11 193 PS#442JC. 6 sts here in '02, 69 tkls, 2 tfl. 10 sts LY, 69 tkls, 2 tfl. Tore ACL spg '04. **Marcial Rosales** (6-1 219 So) PS#323. 1 st, 43 tkls, 3 tfl LY.

FS John Wendling So. 6-1 203 PS#373. 4.4 speed. 1 start, 17 tkls in 2003. **Ron Rockett** (6-1 190 Jr) **PS#277JC**. 72 tkls, 3.5 sacks at JC LY. Dorsey Golston (6-1 191 So).

P Adam Brooks Jr. 5-11 191 Was #2 punter in '03 & Glenn is confident in him. Scott Parker (6-1 188 Jr) 39.7 average as punter in high school, 38.1 net. FG & K here.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Joseph Harris 5-7 205 PS#43JC
LB	Garrett Bliss 6-2 245 PS#91
OL	Alan Erving 6-5 315 PS#192JC
DB	Kyle Jacobo 6-3 175 PS#172
WR	Jason Wallace 6-0 180 PS#253JC
QB	Chris Sundberg 6-5 210 PS#134
DL	Rob Hollway 6-4 250 PS#204
DB	Ron Rockett 6-1 190 PS#277JC
QB	John Fletcher 6-5 225 PS#158
CB	Brandon Bell 6-1 195 PS#295JC
WR	Devin Moore 5-10 175 PS#231
OL	Tim Bond 6-4 285 PS#364
OL	Kyle Howard 6-7 270 PS#381
DL	Mike Jurgens 6-4 210 PS#319
DB	Quincy Rogers 6-2 185 PS#332

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JOE GLENN (Career 4-8) (Div IAA 39-6)
2nd Year at Wyoming

Glenn's records AT WYOMING

4-8	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
5-6	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
4-3	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-4	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Underdog
	2-2 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

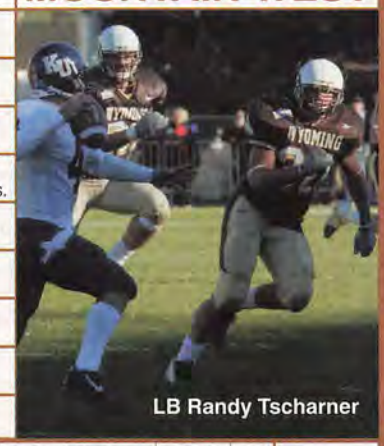
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (16,22,2)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,702

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#78

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Appalachian St	G						The Cowboys are 10-7 ATS in MWC road games. Wyoming is 5-6 SU & 7-3 ATS the last 11 games before a bye. The Cowboys are 5-15 ATS as an away favorite since 1992.
Sep. 11	at Texas A&M	G						In 2000 Glenn beat Appalachian St in the IAA semi's as HC of Montana. Appalachian St Mountaineers were 7-4 LY as a Southern Conf member.
Sep. 18								Wyoming is 6-12 ATS since 1999 in non-conference lined games. The Cowboys are 2-22 SU the L/24 road games with both wins vs Utah St.
Sep. 25	Mississippi	G						Wyoming is 5-3 ATS the last 8 games after a bye. First meeting & Cowboys are 0-8 SU & 2-4 ATS being outscored on avg 33-11 vs the SEC.
Oct. 2	UL Monroe	G						WY is 2-0 SU, but have dropped the only ATS meeting vs UL Monroe. Cowboys are 5-10 ATS the last 15 as a home favorite.
Oct. 9	San Diego St (HC)	G						The Cowboys are 1-4 SU & 1-3-1 ATS in MWC home openers. Wyoming is 1-5-1 ATS the last 7 meetings with San Diego St.
Oct. 16	at BYU	G						The Cowboys have lost 15 straight Mt West road games SU. Wyoming is 2-7 SU, but 8-1 ATS vs BYU since 1991.
Oct. 22	at Colorado St (Fri)	G						The visiting team is 10-2 ATS their last 12 in this series. This will be their 96th meeting, playing every year since 1946.
Oct. 30	Air Force	G						The home team is 1-5 ATS the last 6 years. The Cowboys are 2-3 SU, but 4-1 ATS vs the Falcons as MWC members.
Nov. 6	at UNLV	A						Wyoming is 1-7 ATS on artificial turf their last 8 since 1998. The Cowboys are 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS vs the Rebels.
Nov. 13	Utah	G						Wyoming is 3-8 SU & ATS the last 11 vs the Utes. The Cowboys are 2-5 SU & ATS the last 7 home finales.
Nov. 20	at New Mexico	G						Cowboys are 1-6 ATS the last 7 away finales. Wyoming is 2-5 ATS vs the Lobos in their last 7 meetings.
Nov. 27								



STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (33,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-6	8-3	7-4	1-10	2-9	2-10	4-8	31-50
ATS	6-7	5-5	4-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	5-6	34-41-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	7-11
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	8-8-1
Away Fav	1-4	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-9
Away Dog	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-2	2-3	3-4	2-3	16-13
Favorite	4-7	3-4	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	10-20
Dog	2-0	2-1	3-1	3-4	5-5	5-5-1	4-5	24-21-1
Grass	4-7	5-3	4-6	4-7	5-4	5-3-1	4-4	31-34-1
Artificial	2-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-2	3-7
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	3-4	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	3-4	22-28-1
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	0-4	2-2	12-13
Off SU Win	2-5	4-4	3-4	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-3	13-18
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-1	1-1	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	4-3	20-20-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derek Armah	177	725	42	683	5	3.9
Ivan Harrison	**41**	**175**	**24**	**151**	**1**	**3.7**
Jovon Bouknight	**16**	**116**	**6**	**110**	**1**	**6.9**
CR Davis	**14**	**78**	**1**	**77**	**0**	**5.5**
Casey Bramlet	98	239	340	-101	3	-1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Casey Bramlet	425	241	56.7	3037	22	9
Corey Bramlet	**9**	**6**	**66.7**	**63**	**0**	**0**
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Malcom Floyd		63	834	13.2	6	63
Ryan McGuffey		68	815	12.0	5	58
Jovon Bouknight		**47**	**746**	**15.9**	**7**	**74**
Josh Barge		**19**	**279**	**14.7**	**2**	**41**
Derek Armah		26	183	7.0	0	29
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Luke Donovan	63	2678	42.5	8	36.3	2	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Deric Yaussi	**34-35**	**6-9**	**3-3**	**3-5**	**0-0**	**12-17**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyler Gottschalk	105	2	5	2	1
Randy Tscharner	**88**	**1.5**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Guy Tuell	**69**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Jay McNeal	**69**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Brandon Casavan	58	3.5	4	4	0
Chris Dixon	44	0	1	7	5
Marcial Rosales	**43**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Zach Morris	**41**	**2.5**	**4**	**2**	**0**
John Flora	**38**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Jacque Finn	37	0	1	2	1
Leonard Jones	36	0	3	1	0
Roderrick Jackson	33	0	1	2	1
Jacob Bonde	**29**	**1**	**3**	**5**	**0**
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Josh Barge	**24**	**229**	**9.5**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jovon Bouknight	**26**	**616**	**23.7**	**0**
Ivan Harrison	**5**	**126**	**25.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
76	Fiesta	+20	Oklahoma	7-41	L
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa	19-20	W
88	Holiday	+2'	Oklahoma St	14-62	L
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17	W
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St	17-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.8	19	84	2.7	261	57.1	14.5	+10	2003	7	30.0	24	230	5.0	212	57.8	14.8
10*	24.0	21	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	-2	2002	6	36.0	26	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6
8	20.8	20	99	2.9	282	52.1	18.3	-5	2001	6	33.5	23	246	5.3	218	59.0	13.9
4*	15.5	18	106	3.0	190	57.4	19.2	-10	2000	3	35.7	20	183	4.3	218	60.1	11.2
6*	27.5	22	148	3.6	250	58.7	14.5	+2	1999	7	24.5	20	158	3.9	241	53.2	16.3
7*	20.2	19	126	3.3	226	56.7	17.4	+7	1998	5	19.5	19	182	4.4	185	52.5	18.8

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Montana St	17	30-31	1.0	17-28	203	5		11	33-130	3.9	18-39	223	0	+4
at Oklahoma St	20	29-75	2.6	17-38	306	5		35	50-334	6.7	19-33	260	1	0
Kansas	27	36-179	5.0	33-46	328	3		19	40-162	4.1	13-16	295	0	-1
at Air Force	26	28-88	3.1	27-52	398	1		31	75-431	5.7	8-13	79	0	+2
at Boise St	13	25-32	1.3	15-34	241	3		31	50-155	3.1	27-38	285	3	+1
at Utah St	22	47-192	4.1	14-25	242	4		16	25-117	4.7	17-36	240	1	+3
BYU	18	32-85	2.7	20-32	140	3		19	36-103	2.9	21-36	225	4	0
at San Diego St	18	27-45	1.7	25-45	247	5		21	47-206	4.4	14-26	191	1	-1
Colorado St	24	30-129	4.3	23-36	337	1		28	46-304	6.6	17-29	205	2	+1
at Utah	16	22-60	2.7	19-31	272	3		30	51-252	4.9	17-26	296	1	+1
New Mexico	9	23-23	1.0	12-25	99	5		24	60-336	5.6	8-15	77	0	-1
UNLV	23	42-74	1.8	27-44	321	4		19	40-235	5.9	13-25	170	1	+1
TOTALS	233	371-1013	2.7	249-436	3134	42		284	553-2765	5.0	192-332	2546	14	+10
AVERAGES	19.4	31-84	2.7	21-36	261	3.6		23.7	46-230	5.0	16-28	212	1.2	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+24	17-42	L
Weber St	NL	41-16	–
at Air Force	+9	10-7	W
Idaho	-9'	28-13	W
UNLV	-24'	32-35	L
at UL Monroe	-22'	38-20	L
Colorado St	-2'	13-24	L
at Utah	+8	43-29	W
BYU	+7'	31-17	W
New Mexico	-17	42-28	L
at San Diego St	-1'	7-39	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+12'	21-35	L
at Texas A&M	+14	3-51	L
C Michigan	-13	31-10	W
Nevada	-16'	28-35	L
at New Mexico	-3	10-45	L
San Diego St	-3'	0-34	L
Air Force	+14'	26-51	L
at UNLV	+20'	23-42	W
at BYU	+18	7-19	W
Utah	+14'	0-34	L
at Colorado St	+29	13-37	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	20-14	–
Texas A&M	+15'	20-28	W
at Utah St	+4'	43-42	W
Colorado St	+3'	14-42	L
New Mexico	+3	29-30	W
at Air Force	+14'	13-24	W
at Utah	+17'	0-35	L
UNLV	+9'	26-47	L
BYU	+24	34-41	W
at San Diego St	+6'	16-38	L
at Kansas	+4	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+30'	7-47	L
at C Michigan	+3'	20-32	L
Boise St	+6	13-35	L
at Washington	+30'	7-38	L
The Citadel	NL	34-30	–
at Colorado St	+25	36-44	W
San Diego St	+4	20-24	T
Air Force	+18	34-26	W
at UNLV	+8	48-49 OT	W
at BYU	+11	31-35	W
Utah	+11'	18-23	W
at New Mexico	+8	20-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	21-10	–
at Oklahoma St	+21	24-48	L
Kansas	-4	35-42	L
at Air Force	+20	29-35	W
at Boise St	+23	17-33	W
at Utah St	-2	48-21	W
BYU	+1	13-10	W
at San Diego St	+3	20-25	L
Colorado St	+10'	35-28	W
at Utah	+12'	17-47	L
New Mexico	+8'	3-26	L
UNLV	+1	24-35	L

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Timmy Chang, Hawaii	Paul Pinegar, Fresno St	James Kilian, Tulsa	Brent Rawls, LA Tech
RB	Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	Ryan Moats, LA Tech	Richuel Massey, SMU	Mike Bass, Hawaii
RB	Howard Jackson, UTEP	Dwayne Wright, Fresno St	Thomas Lott, Rice	Tyson Thompson, SJSU
WR	Chad Owens, Hawaii	Lawrence Bady, Boise St	Freddie King, LA Tech	TJ Acree, Boise St
WR	Montiese Culton, Tulsa	Nichiren Flowers, Nevada	Marcus Thomas, UTEP	Britton Komine, Hawaii
WR	Jermaine Jamison, Fresno St	Jason Rivers, Hawaii	Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii	Darrell Wimberly, Tulsa
TE	Jonas Crafts, UTEP	Garrett Mills, Tulsa	Caleb Blankenship, Tulsa	Duncan Reid, Fresno St
C	Kyle Young, Fresno St	Derek Warehime, Tulsa	Brad Kieschnick, SMU	Marcus Stewart, LA Tech
G	Uriah Moenoa, Hawaii	Chris Hines, Nevada	Greg Wilson, Rice	Michael Ansel, Boise St
G	Samson Satele, Hawaii	Matt Black, Tulsa	Aaron Lips, LA Tech	Jesse Stoneham, Tulsa
T	Logan Mankins, Fresno St	Jeff Perrett, Tulsa	Dartagnon Shack, Fresno St	Osmar Staples, San Jose St
T	Harvey Dahl, Nevada	Robert Espinosa, UTEP	Daryn Colledge, Boise St	Adrian Gonzalez, LA Tech
DL	Brian Morris, Fresno St	Jemelle Cage, LA Tech	Claude Sanders, Fresno St	Ibok Ibok, UTEP
DL	Donyell Booker, Fresno St	Chris Barry, Nevada	Eddie Brown, San Jose St	Tim Volk, Boise St
DL	Allan Adami, SMU	Chris Mineo, UTEP	Chris Van Hoy, LA Tech	John Mila, Tulsa
DL	Garrett McIntyre, Fresno St	Julius Roberts, Boise St	John Syptak, Rice	Lui Fuga, Hawaii
LB	Ikaika Curnan, Hawaii	Godwin Akinduro, UTEP	Byron Santiago, LA Tech	Korey Hall, Boise St
LB	Robert Rodriguez, UTEP	Nick Bunting, Tulsa	Thomas Howard, UTEP	DD Lee, SMU
LB	Andy Avalos, Boise St	Jeremy Hamilton, LA Tech	Shane Graham, Tulsa	Dwayne Andrews, Fresno St
CB	Gabe Franklin, Boise St	Jermaine Hope, Tulsa	Adrian Ward, UTEP	Oliver Fletcher, Tulsa
CB	Richard Marshall, Fresno St	Abraham Elimimian, Hawaii	Corey Brazil, LA Tech	Turmarian Moreland, Hawaii
SS	James Sanders, Fresno St	Kedrick Alexander, Tulsa	Chad Price, Rice	Chris Carr, Boise St
FS	Keone Kauo, Nevada	Shannon Carter, Tulsa	Joe Fleskoski, UTEP	Alvin Nnabuife, SMU
K	Brett Visintainer, Fresno St	Tyler Jones, Boise St	Damon Fine, Nevada	Justin Ayat, Hawaii
P	Jared Scruggs, Rice	Bryce Benekos, UTEP	Kyle Stringer, Boise St	Mike Lingua, Fresno St
KR	Chris Carr, Boise St	Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	Trestin George, San Jose St	Chad Owens, Hawaii
PR	Corey Brazil, LA Tech	Jermaine Landrum, Tulsa	Blake Warren, SMU	Adam Jennings, Fresno St

SMU
DT Allan Adami

Rice
LB John Syptak

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 WAC FORECAST

1. FRESNO ST - Surprisingly Pat Hill, who has achieved a lot of success at Fresno St, has yet to win a WAC Title. This year they have to travel to Boise St which should have me crossing them right off the list. However FSU loses just 12 lettermen, has 52 returning and they will have a huge upgrade if QB Paul Pinegar can remain healthy all season as he is one of the top QB's in the country and they did not have him healthy at all last year. FSU has my #2 rated offense and #2 rated defense in the WAC and this looks like Hill's most talented squad yet. I call for them to deliver him his first WAC Title.

2. BOISE ST - It's tough to go against Boise St. They have simply annihilated conference foes the last few years including 2003 where they outscored their competition by 29 ppg and outgained them by 176.4 ypg. Much like last year's squad, this team is inexperienced with just 10 starters returning and they did benefit from +10 in turnovers last season. They have a big question mark at QB but two of my seven sets of power ratings actually call for them to go not only undefeated in the WAC, but 11-0 overall. It is extremely difficult to not pick them to win the conference title, especially since they host Fresno St and Hawaii and have my #1 rated defense in the WAC.

3. TULSA- I was very impressed with the new offense that Steve Kragthorpe installed last year and the way star QB James Kilian ran it. Kilian proved very adept both running and passing. They had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA last year going from 1 win to 8 and did so impressively outgaining league foes by 57.4 ypg, the second best mark in the conference. They have 17 starters back this year including Kilian and get to avoid Fresno St in league play. They defeated Hawaii last season with a 426-371 yard edge and the Warriors traditionally have trouble vs option teams. While Tulsa's bowl appearance was ugly, this figures to be a stronger team and the 17 starters back are tops in the league. The Hurricanes have an excellent shot at returning to the postseason.

4. HAWAII - This is a scary pick at #4. This team disappointed me last year as they hosted both Fresno St and Boise St and could not come away with the league title, instead finishing just 5-3. They not only have the most potent offense in the WAC, it's one of the best attacks in the country. Defense is a question mark and last year they allowed 30.5 ppg and have just 3 starters back on that side of the ball. They also have a tough road schedule having to face the toughest two home teams in the league, Fresno St and Boise St, as well as up- and- coming UTEP and Rice and they normally struggle with option attacks. It's scary to pick Hawaii this low as they could easily outscore every foe on their schedule including the two Big 10 teams they face in the final two games. The tough WAC schedule has me pegging them here.

5. UTEP - Tulsa was a great story last year going from 1 to 8 wins but it was a situation tailor-made for big success as outgoing Coach Burns had his team pointed for a winning year in 2003. If I were a head coach, the one coaching job I would have craved this season was the UTEP opening. Gary Nord was in the fourth year of a 5 year plan last season with just 6 senior starters. After going from a JUCO-reliant team to one that relied on freshmen, and he redshirted almost all of his classes, he was pointed toward a big 2004 with a senior heavy class returning. Mike Price inherits that group and will have them playing with a new attitude after all of his previous success at bigger named programs. The schedule is not easy for the Miners as they play all of the top teams in the league and must face Fresno St and Tulsa on the road. In 2000 UTEP went 8-4 overall and made it to a bowl game and this team is even more talented provided they get adequate QB play. If you are looking for 2004's version of 2003's Tulsa team in the WAC, you've found it.

6. RICE- It was a great finish for Rice's season scoring 40+ points in their final 3 WAC games and rolling to their second 5-3 finish in WAC play in the last 3 years. The last two times Hatfield has had 15 returning starters, his team had gone 7-4 and 8-4. He has 15 back once again this year. This is one of Hatfield's most experienced teams and as long as QB Greg Henderson stays healthy, they have an excellent shot at finishing in the upper half of the WAC.

7. LOUISIANA TECH - QB play will be the key here. Tech figures to have a vastly improved defense and are a team capable of flirting with a winning record in league play. Tech does have a brutal non-conf schedule but home games against Fresno St, UTEP and Tulsa, who must all make long trips, will determine if Tech can move any higher in the standings. The road slate in not easy but I rate Tech as having the #3 offense and #5 defense in the league and 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings say their talent rates in the upper half. This is a team that could surprise but it does concern me that they were outgained by an average of 97.1 ypg in league play, the second worst. That is a pretty big step to overcome with breaking in a new QB.

8. SMU - Surprisingly Phil Bennett, a defensive-minded coach has seen his Mustangs yield 31.5 and 32.2 ppg in his first two seasons. Finally, in his 3rd season Bennett will have a defense that will come close to his standards and I rate them the 3rd best D in the league. The offense also figures to be much improved, especially over last year's paltry 11.2 ppg. They do have some talented players at QB and RB that should see them more than double last year's ppg total. SMU was also -13 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround) so good things are in the offing. It will be tough for them to win any of their WAC games on the road but they should have solid success at home and escape the WAC basement.

9. NEVADA- This is a team that was even better than its 6-6 record giving Oregon a tough game, knocking off Washington and at one point stood 3-0 in WAC play. Unfortunately they lost some tough games down the stretch but did knock off Hawaii and return 13 starters from that talented squad. Chris Ault steps into a great situation but the schedule is difficult including road trips to Fresno St and Hawaii. Defense is my question mark with Nevada as just 6 starters return to a unit that yielded 28.2 ppg last season. They do have the offensive weapons to make some noise but figure to drop to the lower half of the WAC standings.

10. SAN JOSE ST- This year reminds me of 2002. That season I pegged a very inexperienced Spartans' team with just 6 starters returning for dead last in the WAC and Fitz Hill was my WAC Coach of the Year guiding the team to a 6-7 record overall including 4-4 in the WAC. Last year I expected much more from the Spartans but they disappointed falling to 2-6 with a very experienced squad. They have just 9 starters back which is lowest in the conference and the 30 lettermen lost is the most in the league. All of my 7 sets of my power ratings call for them to finish in the basement and that is why they are forecasted here, but that is exactly the situation that it was in 2002 when Hill pulled some surprises.

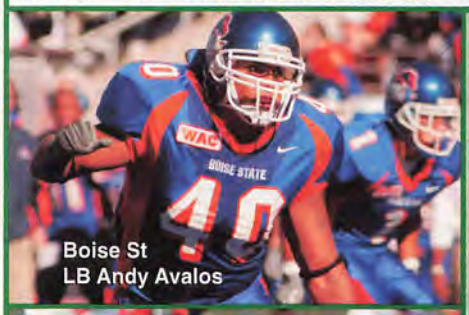
WAC Notes: The WAC is known for its high flying offenses but has had the top rusher in the country in 5 of the past 13 years. Ironically the WAC was formed in 1962 and the six original members (Ariz, Ariz St, BYU, N Mex, Utah, Wyo) now all play in different leagues. Boise St has dominated the league in their 3 years in conference play. After going 6-2 in their inaugural season, they have rolled to a 16-0 record outscoring league foes by a 784-254 margin!! The WAC was 2-1 in bowls in 2002 and 3-1 last season which is much better than their regular season records have been. The WAC was #11 among conferences going 17-26 in non-conf action and vs BCS conf schools were just 4-17, again the 11th best mark only ahead of the SBC. In 2002 they were 2-20 vs BCS foes making a 6-37 two year stretch during the regular season. The WAC was raided by CUSA losing SMU, Rice, Tulsa and UTEP next year. Boise St's repeat as conf champs broke a steak in which 8 different teams took home the WAC title in 7 years (1 tie) with Boise St winning it in 2002, LA Tech in 2001, UTEP in 2000, Hawaii in 1999, Rice & Fresno St in 1998, Air Force in 1997 and BYU in 1996. Next season the WAC will be adding N Mex St and Utah St and commissioner Carl Benson eventually would like to get the league back to 12 members. Fresno surprisingly dominates my 1st Tm WAC squad with 9 members and Tulsa places 9 on the 2nd Team, with those two teams each having 17 on the four teams overall. UTEP figures to be a surprise with 12 members on my first 3 WAC teams.

2003 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

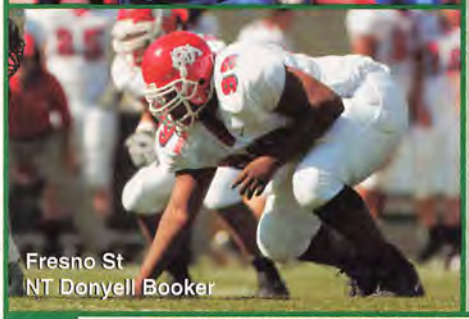
Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Conf Vs Rank
19	Boise St	46.9	1	518.8	1	140.8	8	3.5	8	378.0	1	62.9	1	11.1	1	10.0	2	11.0 3
37	Hawaii	30.3	4	464.3	2	99.8	10	4.9	3	364.5	2	58.3	5	15.3	5	19.0	9	13.0 5
51	LA Tech	29.6	5	447.0	4	153.1	6	4.7	4	293.9	4	56.6	6	15.1	4	16.0	6	25.0 9
67	Rice	36.5	2	462.5	3	359.6	1	5.9	1	102.9	10	56.2	7	12.7	3	14.0	4	7.0 1
71	Tulsa	34.0	3	415.9	6	219.0	2	5.3	2	196.9	8	58.6	4	12.2	2	14.0	4	12.0 4
82	Fresno St	25.4	7	401.6	9	191.4	4	4.7	6	210.3	6	59.9	3	15.8	7	13.0	3	18.0 7
83	Nevada	24.4	8	409.1	8	200.4	3	4.7	5	208.8	7	49.6	9	16.8	8	16.0	6	9.0 2
86	San Jose St	27.1	6	418.1	5	116.6	9	3.4	9	301.5	3	62.8	2	15.4	6	9.0	1	17.0 6
102	UTEP	24.4	8	409.6	7	184.5	5	4.4	7	225.1	5	53.8	8	16.8	9	20.0	10	21.0 8
117	SMU	12.3	10	271.6	10	142.4	7	3.3	10	129.3	9	48.3	10	22.2	10	18.0	8	29.0 10

2003 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
39	Boise St	17.9	1	342.4	1	94.8	1	3.2	1	247.6	6	52.4	2	19.2	1	17.0	4	15.0	5
62	Fresno St	21.0	2	353.1	2	155.6	2	4.3	4	197.5	1	59.3	7	16.8	2	13.0	7	24.0	2
74	Tulsa	24.1	3	358.5	3	159.6	3	3.8	2	198.9	2	51.9	1	14.9	6	18.0	1	20.0	4
75	Hawaii	26.4	4	408.9	4	177.4	5	4.0	3	231.5	5	56.9	4	15.5	5	16.0	5	29.0	1
80	SMU	30.8	6	410.3	5	181.1	6	4.5	5	229.1	4	54.3	3	13.3	7	8.0	10	4.0	10
82	Nevada	31.4	7	413.0	6	190.0	7	4.5	6	223.0	3	58.8	6	13.2	9	15.0	6	22.0	3
101	Rice	27.1	5	422.6	7	173.4	4	4.9	7	249.3	7	60.5	8	15.6	4	18.0	1	14.0	7
111	San Jose St	36.3	9	477.6	8	211.5	9	5.2	9	266.1	8	62.8	10	13.2	8	13.0	7	11.0	8
113	LA Tech	34.4	8	544.1	10	264.4	10	5.5	10	279.8	9	60.8	9	15.8	3	18.0	1	10.0	9
116	UTEP	41.5	10	488.0	9	199.8	8	5.1	8	288.3	10	57.1	5	11.8	10	13.0	7	15.0	5



Boise St
LB Andy Avalos


Fresno St
NT Donyell Booker

2003 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St	8	0	375	143	13	1	602	239
Fresno St	6	2	203	168	9	5	322	317
Tulsa	6	2	272	193	8	5	400	361
Hawaii	5	3	242	211	9	5	486	427
Rice	5	3	292	217	5	7	343	378
Nevada	4	4	195	251	6	6	282	338
Louisiana Tech	3	5	237	275	5	7	310	394
San Jose St	2	6	217	290	3	8	259	386
UTEP	1	7	195	332	2	11	288	498
SMU	0	8	98	246	0	12	134	386

Coach of the Year: Steve Kragthorpe, Tulsa

2002 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St	8	0	409	111	12	1	593	240
Hawaii	7	1	304	202	10	4	502	389
Fresno St	6	2	236	204	9	5	378	379
San Jose St	4	4	262	271	6	7	376	467
Nevada	4	4	248	259	5	7	331	371
Rice	3	5	216	235	4	7	253	296
Louisiana Tech	3	5	248	277	4	8	320	426
SMU	3	5	164	247	3	9	207	378
UTEP	1	7	147	305	2	10	220	511
Tulsa	1	7	156	279	1	11	233	417

Coach of the Year: Dan Hawkins, Boise St

2001 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	7	1	311	223	7	5	382	341
Fresno St	6	2	330	191	11	3	525	300
Boise St	6	2	307	184	8	4	411	280
Hawaii	5	3	277	180	9	3	483	318
Rice	5	3	273	247	8	4	333	335
SMU	4	4	189	212	4	7	226	295
Nevada	3	5	249	317	3	8	286	431
San Jose St	3	5	241	295	3	9	295	461
UTEP	1	7	170	326	2	9	235	414
Tulsa	0	8	133	305	1	10	191	387

Coach of the Year: Jack Bicknell, LA Tech

Fresno St
DE Brian Morris

Hawaii
LB Ikaika Curnan

2003 WAC CONF LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	446	276	61.9	7	4356	9.8	31	163.7
Scott Rislov, San Jose St	437	261	59.7	5	3016	6.9	18	129.0
James Kilian, Tulsa	**331**	**188**	**56.8**	**11**	**2217**	**6.7**	**22**	**128.3**
Luke McCown, LA Tech	432	246	56.9	14	3246	7.5	19	128.1
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	**601**	**353**	**58.7**	**20**	**4199**	**7.0**	**29**	**126.7**
Andy Heiser, Nevada	**326**	**164**	**50.3**	**12**	**2294**	**7.0**	**13**	**115.2**
Orlando Cruz, UTEP	**203**	**103**	**50.7**	**11**	**1360**	**6.7**	**6**	**105.9**
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	**198**	**98**	**49.5**	**13**	**1168**	**5.9**	**7**	**97.6**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Chad Owens, Hawaii	**11**	**85**	**1134**	**9**	**103.1**	**7.7**	**13.3**
Tim Gilligan, Boise St	13	67	1192	6	91.7	5.2	17.8
Jeremiah Cockheran, Hawaii	12	61	997	9	83.1	5.1	16.3
Tuati Wooden, San Jose St	11	61	780	2	70.9	5.5	12.8
Jamall Broussard, San Jose St	11	55	715	1	65.0	5.0	13.0
TJ Acree, Boise St	**13**	**51**	**758**	**7**	**58.3**	**3.9**	**14.9**
Romby Bryant, Tulsa	13	47	748	8	57.5	3.6	15.9
Lawrence Bady, Boise St	**13**	**29**	**726**	**4**	**55.8**	**2.2**	**25.0**
DJ Curry, Louisiana Tech	12	53	668	6	55.7	4.4	12.6
Jerry Smith, Boise St	12	32	609	5	50.8	2.7	19.0

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Corey Brazil, Louisiana Tech	**20**	**263**	**0**	**13.1**
Tim Gilligan, Boise St	37	460	1	12.4
Jamall Broussard, San Jose St	16	174	1	10.9
Jermaine Landrum, Tulsa	**28**	**296**	**1**	**10.6**
Bernard Berrian, Fresno St	42	429	1	10.2
Blake Warren, SMU	**17**	**173**	**1**	**10.2**
Chad Owens, Hawaii	**14**	**136**	**0**	**9.7**
Clifton Herbert, Hawaii	30	271	0	9.0
Will Galusha, Rice	17	116	0	6.8
Jahmal Fenner, UTEP	**22**	**133**	**0**	**6.0**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jared Scruggs, Rice	**12**	**51**	**2341**	**45.9**
Bryce Benekos, UTEP	**13**	**70**	**3085**	**44.1**
Dustin Upton, Louisiana Tech	12	58	2363	40.7
Kyle Stringer, Boise St	**14**	**60**	**2415**	**40.2**
Derek Jones, Nevada	12	71	2847	40.1
Kurt Milne, Hawaii	**13**	**63**	**2501**	**39.7**
Bryce Partridge, San Jose St	11	57	2189	38.4
Ryan Mentzel, SMU	**12**	**76**	**2912**	**38.3**
Mike Lingua, Fresno St	**14**	**84**	**3215**	**38.3**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Damon Fine, Nevada	**12**	**13**	**17**	**76.5**	**53**
Tyler Jones, Boise St	**14**	**19**	**25**	**76.0**	**52**
Brett Visintainer, Fresno St	**14**	**21**	**28**	**75.0**	**47**
Chris McMurtray, SMU	**12**	**10**	**14**	**71.4**	**42**
Josh Scobee, LA Tech	12	21	31	67.7	53
Jeff Carr, San Jose St	**11**	**11**	**17**	**64.7**	**47**
Justin Ayat, Hawaii	**14**	**14**	**22**	**63.6**	**48**
Brad DeVault, Tulsa	**13**	**9**	**16**	**56.2**	**49**
Keith Robinson, UTEP	**10**	**7**	**14**	**50.0**	**48**
Reagan Schneider, UTEP	**10**	**1**	**4**	**25.0**	**27**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Ryan Moats, LA Tech	**12**	**199**	**1300**	**6.5**	**10**	**108.3**
Keylon Kincade, SMU	12	317	1280	4.0	4	106.7
Chance Kretschmer, Nevada	**12**	**245**	**1162**	**4.7**	**12**	**96.8**
Howard Jackson, UTEP	**13**	**208**	**1146**	**5.5**	**6**	**88.2**
David Mikell, Boise St	14	242	1142	4.7	13	81.6
Dwayne Wright, Fresno St	**14**	**190**	**1038**	**5.5**	**3**	**74.1**
Thomas Lott, Rice	**11**	**98**	**714**	**7.3**	**3**	**64.9**
Eric Richardson, Tulsa	13	181	811	4.5	12	62.4
Kyle Herm, Rice	10	100	589	5.9	5	58.9
Greg Henderson, Rice	**11**	**123**	**615**	**5.0**	**6**	**55.9**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Timmy Chang, Hawaii	**13**	**43**	**-60**	**601**	**4199**	**4139**	**318.4**
Ryan Dinwiddie, Boise St	14	81	43	446	4356	4399	314.2
Scott Rislov, San Jose St	11	53	-31	437	3016	2985	271.4
Luke McCown, LA Tech	12	71	-80	432	3246	3166	263.8
James Kilian, Tulsa	**13**	**133**	**605**	**331**	**2217**	**2822**	**217.1**
Andy Heiser, Nevada	**12**	**61**	**173**	**326**	**2294**	**2467**	**205.6**
Orlando Cruz, UTEP	**11**	**71**	**147**	**203**	**1360**	**1507**	**137.0**
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	**10**	**67**	**110**	**198**	**1168**	**1278**	**127.8**
Ryan Moats, LA Tech	**12**	**199**	**1300**	**0**	**0**	**1300**	**108.3**
Kyle Herm, Rice	10	100	589	46	479	1068	106.8

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kendrick Starling, San Jose St	20	562	0	28.1
Jonas Rutledge, SMU	29	782	0	27.0
Chris Carr, Boise St	**27**	**710**	**0**	**26.3**
Jahmal, Fenner, UTEP	**20**	**506**	**0**	**25.3**
Howard Jackson, UTEP	**25**	**609**	**0**	**24.4**
Bernard Berrian, Fresno St	26	631	0	24.3
Trestin George, San Jose St	**18**	**429**	**1**	**23.8**
Eric Newman, Louisiana Tech	**31**	**732**	**0**	**23.6**
John West, Hawaii	19	446	0	23.5
Chris Norwood, Louisiana Tech	15	293	0	19.5

Louisiana Tech
RB Ryan Moats

UTEP
RB Howard Jackson

Nevada
RB Chance Kretschmer

TFL

	NO	YDS
Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	22	143
Jorge Cordova, Nevada	17.5	80
Derek Kennard, Nevada	17.5	77
Brian Morris, Fresno St	**16**	**78**
Jorma Bailey, Tulsa	14	91
Garrett McIntrye, Fresno St	**13**	**80**
Robert Rodriguez, UTEP	**13**	**44**
DD Johnson, SMU	13	36
Jemelle Cage, LA Tech	**12**	**41**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Travis LaBoy, Hawaii	13	101
Jorge Cordova, Nevada	11.5	70
Derek Kennard, Nevada	10.5	60
Brian Morris, Fresno St	**10**	**60**
Garrett McIntyre, Fresno St	**8**	**67**
Jorma Bailey, Tulsa	7	69
Julius Roberts, Boise St	**5.5**	**46**
Sean McNamara, San Jose St	**5**	**32**
Tony Ficklin, San Jose St	**4**	**23**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Robert Rodriguez, UTEP	**13**	**70**	**65**	**135**	**10.4**
Kedrick Alexander, Tulsa	**13**	**70**	**51**	**121**	**9.3**
Thomas Howard, UTEP	**13**	**67**	**51**	**118**	**9.1**
Gerald Jones, San Jose St	11	61	38	99	9.0
Byron Santiago, LA Tech	**12**	**56**	**51**	**107**	**8.9**
Eric Wilson, San Jose St	**11**	**67**	**30**	**97**	**8.8**
Ikaika Curnan, Hawaii	**14**	**71**	**50**	**121**	**8.6**
Antonio Crow, LA Tech	11	46	46	92	8.4
DD Lee, SMU	**12**	**64**	**36**	**100**	**8.3**
DD Johnson, SMU	12	66	34	100	8.3
Paul Okumu, San Jose St	9	32	42	74	8.2
Daryl Towns, Nevada	12	52	45	97	8.1
Jorge Cordova, Nevada	12	54	43	97	8.1

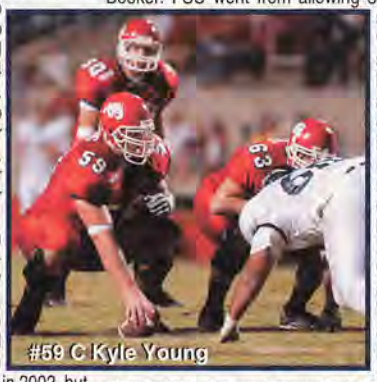
FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In Pat Hill's first five years as a HC, not a single QB missed a single snap due to injury and David Carr was a 1st round DC in the NFL. Replacing him in 2002 was Jeff Grady who had been the 2nd string QB in 1999 and 2000 but had just 22 career attempts. Grady, however, was injured in the opener and Paul Pinegar took over and had a freshman season that came close to Carr's junior season (his first as a starter) as he had a pass eff rating of 129.54 compared to Carr's 142.4. Pinegar was 9-3 as a starter and when he guided the bowl win, it was already one more bowl win than Carr had. For the season he threw for 2,929 yards (57.1%) with a 20-10 ratio while also rushing for 171 yards. Grady threw for 453 yards (46.2%) with a 3-3 ratio. Jordan Christensen (PS#103) was called the "franchise QB" when he was signed and he redshirted in 2002. All three returned last year. Pinegar added 10 lbs and Hill said he is "the best QB we've had in the pocket since I've been here". Unfortunately Pinegar suffered an injury to his pectoral muscle prior to the 2003 opener. Grady started the first six games, but threw for just 917 yards (53.1%) with a 4-6 ratio all year. Do keep in mind that included games vs Tenn, Oreg St and Oklahoma. Grady was also not 100% as he suffered shoulder and hip injuries but led the game winning FG drive against Oreg St after being booed in the 1H. Christensen actually lost his #3 QB job to walk-on Tom Barrington (PS#201). Pinegar finally saw some action against Colo St and then started the remaining games. He ended up throwing for 1,773 yards (59.2%) with an 11-9 ratio and was 6-2 as the starter. In the bowl Pinegar was still bothered by the injury and the team only attempted 4 passes in the 4Q. Grady departs as does Barrington. Christensen vowed to work harder in the offseason to gain the backup role and will battle Tom Brandstater (6-5 210 Fr, PS#246 LY) and Parade AA Sean Norton. Pinegar (15-5 as starter) should have a much stronger arm this year and FSU should have much better production out of this position.

QB Paul Pinegar

RUNNING BACKS - Hill usually does a good job with the RB's but in 2002 the group was extremely inexperienced and relied on power running JUCO Rodney Davis. Davis, who had 688 yards (7.6) at JC in 2001, started the last 12 games and had 1,586 yards (5.1) earning 2nd Tm WAC honors despite being bothered by a shoulder injury. Walk-on Matt Rivera (5-9 193 Jr) started the first two games and had 54 yards rushing in 2002, but after missing a crucial blitz pickup against Wisconsin (Grady was injured) he did not play much the rest of the year. Last year the team got a big addition in PS#66 Dwayne Wright who originally signed at Wash St. He rushed for 1,068 yards at JUCO in 2002. Davis began the year as the starter and faced some tough D's having just 54 yards rushing in the first 3 games. Wright emerged vs LA Tech with a 177 yard effort and took over the starting spot. He finished with 1,038 yards (5.5) but ironically it was Davis that was the bowl MVP with 77 yards vs UCLA in the mud. Davis (312 yds, 3.2) is the only departure. Bryson Sumlin (5-10 200 Jr) is a walk-on who had 249 yards (4.0) in 2002. He had shoulder surgery in February which put him behind in August but still finished with 509 yards (4.1) and being the power back around the EZ, had 9 TD's. Rivera broke his arm but played in ten games and rushed for 102 yards while adding 177 in rec's. Also in the RB mix are Robbie Dubois (5-10 220 So), Shannon Dorsey (6-1 190 rFr). With basically everyone back, I expect improvement from the Bulldogs RB corps.

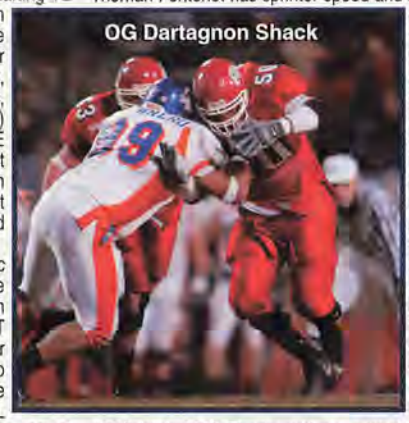

#59 C Kyle Young

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs had an extremely experienced receiving corps last year returning all of their top receivers from 2002 and also getting back Bernard Berrian who missed the season with injury after 85 rec's (16.0) in 2001. Starting TE Duncan Reid was on the Mackey preseason watch list but was hampered by injuries and had just five rec's after hauling in 25 in 7 starts in 2002. This year they must replace WR Berrian (13 sts, 63 rec, 10.6, 1st Tm WAC, #3DC CHI), WR Marque Davis (11 sts, 40 rec, 12.5), H-back Alec Greco (8 sts, 13 rec, 12.8) and WR Deandre Gilbert (5 rec). They are solid at TE and both projected starting WR's topped 20 rec's last year with Jermaine Jamison being the #2 receiver in '02 with 7 starts before stepping aside for Berrian last year. With the loss of talented players like Berrian and Davis, this unit is clearly weaker in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 FSU averaged 3.6 ypc rushing and the OL allowed 32 sacks. Last year the team had to replace four starters due to graduation and then lost their top OL and lone returning starter LT Logan Mankins prior to the season with a torn ACL. After six games, starting RT Matt Stevenson went down, so the group was extremely inexperienced. Despite the inexperience, they averaged 4.3 ypc rushing and the OL allowed just 26 sacks. This year the unit is in great shape as not only does everyone from last year return but they get Mankins back and the addition of Washington transfer Robin Kezirian (PS#96). This looks like one of the top O-lines in the WAC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs had to replace two full-time starters from the D-line last year but added PS#8JC, Donyell Booker. FSU went from allowing 3.9 ypc rushing in 2002 to surprisingly yielding 4.6 ypc which was their worst total since 1995 and the defense had 32 sacks. This year they are in great shape as the only loss from the front line is backup DT Del Hawkins (25 tkls, 3 tfl). Six players return with starting experience, and Booker is now in his 2nd year of the system. Booker's cohort inside, Garrett McIntyre, started as a 17 year old true frosh in '02. Not even listed below are Kevin Cooper (6-4 260 rFr, PS#311), Dwayne Ruffin (6-1 260 Sr, PS#194LB), Johnny Sotelo (6-4 265 So) and this year's true frosh. This should be one of the strongest D-lines in the WAC.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs had five of their top 6 LB's returning last year having to replace a #3 DC. The 2002 version saw the LB's play up to 120 snaps in a game but LB Coach Tom Mason said they were 3 deep and would try to limit each LB to just 80 plays in 2003. Ricky Miller (6-4 240 So, PS#59) was an impressive physical specimen but took a personal leave of absence in November and is not on the spring roster although he could return this season. This year they must replace OLB Bryce McGill (14 sts, 81 tkls, 4 tfl, 1st Tm WAC) and MLB Marc Dailey (10 sts, 43 tkls, HM WAC). Two players (excluding Miller) return with starting experience but there is a solid class of rFr which I list in the 2 deep below. This looks like a decent group, but it is less experienced than the 2003 version.


OG Dartagnon Shack

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulldogs lowest finish in my pass D rankings has been #53. In '02 they finished #39 and last year had to replace 2 starters due to graduation. They then lost starting CB Ray Washington after 8 games due to a ruptured tendon in his hand. Still, the Bulldogs finished a solid #38 allowing 55.7% with a 22-16 ratio. This year they must replace FS Dee Meza (13 sts, 64 tkls, HM WAC) and CB Kendall Edwards (8 tkls) who never regained his 2001 form after suffering a torn ACL. No less than 7 different players return with starting experience and former RB Therrian Fontenot has sprinter speed and should be more productive in his 2nd year at DB. Not listed below are Martin Henderson (5-9 175 So) and 2 players who hope to qualify and join the team in the fall in Clifton Smith (5-8 185 So, PS#42) and Damon Jenkins (5-11 180 So, PS#44). This looks like another top-notch secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bulldogs lowest finish in my special teams rankings the last 8 years had been #36 until a surprising #68 finish in 2002. The team blocks a lot of kicks by design under Hill and they have blocked 49 including 26 punts. Last year Jaron Fairman, James Sanders, Adam Jennings, Marque Davis all had blocked punts. Last year they had to replace both their P and K. Their new punter, Mike Lingua, had an average hang time of 4.5 seconds in HS, and had a solid year. While averaging just 38.3, his net was a top-notch 35.0, and he should improve as a soph. Bernard Berrian led the team in both PR's (10.2) and KR's (24.3) and will be missed. K Brett Visintainer suffered a sprained ankle but still hit 21 of 28 FG's with a long of 47 and he returns. With 5 blocked punts last year they finished #14 in my rankings . Even though they have to break in new returnmen, this looks like a Top 25 group once again.

COACHES - I like Pat Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere to build his program and has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 8th year and signed a contract extension through 2007. His OC is Frank Cignetti who is in his 3rd year here after being the New Orleans Saints' QB coach the previous two years. Dan Brown is in his 4th year as DC, and 8th year here overall.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 Fresno was the best non-BCS team with an 11-3 record including wins over Colorado, Oreg St and Wisconsin on 3 consecutive weekends. Pat Hill inherited a team that relied on JUCO's for years and decided to build it the right way with freshmen. They went through some growing pains early but eventually achieved success. Hill has now guided his squad to 5 consecutive bowl games, but surprisingly they have not finished any higher than 2nd place in the WAC. The 2002 squad finished 6-2 in WAC play only outgaining foes by 3.8 ypg and outscored them by 4 ppg. Last year with another 6-2 WAC record the ppg did not improve (4.4) although they outgained conf foes by 48.5 ypg. Four of their non-conf foes last year were in bowl games as they took on Tenn, Oreg St, Okla and Colo St. This is one of, if not the, most talented and experienced of Pat Hill's squads. Provided Paul Pinegar can stay healthy, he'll be one of the best QB's in the country and they have outstanding RB's, receivers and a solid O-line. Defensively, with 8 starters back, including some very talented players, they figure to be even stingier than last year's squad which yielded just 22.6 ppg. I think Fresno is the most talented team in the WAC this year and while they have to travel to Boise where NOBODY wins, Hill has faced these types of situations before and I call for him to win his first WAC Title provided the team maintains good heath.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PAUL PINEGAR JR. 6-4 200 PS#156. 12 sts as rFr, 2929 yds (57%), 20-10 ratio. 8 sts LY (inj & not 100%). 1773 yds (59%), 11-9. Jordan Christensen (6-3 190 So) PS#103.
RB DWAYNE WRIGHT JR. 6-1 210 PS#66RB. JC. 1038 yds (5.5), 9 sts, 19 rec (7.5) here LY, Wendell Mathis (5-9 185 Jr) PS#155. UCLA trans. Bryson Sumlin (5-10 200 Jr) 509 yds (4.1).
HB STEPHEN SPACH SR. 6-4 250 8 sts, 11 rec (7.0) in '02. 13 sts, HM WAC, 13 rec (9.8) LY. **FB** Roshon Vercher (5-11 245 So) 51 yds. Jamal Jones (5-10 225 Sr) 3 sts at LB in '02, 3 at FB LY.
WR Jermaine Jamison Jr. 6-3 200 7 sts in '02, 39 rec (16.4). 1 st in '03, 23 rec (9.1). Paul Williams (6-2 200 So) PS#129. 3 rec. Jaron Fairman (6-1 185 So) PS#248.
WR Joe Fernandez So. 5-10 165 1 st as rFr, 22 rec (7.5) **Adam Jennings** (5-10 175 Jr) 4.41 spd. 6 sts, 34 rec (9.1) in '02, 656 ret yds. 1 st LY, 118 rec, 162 rush, 273 ret yds.
TE Duncan Reid Sr. 6-6 220 **7 sts** in '02, 25 rec (12.8) Mackey Watch list in '03 but inj'd & only 5 rec. Mark Wood (6-4 243 Sr) 3 sts, 9 rec, 2Y. Jesus Tapia (6-6 215 rFr).
C KYLE YOUNG SO. 6-5 320 PS#313. 14 sts as rFr, **HM WAC,** MVP of O-line, only 1 sk allowed. **Robin Kezirian** (6-3 300 So) **PS#96OL** & originally at **Washington.**
RG SEAN FINNERTY JR. 6-3 285 2 games as rFr. 14 sts at RG in '03. Cole Popovich (6-2 275 Fr) PS#336. Grayshirted last year. Dylan Storey (6-4 250 rFr) PS#368.
LG KAWIKA EDWARDS SR. 6-4 300 PS#363JC. 10 sts as rFr (9 at LG, 1 at LT). Noa Pouono (6-3 290 Sr) PS#257JC. Joined the team in the fall last year and had 5 starts.
RT LOGAN MANKINS SR. 6-4 320 14 sts in '01. 14 sts at LT in '02. ACL LY, out year. Top OL. **Chris Denman** (6-6 260 So) Last 8 sts as rFr. Adam Messick (6-7 290 So).
LT DARTAGNON SHACK JR. 6-2 300 L/5 sts as rFr at RG. 13 sts @LT LY, 2nd Tm WAC. **Matt Stevenson** (6-7 290 Jr) PS#327DL. 3 sts in '02. 1st 6 sts at RT LY until inj.
K BRETT VISINTAINER SR. 6-0 187 PS#35. KO's in 2000 & '01. Hit super 21 of 28 FG's LY, long of 47 despite ankle injury. Clint Stitser (6-1 185 rFr) PS#22. 57 yd FG in HS.

DE BRIAN MORRIS SR. 6-2 250 2 sts, 19 tkls, 3 sks in '01. Med RS in '02. 13 sts, **2nd Tm WAC**, 46 tkls, **11 sks**, 5 tfl LY. **David Adamo** (6-2 235 Sr) **11 sts**, 67 tkls, 3 tfl 2Y. ?, inj.
NT DONYELL BOOKER SR. 6-2 305 **PS#8JUCO!** 15.5 sks at JC in '02. 13 sts LY, 42 tkls, 9 tfl. Louis Leonard (6-4 330 So) 5 tkls, 1 sk. Jason Shirley (6-5 295 rFr) PS#383.
DT GARRETT McINTYRE JR. 6-3 250 1 st, 21 tkls, 3 sks as true. 14 sts in '03, **2nd Tm WAC**, 39 tkls, 8 sks, 5 tfl. Fai Satele (6-1 290 Sr) PS#139. 7 sts in '02. 9 sts in '03, 5 tfl.
DE CLAUDE SANDERS SR. 6-3 240 PS#269. 14 sts in '02, 62 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl. 7 sts LY, 44 tkls, 5 sks, HM WAC. Marlon Brisco (6-3 240 So) PS#41TE. **Arizona** trans. 6 tkls LY.
OLB Manuel Sanchez So. 6-1 215 38 tkls in '03, 1 tfl, **4 int**, 2 pbu. Marcus Riley (6-0 190 rFr) PS#265. Christian Carlson (6-2 210 rFr) PS#261. Eddie Mann (6-0 250 Sr).
MLB Dwayne Andrews So. 6-0 240 PS#142LB. 4 sts as rFr, 37 tkls, 2 tfl. Kyle Goodman (6-0 230 Jr) PS#161. 30 tkls in '02, 8 last year. Tyler Clutts (6-2 220 rFr) PS#260.
OLB TODD GARCIA SR. 5-11 230 15 tkls, 3 tfl in '01. 4 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 sts in '03, 33 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. Alan Goodwin (6-2 220 So) PS#397. 22 tkls as **true** last year.
CB RICHARD MARSHALL SO. 5-11 190 PS#94. 4.4 spd. L/4 sts as rFr. 37 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. **Raymond Washington** (6-0 200 Jr) 1 st in '02, 14 tkls. 8 sts until inj. 36 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu LY.
CB AWAN DILES JR. 5-8 182 14 sts LY, 63 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu. Marcus McCauley (6-1 190 So) 1 st, 11 tkls. **Therrian Fontenot** 277 yds at RB in '01 & '02. **4.37.** 1 st at CB, 4 pbu LY.
SS JAMES SANDERS JR. 5-11 205 11 sts, 82 tkls, 9 tfl, 9 pbu in '02. 14 sts in '03, **1st Tm WAC**, 93 tkls, 9 tfl. Nathan Ray (6-0 205 Sr) PS#194QB. 32 tkls in '02. 18 tkls in 2003.
FS Tyrone Culver Jr. 6-1 188 24 tkls, 2 int as rFr. 1 st, 45 tkls, 2 tfl in '03. Josh Sherley (6-0 185 So) PS#218. 2 tkls. **Vincent Mays** (5-11 205 So) **PS#48.** 3 tkls in 2003.
P MIKE LINGUA SO. 6-0 190 PS#62K. Avg 4.5 hang time in high school. "Mike the leg". 84 punts here in '03, 38.3 avg but solid net of 35.0, 28 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Sean Norton	5-11 175 PS#58
OL	Ryan Wendell	6-2 259 PS#170
WR	Kevin Ciccone	5-11 175 PS#154
OL	Adam McDowell	6-4 226 PS#329
OL	John Guevara	6-2 270 PS#340
LB	Ryan McKinley	6-2 220 PS#310
DL	Mike Roland	6-5 235 PS#384
DL	Jon Monga	6-2 280 PS#433
TE	Drew Lubinsky	6-6 230 PS#127
QB	Bear Pascoe	6-5 252 PS#291
DL	Kenny Avon	6-3 260 PS#456
DB	Jake Jorde	6-0 181 PS#511
OL	Pierce Masse	6-4 230 PS#616
OL	Cameron Harris	6-3 239 PS#735

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Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

55-35	Straight Up	12-16-2	Home Favorite
40-41-2	Vs The Spread	7-1	Home Underdog
16-15-1	Off A SU Loss	6-11	Away Favorite
22-31-2	Vs Conference	15-13	Away Underdog
	18-10 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (23,27,2)
Lost: 12 (6,6,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,603

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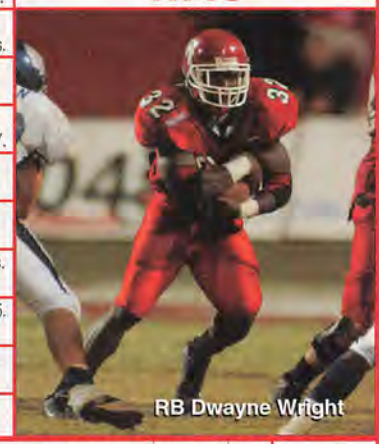
RB Dwayne Wright

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#98

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	at Washington (Sun)	A						Hill has 7 wins over BCS schools, the most of any active coach in the WAC. Fresno is 17-7 ATS in non-conference games since 1998. FSU is 1-8-1 ATS off a SU loss the past 2 seasons.
Sep. 11	at Kansas St	A						Fresno St's only visit to Husky Stadium was a 49-14 loss in 1979. FSU is 2-0 SU vs Pac 10 last year & 17-15 SU vs Pac since 1980 including bowls.
Sep. 18	Portland St	G						Fresno St is 1-8 SU & 4-3 ATS vs Big 12 opponents. FSU is 4-2 ATS the last 5 years in their 2nd of back to back away games.
Sep. 25								The Bulldogs are 5-0 SU in this series. Fresno St is 5-0 SU & 3-1 ATS the last 5 home openers.
Oct. 2	at Louisiana Tech	G						Bonus: FSU is 1-4 ATS their last 5 before & after a bye week.
Oct. 9	UTEP	G						FSU leads the series 4-0 SU & 2-1-1 ATS w/the avg score of 37-15 S/'92. Fresno St is 6-11 ATS as an AF under Hill & were only 2-5-1 ATS in conf play LY.
Oct. 16								FSU is 11-2 SU & 3-8-2 ATS as a home favorite the past 3 years. FSU is 6-1-1 SU & 3-5 ATS vs the Miners w/the L/4 scores combined avg 41 pts.
Oct. 23	at Boise St	A						
Oct. 30	SMU	G						FSU is 0-3 SU & ATS vs BSU the last 3 years. Pending earlier results: Bulldogs are 3-8 SU but 7-4 ATS as an AD the L3Y.
Nov. 6	at Rice	A						The home team is 1-3 ATS the last 4 years. The Bulldogs are 4-1 SU but only 1-4 ATS in this series.
Nov. 13	Hawaii	G						FSU is 5-0 SU & 2-3 ATS vs the Owls each as a favorite. The visitor is 1-4 ATS in this series.
Nov. 20	Nevada	G						FSU is 1-4 SU & 0-5 ATS with 4 of the last 5 as a favorite the last 5 years. The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 years in this series.
Nov. 27	at San Jose St	G						FSU leads the series 5-2 SU & 4-1-1 ATS including a 27 pt margin avg of victory the L/5. The Bulldogs are 7-4-1 ATS in their home finale since 1992.
								FSU is 10-0 SU (1-2 ATS the last 3) with the avg score of 38-15 S/'91. FSU is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in away finales since 2000.
								Under Hill FSU is 20-6 SU in November.

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	5-6	8-4	7-4	11-2	8-5	8-5	53-32
ATS	6-6	6-5	6-5	5-6	8-5	4-8-1	5-6-1	40-41-2
Home Fav	1-3	2-2	3-1	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	1-1-1	12-16-2
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	7-1
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	0-3	0-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	6-11
Away Dog	2-2	2-3	2-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	3-2	15-13
Favorite	2-4	3-2	3-4	3-3	5-5	1-6-1	1-3-1	18-27-2
Dog	4-2	3-3	3-1	2-3	3-0	3-2	4-3	22-14
Grass	5-4	4-5	6-2	5-4	5-4	2-5-1	4-3-1	31-27-2
Artificial	1-2	2-0	0-3	0-2	3-1	2-3	1-3	9-14
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	2-5-1	22-31-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-1	18-10
Off SU Win	2-3	1-3	3-4	2-4	6-4	3-3-1	3-3	20-24-1
Off SU Loss	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-1	1-1	0-5	1-3-1	16-15-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwayne Wright	190	1076	38	1038	3	5.5
Bryson Sumlin	123	520	11	509	9	4.1
Rodney Davis	98	344	32	312	1	3.2
Bernard Berrian	13	174	3	171	2	13.2
Adam Jennings	18	168	6	162	1	9.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Paul Pinegar	294	174	59.2	1773	11	9
Jeff Grady	175	93	53.1	917	4	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bernard Berrian	63	668	10.6	4	50	
Marque Davis	40	499	12.5	2	46	
Jermaine Jamison	23	210	9.1	0	28	
Matt Rivera	18	177	9.8	1	22	
Joe Fernandez	22	165	7.5	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike Lingua	84	3215	38.3	18	35.0	1	28
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brett Visintainer	35-35	7-7	7-11	7-10	0-0	21-28	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James Sanders	93	2	7	4	2
Bryce McGill	81	1	3	0	0
Dee Meza	64	1	4	4	2
Awan Diles	63	0	2	4	2
Brian Morris	46	11	5	2	0
Tyrone Culver	45	1	1	1	0
Claude Sanders	44	5	2	1	0
Marc Dailey	43	0	4	0	0
Donyell Booker	42	1	8	1	0
Garrett McIntyre	39	8	5	1	0
Manuel Sanchez	38	0	1	2	4
Dwayne Andrews	37	0	2	0	0
Richard Marshall	37	0	1	6	3
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Bernard Berrian	42	429	10.2	1	
Adam Jennings	5	54	10.8	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Bernard Berrian	26	631	24.3	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Las Vegas	+4'	Utah	16-17	W
00	Silicon Valley	-1	Air Force	34-37	L
01	Silicon Valley	-4'	Michigan St	35-44	L
02	Silicon Valley	+6'	Georgia Tech	30-21	W
03	Silicon Valley	+3	UCLA	17-9	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

FRESNO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	23.0	18	160	4.3	192	56.8	15.3	+5	2003	6	22.6	19	175	4.6	206	55.7	16.8
6	27.0	20	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	+6	2002	5	27.1	22	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9
9*	40.0	24	153	4.1	348	64.0	12.5	+21	2001	6	24.6	20	117	3.2	264	55.6	15.5
7	26.4	18	122	3.6	241	60.3	13.7	0	2000	8	20.9	21	157	3.6	206	52.4	17.3
6*	31.8	19	169	4.5	214	64.9	12.1	+5	1999	6	21.7	21	143	3.5	252	54.0	18.2
6*	24.1	17	154	4.0	204	57.4	14.8	+10	1998	7	20.5	20	159	3.6	197	54.6	17.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Tennessee	4	24-(-1)	0.0	13-24	118	3	20	44-274	6.2	18-31	159	1	+2
Oregon St	17	32-60	1.9	22-49	276	1	21	38-121	3.2	15-44	285	1	+2
at Oklahoma	13	22-123	5.6	20-31	142	1	32	48-212	4.4	26-38	344	1	-1
Louisiana Tech	22	53-299	5.6	18-33	153	1	12	21-91	4.3	21-33	165	2	0
Portland St	17	39-198	5.1	14-26	181	0	22	45-257	5.7	18-32	229	2	+2
at Colorado St	17	35-179	5.1	17-32	158	2	24	41-270	6.6	17-29	197	1	0
at Hawaii	20	34-140	4.1	25-38	242	5	32	20-145	7.3	42-64	404	1	-2
Rice	21	34-194	5.7	23-36	205	1	21	62-384	6.2	1-4	34	1	0
at SMU	14	42-159	3.8	13-33	86	1	12	53-180	3.4	6-16	93	9	+1
at Nevada	22	53-212	4.0	19-28	184	0	16	28-113	4.0	17-34	308	2	+1
San Jose St	25	40-311	7.8	21-32	197	0	17	27-114	4.2	24-38	179	3	+1
Boise St	23	30-48	1.6	28-51	290	5	17	35-90	2.6	22-31	273	2	0
at UTEP	23	41-168	4.1	22-31	325	5	12	41-128	3.1	13-26	124	4	-1
† UCLA	20	49-156	3.2	12-26	133	1	11	25-68	2.7	11-31	96	2	0
TOTALS	258	528-2246	4.3	267-470	2690	26	269	528-2447	4.6	251-451	2890	32	+5
AVERAGES	18.4	38-160	4.3	19-34	192	1.9	19.2	38-175	4.6	18-32	206	2.3	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	34-6	–
at Oregon St	+3'	23-46	L
at UCLA	+21	21-35	W
at Nevada	+1'	49-24	W
TCU	-4'	26-19 OT	W
Colorado St	+3'	44-13	W
at SMU	-14'	14-24	L
UTEP	-10'	24-23 OT	L
at Tulsa	-14'	28-14	L
Rice	-2'	47-18	W
at Hawaii	-3	24-31 2OT	L
San Jose St	-16	63-12	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+18'	10-43	L
at UCLA	+14	21-24	W
California	-3	17-7	W
at Rice	-8	27-24	L
Nevada	-24'	58-21	W
at UTEP	+3'	13-23	L
Tulsa	-18'	34-12	W
Hawaii	-26	45-27	L
at TCU	+13	7-24	L
SMU	-18	14-7	L
at San Jose St	+1	37-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+8'	24-22	W
Oregon St	+3'	44-24	W
at Wisconsin	+4'	32-20	W
at Tulsa	-12	37-18	W
Louisiana Tech	-22	38-28	L
at Colorado St	-7'	25-22 OT	L
Boise St	-16	30-35	L
at Hawaii	-6	34-38	L
Rice	-15	52-24	W
at SMU	-16'	38-13	W
at Nevada	-19'	61-14	W
San Jose St	-28'	40-21	L
Utah St	-22	70-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+9'	21-23	W
San Diego St	-17	16-14	L
at Oregon	+16'	24-28	W
at Oregon St	+11'	19-59	L
at Rice	-7	31-28	L
Colorado St	+5'	32-30	W
SMU	-23'	30-7	L
at Boise St	+7	21-67	L
Hawaii	-1'	21-31	L
Tulsa	-26	31-12	L
Nevada	-8	38-30	T
at San Jose St	-6	19-16	L
at Louisiana Tech	-1'	45-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee	+20	6-24	W
Oregon St	+8'	16-14	W
at Oklahoma	+28'	28-52	W
Louisiana Tech	-10	16-6	T
Portland St	NL	42-16	–
at Colorado St	+5	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+3	28-55	L
Rice	-20	31-28	L
at SMU	-14'	20-11	L
at Nevada	+2'	27-10	W
San Jose St	-14	41-7	W
Boise St	+8	17-31	L
at UTEP	-20'	23-20	L

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Boise had to replace Bart Hendricks who shattered ten school records and was the Offensive MVP of the Big West in each of his final two years. He threw for 3,611 yards with a 36-9 ratio in his senior year leading the nation in TD passes, pass efficiency and points responsible for. Ryan Dinwiddie (PS#104) played in 8 games with just 19 passes and took over the starting job and while he did not possess Hendricks' mobility, he threw for 3,043 yards (62.4%) with a super 29-11 ratio and was fourth in the NCAA in pass efficiency. In 2002 Dinwiddie broke his ankle in the 2nd game and his backup, BJ Rhode, did a tremendous job saving Boise's season throwing for 1,444 yards (62.4%) with an 11-5 ratio. When Dinwiddie returned, he retook the starting job and ended up throwing for 2,283 yards (65.4%) with an outstanding 20-3 ratio and would have led the NCAA in pass efficiency if he had played in just one more game. Mike Sanford (PS#125) had four pass attempts in '01 and '02 throwing for 65 yards. Legedu Naanee (PS#98) was the Offensive Scout Team MVP in '02. Dinwiddie returned last season but Rhode departed. Dinwiddie missed all of spring due to suspension so Sanford, Naanee and Jared Zabransky (6-1 221 So) saw plenty of action. During the season the backup QB takes 40% of the snaps in practice so Sanford has had a lot of reps in his four plus years. Dinwiddie departs as the all-time leading passer here and he set a school record last year with 4,356 yards and finished with an amazing 82-21 career ratio. Dinwiddie set the NCAA record for career pass efficiency previously held by Danny Wuerffel ('93-'96). Sanford saw action in 14 games throwing for 108 yards with Naanee attempting 5 passes in 12 games and Zabransky hitting 11 of 23 for 180 yards while rushing for 105. Taylor Tharp (6-1 200 rFr) was PS#235 and is also in the mix. This unit goes from the best QB in school history to very inexperienced players, and no matter who wins the job I think their stats will pale in comparison to 2003's.

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RUNNING BACKS - In 1999 Boise had a RB-by-committee with 4 backs each having 45 rush attempts and that may be the case this year. Brock Forsey stepped to the forefront and led the team in rushing three consecutive years with 982 yards (4.7) in 2000, 1,207 (4.9) in 2001 and he set the school record with 1,611 yards (5.5) and an amazing 26 TD's in 2002 and was the WAC's Off POY and a 6th round DC of CHI. Forsey had a bruising style of running and his backup, David Mikell is more of a speed back. Mikell actually outgained Forsey in the 2002 opener but was slowed by ankle and knee injuries and had just 606 yards (5.8) and was 2003's leading returnee. Also back was Donny Heck who was the Off Scout Team POY in 2000 and had 398 yards rushing and 121 receiving in '01-'02. Last year Mikell posted Boise's 3rd straight 1,000 yard season with 1,142 yards (4.7) despite missing most of the Hawaii game with an injury. His 235 yards vs Idaho was the 3rd best in a single game in school history. Heck rushed for 87 yards and 4 TD's vs Hawaii, and finished with 426 yards (3.5). Jeff Carpenter (PS#170) has 240 yards (6.9) in 2 years with a 7.6 ypc in '03. DB Lee Marks got 29 carries and was the team's #3 rusher with 166 yards (5.7) and could move here full-time. Quinton Jones (5-9 165 So) had a KR TD in the spring game and another in an August scrimmage but only had 71 yards total offense in 2003. Antwaun Carter (5-9 210 Jr) was PS#205JC and had 576 yards (6.0) at JC in 2002. They must replace FB Greg Swenson (4 rec) and Mikell. Heck missed spring working on academics, so there is a chance that he may not be back. Hawkins has done a good job uncovering RB's but this unit clearly looks to be the weakest it's been in over four years as I do not see a dominating feature back.

RECEIVERS - Boise had a streak of four straight years in which they produced a 1st or 2nd Tm All Conf TE but have not had one the last two. Last year they had to replace their top 2 TE's and top 3 WR's and only one returning receiver had more than 10 catches in 2002 and that was Tim Gilligan who had 23 (15.2). Tony McPherson (6-0 183 Sr, PS#286JC) had 64 rec (15.7) at JC in 2001 and redshirted in 2002. He had 18 rec (20.8) in 2003. Brett Ralph had one start as a true frosh at Wyoming in 2000 with 22 rec (10.7). He went on a 2 year Mormon mission then enrolled here. Surprisingly he had just 5 rec (5.4) LY. Walk-on Jerry Smith snagged 32 rec (19.0). The other top WR's last year were walk-on TJ Acree who had 51 rec (14.9) and Lawrence Bady who was the deep threat averaging 25.0 ypc on 29 rec. Three TE's shared time in Kevin Louwsma (2 rec), Trent Lundin (18, 13.6) and Derek Schouman (PS#98) who had 17 rec (16.0) as a true frosh and took over the starting job. Not listed in 2 deep below are TE's Sherm Blaser (6-4 200 So, PS#104, 1 rec), Ryan Putnam (6-2 225 rFr, PS#145), WR's Jovan Hutchinson (5-11 172 So), Tyler Matheson (6-2 185 rFr), Jarret Horn (5-10 179 Sr), Jason Murray (5-10 175 Jr) and McPherson. Gilligan, Smith, Lundin and Louwsma all depart and McPherson was not on the spring roster (questionable for fall), but this unit actually has a little more experience and could come close to matching last year's production, even with the loss of 1st Tm WAC Gilligan and a new QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Boise had to replace 3 starters but the O-line still paved the way for 4.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks (5.4%). Last year they once again had to replace 3 starters including a pair of 1st Tm WAC OL's. They did have 5 of their top 8 back. Surprisingly the unit, with a little more experience than 2002, only opened holes for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 23 sacks (4.7%). This year they once again lose 3 starters in RT Jason Turner (2 yr st'r), C Mike MacLeod and LG Tyrone Tutogi but have 7 of the top 10 returning once again. While just as experienced as 2003, I look for this year's O-line to be more productive.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Boise had to replace their top 3 DE's but had both DT's returning and allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing while the D accounted for 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace six players from the D-line and basically had just one starter returning. I was expecting a big contribution from USC transfer Jason Wardlow, but he never qualified. Surprisingly the inexperienced front allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing and the D had 27 sacks. This year they must replace DT Paul Allen (38 tkls, 4 tfl), DT Dane Oldham (39 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Mike Fine (4 tkls). Despite the losses, this unit has more experience and should be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Boise returned two starters to this unit last year including leading tackler Andy Avalos. Avalos led the team in tackles a second straight season with 113 and rFr Korey Hall had a fine year with 92 tackles and 8 tfl. They both return. The only loss to this unit is SLB Travis Burgher (2nd Tm WAC, 45 tkls, 7 tfl). This group is just as experienced as last year's fine unit and should be one of the top LB corps in the WAC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished a super #8 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace WAC Def POY Quintin Mikell last season but had 7 of their top 8 back and their CB combo of Julius Brown and Gabe Franklin were #1 and #2 in the WAC in PD (pbu & int) with 22 and 19 respectively. Boise finished right near the top once again LY at #6 allowing just 49.2% with a 17-21 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are CB Julius Brown (59 tkls, 3 int, 19 pbu), FS Wes Nurse (1st Tm WAC, 98 tkls, 5 int, 9 pbu), S Brad Allen (44 tkls, 4 sks, 5 pbu) and CB Terriall Hall (12 tkls). Two starters return including Franklin who led the WAC in int in '02 with 8. They add a top-notch JUCO, but with the loss of two of their stars, they figure to drop some in my pass D rankings in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit has indeed been special the last 5 years with #32, #23, #28, #28 and last year improved to #2 in my special teams rankings. Boise has blocked a lot of punts (19 in 5 years) including five last season. KO man Tyler Jones has an exceptional leg and Boise's kick coverage has been outstanding and last year they allowed just 17.0 per KR and he had 50% TB's. Jones hit just 3 of 8 FG's in 2002 with a long of 52 and 2 of his misses were from 50+ yds. Last year I called for him to break Roberto Moran's school record for the longest FG (56) as Hawkins said he was willing to let him try from 60+. However, his long in 2003 was 52 as he had 2 other attempts from 50+ that he missed. Jones still had an exceptional year hitting 19 of 25 FG's. Jones is back as is P Kyle Stringer, avg'd 40.2 with a 35.8 net which was the best here since joining the WAC. Also back is top KR Chris Carr (26.3). They must replace their outstanding PR's Tim Gilligan (12.4) and Brad Allen (14.3). This group will clearly contend for the top special teams ranking in 2004.

COACHES - Dan Hawkins enters his fourth year as the head man and has done a great job guiding the team to its highest finish ever in the AP poll in consecutive years and earning WAC Coach of the Year honors in 2002. Hawkins was also head coach at Willamette from 1993 to 1997 with his team going 22-3 in his final two years there. His OC, Chris Peterson, enters his fourth year and was a Broyles finalist after his 2002 offense led the nation with 45.6 ppg and 501.5 ypg. Ron Collins is back for his third year as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St has dominated the WAC in the last 2 years. The Broncos have not only gone a perfect 16-0 the last two years in league play, they have outscored their foes by ridiculous margins. In 2002 they outgained their WAC foes by an average of 208.4 ypg, outscoring them by an average of 51.1 to 13.9. Last year they had the fewest amount of returning starters in the league including just 3 on offense but one of them was QB Ryan Dinwiddie. They had to face both Fresno and Hawaii on the road, but still managed a clean sweep and outgained WAC foes by an average of 176.4 ypg while outscoring them by an average of 46.9 to 17.9, both the best marks in the league. Once again the losses are heavy due to graduation as they return just ten starters including four on offense. This year they don't have an experienced QB returning. The new QB's performance will likely be the key to Boise's season. Dinwiddie stepped in for Bart Hendricks a few years ago and fared surprisingly well, so Hawkins has been able to find quality replacements. In my 7 sets of power ratings, two actually call for Boise to have an undefeated season and they get the toughest two (Fresno and Hawaii) WAC foes on the Smurf Turf at home. Boise finished #15 in the country in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll (16th AP). At the end of 2002 they were 12th and 15th in the polls respectively. BSU has the 3rd best record of IA teams over the last 5 years at 53-11. They have the longest home winning streak in Div IA at 18. The toughest non-conf game is Ore St which is also at home. Boise has my #1 rated D in the WAC and if they get above average QB play, the Broncos could be in for another special season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Legedu Naanee So. 6-2 229 PS#98. 5 att's, 8 yds rush LY. Also special tms. **Jared Zabransky** (6-1 221 So) 180 yds pass, 105 rush LY. **Michael Sanford** (6-4 213 Sr) PS#125.

RB Jeff Carpenter Jr. 5-9 206 PS#170WR. 240 rush (6.9) 2 yrs, 3 rec (27.0). **Lee Marks** (5-7 171 Jr) PS#174DB, 220 all-purp yds last year, 26 tkls in 2 yrs. 10.6 in 100m.

WR Chrisean Christopher Jr. 6-0 175 PS#443JC. RS LY. 400m in HS. Quinton Jones (5-9 165 So) 10.69 100m.

FB Brad Lau (5-11 235 So) 420 bench. Calvin McCarty (5-9 213 rFr).

WR TJ ACREE SR. 5-10 176 3 passes, 3 yrs. 51 rec (14.9) in '03. 500 squat. **Brett Ralph** (6-0 180 Jr) PS#290. 1 st, 22 rec at Wyoming in '02. Mission. Spec Teams LY.

WR Lawrence Bady Sr. 5-11 188 66 rec at JC in '02. 29 rec LY, super 25.0 ypc. 39.5"VL. Mark Onibokun (6-1 203 Sr) PS#236JC LY. Drisan James (5-11 177 So) PS#580.

TE DEREK SCHOUMAN SO. 6-2 225 PS#98. 17 rec (16.0) true. Cory Larsen (6-5 230 So) PS#51. Oregon transfer. Andy Weldon (6-3 243 Sr) PS#286JC. 3 rec LY.

C Klayton Adams Sr. 5-10 275 PS#359JC. 1st Tm All-Conf JC. Walk-on LY & started bowl game. **Pete Cavender** (6-2 278 rFr) PS#128DL. Micah Kormylo (6-4 275 Fr).

RG MJ ANSEL SR. 6-3 287 PS#435. 3 games in '01. 2nd string in '02. Started at LG LY, 375 bench. Tony Volponi (6-4 299 So). 2nd string LY. Cameron Filkins is PS#170.

LG Tad Miller rFr. 6-4 270 PS#408. Joe Wiegand (6-1 279 So) 2nd string in '03, missed some spg & most of Aug w/injs. Kellen Wright (6-2 285 So) PS#193OL in 2002.

RT Rusty Colburn Sr. 6-5 310 3 letters. 6 sts in '02. Starter in '03 at beginning of year until inj. Jeff Cavender (6-2 270 rFr) PS#301. Derek Kishpaugh (6-3 259 Sr).

LT DARYN COLLEDGE JR. 6-5 272 **2nd Tm WAC**. 605 squat, 35.5 VL, 13 sts in '02. Solid at LT in '03. Ryan Keating (6-3 306 So) PS#77TE. Andrew Woodruff is PS#638.

K TYLER JONES SR. 6-1 209 3 of 8 FG's in '02 but 2 misses 50+, long of 52. 54 TB's on 103 KO's. 19 of 25 FG's in '03 long of 52, 2 misses from 50+, 50% KO's were TB's.

DE JULIUS ROBERTS SR. 6-5 239 **1st Tm WAC**. 12 sts, 15 tkls in '02, 24 tkls, 5.5 sks, 4 tfl. Mike Dominguez (6-2 231 So) 13 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl LY. Joe Bozikovich is PS#105.

DT Tim Volk So. 6-3 273 **PS#41DL**. Arizona in '02. JC LY. Alex Guerrero (6-1 279 Jr) 28 tkls, 4.5 tfl, 2Y. Ian Smart (6-3 300 rFr). Russell Wiersma (6-2 267 rFr).

DT Andrew Browning So. 5-11 258 PS#572OL. 31 tkls as rFr, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Dan Gore (6-5 277 rFr) PS#238OL. Jeff Beidermann (6-4 295 So) 2 tkls as true. Air Force prep in '02.

DE MIKE WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 239 PS#180. Starter in '03, 30 tkls, 1 sk, 3 tfl. Erik Brunken (6-2 244 rFr) PS#642. Kyle Peterson (6-1 230 rFr). Sean Bingham is PS#432.

WLB ANDY AVALOS SR. 5-10 223 107 tkls, 2.5 sks in '02. **1st Tm WAC** in '03, 113 tkls, 9 tfl, 3 pbu. Tim Hefty (6-2 221 Sr) 20 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Jared Hunter (6-4 211 So) 3 tkls.

MLB KOREY HALL SO. 6-0 228 HM WAC as rFr. 92 tkls, 2.5 sks, 5 tfl. Chris Barrios (5-10 224 Jr) PS#231. 55 tkls, 2Y (inj). Ben Chuckovich (6-0 204 Jr) 13 tkls, 2 tfl.

SLB Colt Brooks So. 6-0 207 10 tkls as rFr. Josh Bean (6-2 215 rFr) PS#401. Mike Altieri (6-0 185 rFr) PS#193QB. Brock Drake (5-10 209 rFr) PS#393RB.

CB GABE FRANKLIN SR. 5-10 183 12 sts in '01, 50 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu. **2nd Tm WAC, 2Y.** 8 int, 9 pbu in '02. 73 tkls, 3 int, 16 pbu LY. Austin Smith (5-9 165 rFr) PS#574.

CB Gerald Alexander So. 5-11 179 40.5"VL. 20 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu last year. **Marcosus Le Blanc** is **PS#170JC**. Rashaun Scott (5-10 175 rFr) 320 bench. Marty Tadman is **PS#71**.

ROV CHRIS CARR SR. 5-9 180 PS#261RB. 32 tkls as true. 47 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 81 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu, 27 KR (26.3) LY. Robby Jones (5-8 181 Jr). Chad McKibben (5-9 164 So) 12 tkls.

FS Cam Hall Jr. 6-0 209 15 tkls in '02. 35 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl in '03. Deshan Cabaong (6-1 181 Sr) 24 tkls in '01 & '02. 17 tkls in '03. Duran Cooley (5-10 185 rFr). PS#297.

P KYLE STRINGER SO. 5-8 185 Took over P duties as true, 60 punts, 40.2 avg & 35.8 net. Sean Steichen (6-0 194 Jr) PS#188. Jared Connolly (6-0 180 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Marty Tadman 5-11 174 PS#71
DL	Joe Bozikovich 6-1 259 PS#105
DB	Marcosus Le Blanc 5-11 187 PS#170JC
DL	Cameron Filkins 6-4 324 PS#170
DB	Kyle Gingg 5-11 205 PS#177
RB	Ian Johnson 5-11 190 PS#181
DE	Tim Volk 6-3 273 PS#284JC
QB	Bush Hamdan 6-1 193 PS#182
WR	Josh Smith 5-11 175 PS#353JC
TE	Julian Hawkins 6-3 233 PS#80
RB	David Shields 6-2 205 PS#365JC
OL	Jon Gott 6-3 273 PS#382JC
LB	Casey Herron 6-1 221 PS#264
PR	Jameson Davis 5-10 185 PS#54
DL	Nick Schlekeway 6-4 250 PS#386
DL	Sean Bingham 6-3 232 PS#432
TE	Chris O'Neill 6-3 210 PS#131
WR	Toshi Franklin 6-1 175 PS#371
LB	Dallas Dobbs 6-2 215 PS#375
DL	Phillip Edwards 6-4 282 PS#475
DB	Bryon Barmer 6-0 172 PS#477
DB	Ellis Powers Jr 5-11 188 PS#528
DB	Rashaad Richards 6-0 171 PS#531
DL	Mike Williams 6-4 215 PS#545
OL	Ryan Clady 6-6 326 PS#587
OL	Micah Kormylo 6-4 275 PS#613

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33-6	Straight Up	10-6	Home Favorite
23-12-1	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
4-2	Off A SU Loss	10-4	Away Favorite
18-6	Vs Conference	3-1-1	Away Underdog
	5-6-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (13-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (14,18,2)
Lost: 19 (12,7,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,098

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#107

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 4	Idaho	A					
Sep. 11	Oregon St	A					
Sep. 18	at UTEP	A					
Sep. 25	BYU	A					
Oct. 2	SMU	A					
Oct. 9							
Oct. 16	at Tulsa	A					
Oct. 23	Fresno St	A					
Oct. 30	Hawaii	A					
Nov. 6							
Nov. 13	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 20	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 27	at Nevada	A					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

Boise St is 9-2 ATS as an away favorite the last 2 years.
BSU is an outstanding 22-2 SU & 18-6 ATS in WAC play since 2001.
The Broncos have won 17 straight home games (10-7 ATS).

Boise St is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS vs the Vandals since 1997.
The favorite is just 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings.

Boise St is 0-3 SU but covered the only lined meeting with OSU last year.
BSU is 0-9 SU & 1-6 ATS vs Pac 10 opponents.

Including a bowl game BSU is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS all-time vs UTEP.
The Broncos are 12-4 ATS their last 16 conference road games.

LY BSU won 50-12 but had just a 381-329 yardage edge but were +3 TO's.
The Broncos are 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS vs MWC teams since 1991.

Boise St is 4-0 SU & ATS before a bye since 1998.
Last year Boise St had 3 receivers go over 100 yds against SMU.

Boise is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS against Tulsa all as a DD favorite the L3Y.
Boise St is 4-2 SU & ATS after a bye since 1997.

The Broncos are 3-0 SU & ATS vs the Bulldogs since joining the WAC.
BSU covered the spread by an average 22 pts in those 3 games.

Boise St is 3-0 SU & ATS against the Warriors in WAC play the L3Y.
LY the Broncos only had a 429-408 yardage edge but won by 17 pts.

BSU is 3-0 SU & ATS vs San Jose St in WAC play, winning by a combined 178-28.
Boise St is 9-4-1 on grass the last 14 games.

BSU is 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS the last 6 home finales.
Boise St is 0-4 ATS vs the Bulldogs since 1998.

The Broncos are 4-0 SU & ATS vs the Wolf Pack since 1999.
Boise St has won 8 straight road finales SU & ATS.

WR T.J. Acree

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	9-3	9-2	8-4	11-1	12-1	59-23
ATS	7-3	4-4	7-3	7-2	7-4-1	9-3	7-5	48-24-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	4-1	4-2	2-3	17-8
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	6-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-2	1-2	5-0	4-2	13-8
Away Dog	4-2	2-2	2-1	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	12-6-1
Favorite	1-1	1-1	2-2	6-2	5-3	9-2	6-5	30-16
Dog	6-2	3-3	5-1	1-0	2-1-1	0-1	1-0	18-8-1
Grass	1-0	2-2	1-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	2-1	12-7-1
Artificial	6-3	2-2	6-2	4-1	6-3	7-2	5-4	36-17
vs Conf	4-0	3-2	5-1	4-1	6-2	7-1	5-3	34-10
vs Non-Conf	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	2-2	14-14-1
Off SU Win	2-1	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-3	8-2	7-4	34-17
Off SU Loss	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	0-1	13-4

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
David Mikell	242	1189	47	1142	13	4.7
Donny Heck	**121**	**449**	**23**	**426**	**8**	**3.5**
Lee Marks	**29**	**189**	**23**	**166**	**2**	**5.7**
Jeff Carpenter	**21**	**163**	**3**	**160**	**1**	**7.6**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Dinwiddie	446	276	61.9	4356	31	7
Jared Zabransky	**23**	**11**	**47.8**	**180**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tim Gilligan	67	1192	17.8	6	76
TJ Acree	**51**	**758**	**14.9**	**7**	**67**
Lawrence Bady	**29**	**726**	**25.0**	**4**	**98**
Jerry Smith	32	609	19.0	5	77
Tony McPherson	**18**	**374**	**20.8**	**2**	**76**
Derek Schouman	**17**	**272**	**16.0**	**4**	**47**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Stringer	**60**	**2415**	**40.2**	**4**	**35.8**	**1**	**18**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tyler Jones	**75-76**	**9-10**	**5-7**	**4-5**	**1-3**	**19-25**	**52**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andy Avalos	**113**	**1**	**8**	**3**	**0**
Wes Nurse	98	0	5	9	5
Korey Hall	**92**	**2.5**	**5**	**5**	**0**
Chris Carr	**81**	**0**	**6**	**6**	**4**
Gabe Franklin	**73**	**0**	**1**	**16**	**3**
Julius Brown	59	0	0	19	3
Travis Burgher	45	2	5	1	1
Brad Allen	44	4	2	5	0
Dane Oldham	39	2	3	1	0
Paul Allen	38	1	3	1	1
Cam Hall	**35**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**3**
Andrew Browning	**31**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Mike Williams	**30**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Chris Barrios	**29**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Gilligan	37	460	12.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Carr	**27**	**710**	**26.3**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Humanitarian	+1'	Louisville	34-31	W
00	Humanitarian	-9	UTEP	38-23	W
02	Humanitarian	-12	Iowa St	34-16	W
03	Fort Worth	-11	TCU	34-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	43.0	23	150	3.7	336	60.3	11.3	+10	2003	7	17.1	18	101	3.2	248	49.2	20.4
7*	45.6	24	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	+8	2002	7	18.5	19	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5
7	34.3	23	169	4.1	275	60.5	13.0	-8	2001	3	23.3	19	118	3.3	252	56.6	15.8
7*	44.3	23	175	4.5	316	60.4	11.1	+10	2000	5	22.8	19	137	3.6	226	50.6	15.9
5*	33.1	22	163	3.8	259	55.1	12.8	+11	1999	9	21.3	18	116	3.2	221	49.5	15.8
10*	29.9	23	176	4.2	246	51.9	14.1	-4	1998	10	31.8	20	126	3.4	270	50.0	12.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Idaho St	31	47-259	5.5	20-39	328	3	10	17-6	0.4	23-53	146	3	+1
at Idaho	19	43-263	6.1	15-25	165	3	19	29-55	1.9	25-51	273	2	-1
at Oregon St	18	35-47	1.3	19-37	334	2	23	46-154	3.3	19-37	408	1	0
Wyoming	31	50-155	3.1	27-38	285	3	13	25-32	1.3	15-34	241	3	-1
at Louisiana Tech	34	45-163	3.6	41-61	569	0	24	13-103	7.9	30-57	456	1	-1
Tulsa	18	44-164	3.7	12-27	199	2	15	32-110	3.4	22-35	229	2	0
at SMU	26	32-81	2.5	32-45	560	1	14	37-80	2.2	13-32	134	5	+1
San Jose St	22	34-132	3.9	19-31	439	2	17	37-64	1.7	27-44	229	2	+2
at BYU	19	45-134	3.0	12-24	247	0	22	35-122	3.5	21-59	207	2	+3
UTEP	28	45-256	5.7	16-34	218	0	17	37-101	2.7	18-33	211	0	+2
at Fresno St	17	35-90	2.6	22-31	273	2	23	30-48	1.6	28-51	290	5	0
Nevada	26	45-140	3.1	21-31	437	0	12	32-149	4.7	13-36	127	0	+2
at Hawaii	17	43-100	2.3	20-31	329	4	22	18-103	5.7	33-63	305	0	+1
† TCU	19	29-117	4.0	19-35	325	1	26	57-280	4.9	15-29	214	1	+1
TOTALS	325	572-2101	3.7	295-489	4708	23	257	445-1407	3.2	302-614	3470	27	+10
AVERAGES	23.2	41-150	3.7	21-35	336	1.6	18.4	32-101	3.2	22-44	248	1.9	0.7

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	+27	7-38	L
S Utah	NL	35-27	–
at Hawaii	-6'	19-34	L
New Mexico	+3	20-9	W
Utah	+16	26-20	W
E Washington	NL	41-7	–
at N Texas	-7	10-17	L
Nevada	+2	52-17	W
at Utah St	+3	33-27	W
Arkansas St	-9'	63-10	W
N Mexico St	-8	45-26	W
at Idaho	+2'	45-14	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	-1'	31-14	W
N Iowa	NL	42-17	–
at Arkansas	+13'	31-38	W
at C Michigan	-10'	47-10	W
at Washington St	-2'	35-42	L
E Washington	NL	41-23	–
N Texas	-27	59-0	W
at New Mexico St	-8	34-31	L
at Arkansas St	-14	42-14	W
Utah St	-16	66-38	W
Idaho	-14'	66-24	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+19	13-32	T
Washington St	+5	20-41	L
UTEP	-5'	42-17	W
at Idaho	-11'	45-13	W
at Rice	-4'	14-45	L
Tulsa	-12'	41-10	W
at Fresno St	+16	35-30	W
Nevada	-22	49-7	W
at Louisiana Tech	-1'	42-48	L
at Hawaii	+4	28-21	W
San Jose St	-15	56-6	W
C Michigan	-24	26-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-23	38-21	L
at Arkansas	+7'	14-41	L
at Wyoming	-6	35-13	W
Utah St	-19	63-38	W
Hawaii	-4	58-31	W
at Tulsa	-26	52-24	W
Fresno St	-7	67-21	W
at San Jose St	-16'	45-8	W
at UTEP	-32'	58-3	W
Rice	-27'	49-7	W
Louisiana Tech	-28	36-10	L
at Nevada	-18'	44-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	62-0	–
at Idaho	-23	24-10	L
at Oregon St	+5'	24-26	W
Wyoming	-23	33-17	L
at Louisiana Tech	-8	43-37	L
Tulsa	-22'	27-20	L
at SMU	-24	45-3	W
San Jose St	-27'	77-14	W
at BYU	-8'	50-12	W
UTEP	-40'	51-21	L
at Fresno St	-8	31-17	W
Nevada	-22	56-3	W
at Hawaii	-11	45-28	W

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Tyler Gooch (PS#99) took over the starting job in 2001 and James Kilian (PS#105) was the 3rd string QB and passed for 193 yards (42.1%) with an 0-1 ratio while rushing for 151 with one start in 2001. Gooch started 12 games in the 2002 season, and threw for 2,100 yards (54.6%) with a 17-8 ratio. Kilian had one start in 2002 throwing for 208 yards (42.3%) with a 1-2 ratio while rushing for 123 yards in six games. Both returned last spring but then Gooch surprisingly left the team over the summer so the unit appeared to be weaker. However, James Kilian had an outstanding year and in guiding the upset of Hawaii, he actually led the team in rushing (115), passing (106) and receiving yards (35) showing his versatility. Kilian broke his collarbone against San Jose St and was not 100% for the bowl, but ended up throwing for 2,217 yards (56.8%) with a 22-11 ratio and had 805 gross yards rushing. In the SJSt game, true frosh Paul Smith got his most significant action hitting 10 of 17 for 166 yards and guided the team to the comeback win. For the season he threw for 297 yards. Both QB's are back. Adding depth is Jake Hammond (6-3 224 Jr) who transferred from SW Oklahoma and this year's signee David Johnson (PS#287). As long as Kilian stays healthy he may top last year's stats which were good enough to earn him 2nd Tm WAC honors.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Eric Richardson, who had just 17 yards in his first ten games, rushed for 194 and 206 yards in the final two, becoming the first back here to top 190 yards rushing in two straight games since 1952. Much was expected of him in 2001 but he was banged up all year and finished with just 469 rushing and 203 receiving yards. In 2002 he almost got to the 1,000 yard mark with 957 (5.3) and added 34 rec. Last year Richardson was back along with the #2 RB Uril Parrish who had 89 yards (1.6) in 2002. Last year Parrish was actually leading the team in rushing after 9 games with 537 yards (5.4) when he suffered a season ending injury. Richardson ended up leading the team, this time with 811 yards (4.5). True frosh Brandon Diles (PS#246) added 271 yards and an outstanding 8.0 ypc. This year they must replace Richardson who started 10 games. Adding depth at RB is Cauvey Jackson (5-10 194 rFr, PS#242) and Albert Harris (5-11 220 So) as well as this year's signee Tarrion Adams (PS#163). This unit is not as experienced as last year.

QB James Kilian

RECEIVERS - Tulsa has had some excellent receivers throughout the years including Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. Last year all of the top receivers were back. They ran a 2-TE offense eliminating the FB and four different players started at TE. All four return this year and are listed below. Surprisingly TE Garrett Mills led the team with 53 rec (8.6) after having just 10 catches as a true frosh and he earned 1st Tm WAC honors. This year they lose their top man in terms of yards in Romby Bryant (8 sts, 47 rec, 15.9 ypc, 2nd Tm WAC) but basically have everyone else back. Look for a big year out of Montiese Culton who is 6-2 with solid speed and averaged 18.1 ypc. Not listed below are TE Charles Ramsey (6-4 256 rFr, PS#243DL), WR's Roland Garrett (6-1 160 rFr, PS#116), Donnie Johnson (5-9 196 So, PS#292), Jammal McCullar (6-3 183 rFr, PS#296), Kyle Grooms (6-3 191 rFr) and former QB Landon Keopple (6-0 180 Jr). This unit has just about as much experience as last season and is now in the second year of Kragthorpe's system.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Tulsa's OL paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace two full-time starters but did have 5 players back with starting experience. Unfortunately RG Matt Black went down to a season ending injury in Wk 1 so they basically had just 2 starters returning. Surprisingly the unit opened holes for an outstanding 4.8 ypc while allowing just 23 sacks. Of course having a mobile QB helped those numbers. This year Tulsa fields its biggest line in school history averaging 307 lbs per starter with 8 of its 16 linemen on the spring roster averaging over 300 lbs. Not only do 8 players return with starting experience, but they add 2 HT JUCO's who were in for the spring. The unit is so deep that not listed below are Dustin Kline (6-6 290 Jr, PS#323, 1 st in '02) and Blair Frederick (6-5 260 rFr, PS#489). This looks like one of the WAC's strongest O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulsa allowed a ghastly 5.7 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks in 2002. Last year they lost one starter and one backup due to graduation but did have 5 players returning with starting experience. The Hurricane defense improved their ypc rushing by over a yard allowing "only" 4.6 ypc while recording 25 sacks. This year they must replace DE Jeremy Davis (10 sts, HM WAC, 46 tkls, 3 sks), DE Sammy Umobong (4 sts, 19 tkls, 5 tfl), DE Antwan Floyd (4 sts, 18 tkls, 3 tfl), NG Tse Ogisi (2 sts, 16 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Jason Collier (1 tkl). Despite losing 5 players they do bring in a couple of JUCO's in Chris Barnes and Charles Walker. Two players were injured in the first half of last year in Robert Latu who missed the first 10 games but still started the last 2 and large NG John Mila (329 lbs) who played in the last 6 games with 1 start. This group is just as experienced as last year's version and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - Tulsa switched to a 3-3-5 defense last year and prior to the season Kragthorpe said that the speed and athleticism of the LB's was "good". The team did have to replace its leading tackler from 2002 in Oklahoma transfer Michael Dulaney and another backup. Since they use two safeties, I list the SPUR safety in the LB writeup because the positions are close enough that OLB Michael LeDet started the first 2 games at SPUR and the final 11 at OLB. This unit was very productive last season with LeDet (a JUCO trans) earning 2nd Tm WAC honors and Nick Bunting (1st Tm WAC) was simply WAC Frosh of the Year. The only losses are OLB Jorma Bailey (13 sts, 80 tkls, 7 sks, 7 tfl, HM WAC), Brendan Swisher (5 tkls), and MLB Jason Wiltshire (10 tkls). Not only are 3 starters back, but 3 others have starting experience plus they get the solid addition of W Virginia transfer Shane Graham (PS#79). Nelson Coleman (PS#338) started 2 of the first 3 games as a true frosh but was injured and lost for the season also returns. This looks like one of the WAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa finished a respectable #71 in my pass D rankings in 2002 despite their 1-11 record with 9 different players earning starts. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 3 backups due to graduation but then lost starting FS Jeff Thibodeaux to academics and returning starting CB Darrell Wimberly played in just 3 games (injured) so basically just 1 full-time starter returned. Surprisingly Tulsa vaulted up the pass D rankings to #20 allowing just 50.7% with a 12-19 ratio. This year the only definite losses are CB Sherman Steptoe (6 sts, 27 tkls, 1 int), Max Kraus (1 st, 31 tkls), and CB Wimberly who moved to WR in the spring. However UT may lose the services of last year's #1 tackler, Kedrick Alexander and backup Terrance Thomas who were arrested in May. I list a talented 3 deep below and while it will be tough to move up much in the pass D rankings, if Alexander returns, this could be the WAC's best secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulsa was #93 in my special teams rankings in 2002 and basically had everyone returning last season. K Brad DeVault hit 7 of 12 FG's with a long of 45 as a true frosh, and last year hit 9 of 16 with a long of 49 but three misses were from 50+. New Mexico transfer punter Cort Moffitt averaged a super 43.7 last year with Chris Kindred handling the pooch punting, avg 37.5. Moffitt departs but Kindred is back. Jermaine Landrum increased his PR average from 7.0 in 2002 to 10.6 and the top KR was Uril Parrish (23.8). They add LS Morgan Guidry (PS#238JC) who was in for the spring. Surprisingly Tulsa only moved up to #84 in my special teams rankings and despite losing Moffitt and Eric Richardson (27.2 on KR's) could move up in the rankings.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe was the Buffalo Bills' QB coach for 2 years and the OC at Texas A&M for 3. In his first year as HC here, he simply guided the team to the biggest turnaround in Div IA in 2003 and 8 wins which was the most at the school since 1991. His OC is Charlie Stubbs who was previously the Alabama QB coach and passing game coordinator for three years. In 1999 he was named SEC OC of the Year. He had also been the OC at UNLV ('96-'97), and made stops at Memphis ('94) and Oregon St ('87-'90). The DC is Todd Graham who was the co-DC at W Virg in 2002 and the LB coach there in 2001. Kragthorpe signed a contract extension through 2008 in April.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in 5 straight New Year's Day bowl games. They have been to only 5 other bowls since 1964 and after consecutive one win seasons brought in a new head coach last year. The 2002 Tulsa team not only was 1-7 in league play, they were outgained by 135 ypg, the worst in the conference. They were a much more veteran unit last season with 15 returning starters (tops in the league). They had the biggest turnaround in Div IA recording 8 wins and finished 6-2 in the WAC. They only lost to WAC Champ Boise St 27-20 and that was at Boise! Keep in mind, Boise St outscored league foes by an average of 29 ppg. Tulsa outgained league foes by 57.4 ypg, the second best mark in the league and outscored them by 9.9 ppg in 2003. This year once again the Hurricanes are a veteran bunch with 17 returning starters (tops in the league) and just 15 lettermen lost. A check of my All-Conf team shows how talented this group is as they have 17 players on my 4-team All-WAC squad, the most in the league. James Kilian is an exciting QB that can hurt you both running and passing. They also have a top-notch O-line and receiving corps. If some decent RB's emerge, they will be potent and could even top last year's 30.8 ppg. Tulsa's defense made strides last year allowing 7 ppg less than 2002 and with 9 starters back and plenty of talent, they will improve once again. They avoid Fresno St in league play and host Boise St. Tulsa is clearly a contender in the WAC and should be able to achieve a second straight winning season.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JAMES KILIAN SR. 6-4 215 **2nd Tm WAC.** 401 pass (42%) 274 rush in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY, 2217 yds (57%) 22-11 ratio, 805 rush. Paul Smith (6-2 177 So), 319 ttl yds as **true.**

RB Uril Parrish Jr. 5-9 202 537 rush (5.4) 9 games #1 until inj LY, 19 KR (23.8). Brandon Diles (5-11 205 So) PS#246. 271 yds (8.0) as true. Tarrion Adams is PS#163.

WR MONTIESE CULTON SR. 6-2 175 9 sts, 35 rec (11.9) in '02. 11 sts LY, 23 rec (**18.1**) "Money". Darrell Wimberly (6-1 213 Sr) 14 sts, 33 rec in '00&'01. 11 sts @CB in '02. Ashlan Davis PS#303JC.

WR Jermaine Landrum Sr. 5-9 165 4 sts, 25 rec in 2001 & 2002. 4 sts in 2003, 28 rec (9.9). Damacho Ousley is PS#41. Richard McQuillar (6-3 200 Jr) 3 sts, 19 rec in 2 years.

TE CALEB BLANKENSHIP SR. 6-3 230 11 sts in '02, ,25 rec (11.6). 13 sts LY, HM WAC, 33 rec (11.7). Cory Hathaway (6-4 242 Sr) 10 sts @DE '02, 38 tkls, 5 tfl. 2 sts @TE LY, 3 rec.

TE GARRETT MILLS JR. 6-2 224 **1st Tm WAC.** 8 sts last year, 53 rec (8.6). Josh Reed (6-6 270 Sr) 3 sts last year. James Clancy (6-1 248 So). Justin Brown (6-2 210 Jr).

C DEREK WAREHIME SR. 6-1 292 PS#122. 1 st at RG as true. 8 sts at LG in '02. 13 sts LY (12@C). **Victor Mercado** (6-3 329 Jr) **PS#96.** 5 sts in '01 & '02. **11 sts** at RG LY.

RG JESSE STONEHAM JR. 6-4 315 4 games as rFr. 13 sts at LG in '03. Jeff Bryant (6-3 322 Jr) PS#127JC in for spring. Dustin Traynor (6-6 326 Sr) PS#435.

LG MATT BLACK SR. 6-3 300 **PS#98.** 12 games as true. 9 sts in '01. **12 sts** in '02. 1 st LY. Med RS. Eric Tibbits (6-4 293 So). Tyrone Milsap (6-2 277 So) PS#410.

RT Aaron Danenhauer So. 6-5- 299 PS#191. 7 games, 1 st at C LY. Tony Guined (6-7 300 Sr) 20 games, 3 years, 1 start LY. Jon Hameister-Ries (6-6 288 So) PS#186DL.

LT JEFF PERRETT SO. 6-7 329 PS#216. 12 sts as rFr at RT. Mike Mengers (6-4 257 So) PS#129JC in for spring. Wade Whitlow (6-4 306 rFr) PS#412.

K BRAD DeVAULT JR. 6-0 192 PS#26. 54 yd FG in HS. Hit 7 of 12 in '02 long, 45. 9 of 16 FG's in '03, long of 49. 1 blk & 3 missed from 50+. Kristian Foster (6-1 182 rFr).

DE BRANDON LOHR SR. 6-0 250 PS#185. 7 sts as true, 22 tkls. Inj '02. 10 sts LY, 45 tkls, 5 tfl. Cody Madison (6-3 243 rFr) PS#286. Chris Barnes (6-3 225 Jr) PS#421DL, JC LY.

NG John Mila So. 6-3 329 Miss 7 LY. 1 st. Last 6 games, 13 tkls. Drew Lagow (6-5 263 Jr) PS#216. 3 sts as true, 12 tkls. Charles Walker (6-1 296 Jr) PS#214JC. In for spg.

DE JOSH WALKER SR. 6-4 260 **PS#64.** 26 tkls, 6 tfl in '01. 7 sts in '02, 24 tkls, 2 sks. 6 sts LY, 24 tkls, 4 tfl. Robert Latu (6-2 250 So) PS#369. 2 sts til inj, 5 tkls LY. Lui Saafi (6-3 284 So).

OLB MICHAEL LeDET SR. 6-2 215 JUCO. **2nd Tm WAC.** 13 sts LY, 91 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl. Kinny Spotwood (6-1 226 So) PS#172. 7 tkls as true. Tyler Johnson is PS#182.

MLB NICK BUNTING SO. 6-1 221 **1st Tm WAC as true.** WAC Fr of Year. 11 sts, 79 tkls, 7 tfl. Josh DuPree (5-11 202 Sr) PS#261. 10 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int 3 years.

OLB Shane Graham Jr. 6-0 227 **PS#79.** 27 tkls, 2Y at **WV.** RS LY. **Nelson Coleman** (6-2 210 rFr) **2 sts as true,** 9 tkls (inj). Med RS. Kevin Hudson (6-1 223 So) PS#241. 1 st, 9 tkls.

SPUR CLINT ROUNTREE SR. 6-0 200 PS#207WR. 9 rec as true. 4 sts, 28 tkls in '02. 11 sts LY, 58 tkls, 6 tfl. Ty Page is PS#83DB. Burnell Smith (6-1 195 rFr). #2 SPUR in spring.

CB OLIVER FLETCHER SR. 6-1 175 PS#243JC. 8 sts in '03, 47 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. **CJ Scott** (5-9 165 Sr) **11 sts.** HM WAC. 46 tkls, 5 int, 6 pbu in 2000. 7 sts, 29 tkls, in '01 & '02 (inj).

CB JERMAINE HOPE SR. 5-9 165 PS#265. 10 sts in '02, 45 tkl, 1 int. 13 sts LY, 75 tkl, 3 int, 12 pbu. **2nd Tm WAC.** Jeff Thibodeaux (6-0 174 Jr) 12 sts FS/CB '02, HM WAC, 66 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu.

BAN KEDRICK ALEXANDER JR. 6-1 197 2 sts '02. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm WAC.** 121 tkls, 8 tfl, 3 int, 6 pbu. Bobby Blackshire (6-3 192 So) 1 st, 27 tkls, 3 tfl. Terrance Thomas (6-0 170 rFr).

FS SHANNON CARTER SO. 6-0 190 25 years old. 5Y in baseball. 10 starts last year, 76 tkl, 3 int, 4 tfl. Nick Graham (5-10 180 So) 15 tkls as true, spd. Jarred Brejcha (6-2 189 So).

P Chris Kindred So. 5-11 204 Avg solid 43.7 as senior in HS. P in first 5 games here LY. 37.5 avg, 7 inside the 20. Kristian Foster (6-1 182 rFr) backup kicker.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Damacho Ousley 6-1 190 PS#41
DB	Ty Page 6-2 210 PS#83
DB	Anthony Germany 6-0 181 PS#93
OL	Jeff Bryant 6-3 322 PS#127JC
OL	Mike Mengers 6-4 255 PS#129JC
DB	Randy Duncan 6-2 173 PS#130
RB	Tarrion Adams 6-1 193 PS#163
DL	Charles Walker 6-1 298 PS#214JC
DS	Morgan Guidry 6-3 220 PS#238JC
LB	Tyler Johnson 6-2 213 PS#182
TE	Ted Curtis 6-1 226 PS#62
DB	Curtis Williams 6-0 170 PS#210
WR	Ashlan Davis 5-8 177 PS#303JC
DB	Chris Chamberlain 6-2 184 PS#242
LB	Corey McMurrian 6-1 192 PS#212
DL	Walter Boyd 6-2 297 PS#264
DL	Tommy Daniels 6-1 328 PS#291
DB	Johnathan Penelton 6-0 204 PS#297
OL	Roderick Thomas 6-4 355 PS#426JC
DB	Billy Greenidge 6-1 178 PS#379
DB	Roy Roberts 5-10 189 PS#385
OL	Nick Grimes 6-0 280 PS#561
QB	David Johnson 6-2 205 PS#287
DL	Brandon Jones 6-2 258 PS#496
DB	Chance Gray 6-1 170 PS#497
DB	Bobby Klinck 5-11 190 PS#514

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TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								UT outscored WAC opp 272-193 LY & was 5-2 ATS as a dog (3-1 in WAC). Tulsa is 2-4 SU & ATS in their last 6 Homecoming games. Golden Hurricane are 2-9 SU & 3-7-1 ATS vs the Big 12 since 1996.
Sep. 4	at Kansas	A						Tulsa is 0-3 SU & ATS with the average score of KU 35-19 since 1991. UT has been outscored 199-46 S/'99 in their 1st lined game of the season (0-4-1 ATS).
Sep. 11	at Oklahoma St	A						Tulsa is 7-19 ATS as an away dog the last 6 years. The home team is 5-0 ATS since 1995 in this series.
Sep. 18	Navy	A						Pending earlier results: UT is 5-12-1 ATS in non-conf games since 1998. Could apply: UT is 4-12 ATS their last 16 as a home favorite.
Sep. 25	SW Missouri St	A						Tulsa last played SW MO in '99 winning 45-21 in a non-lined game. UT is 12-1 SU outscoring opps on avg 37-17 since '88 in non-lined games.
Oct. 2	at Hawaii	A						UT upset UH LY 27-16 (9 pt HD) & have a 2-1 ATS record on the island. Tulsa is 6-3-1 ATS on the road before a bye week since 1990.
Oct. 9								
Oct. 16	Boise St (HC)	A						Tulsa is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS with the average score 40-18 vs the Broncos. Golden Hurricanes are 2-7 SU & ATS their last 9 after a bye week.
Oct. 23	at Nevada	A						Last time Tulsa took a trip to Reno was in 1947 which was their only one. The fav is 2-0 ATS as LY UN was the only team to win at Skelly Stadium.
Oct. 30	Rice	A						Tulsa is 2-6-1 SU & 1-6-1 ATS in this series. UT def held Rice to just 201 yds rushing LY 115.7 yds below their season avg.
Nov. 6	at SMU	A						Tulsa is 3-8 SU & 3-6 ATS vs SMU. Golden Hurricane are 9-14-1 ATS in November road games since 1989.
Nov. 13	at Louisiana Tech	G						UT is 2-6 SU but has covered 3 of the last 4 games vs Louisiana Tech. Golden Hurricane are 2-7 ATS since 1995 in road finales.
Nov. 20	San Jose St	A						UT has been a fav only once in this series & is 1-4 ATS allowing SJS on avg 39 ppg. LY Tulsa scored 3 TD's for a come from behind win 34-32 as a 7 pt AF.
Nov. 27	UTEP	A						LY the Miners had a 20-19 FD edge while Tulsa had a 506-360 yd edge. UT is 5-2 ATS in home finales since 1997.

STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 8-5)
2nd Year at Tulsa

Kragthorpe's records AT TULSA

8-5	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
7-3-1	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Underdog
2-1	Off A SU Loss	1-1-1	Away Favorite
5-2-1	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
	2-1 Vs Non-Conference		

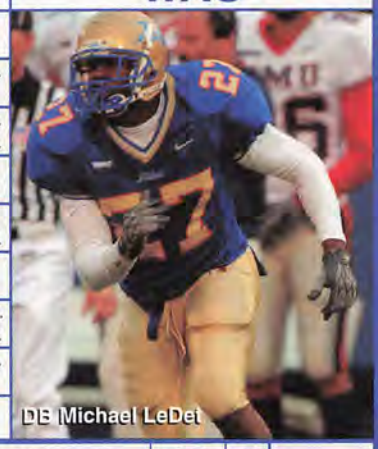
2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,20,2)
Lost: 15 (3,10,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,132

WAC


DB Michael LeDet

STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	2-9	5-7	1-10	1-11	8-4	23-57
ATS	4-6-1	3-7	2-8	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	7-3-1	28-45-3
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	4-4
Home Dog	2-2	2-2	1-3	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	3-1	12-16-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	3-3-1
Away Dog	2-3-1	0-4	1-4	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-1	9-22-1
Favorite	0-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	2-1-1	7-7-1
Dog	4-5-1	2-6	2-7	4-5	1-7	3-6-1	5-2	21-38-2
Grass	2-3	0-2	0-3	0-4	0-2	2-3	1-1	5-18
Artificial	2-3-1	3-5	2-5	7-1	1-7	2-4-1	6-2-1	23-27-3
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	2-5	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-2-1	23-31-1
vs Non-Conf	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	2-1	5-14-2
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	0-2	3-1	0-1	0-1	5-1-1	10-9-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-5	2-6	4-3	1-8	4-6	2-1	18-34

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eric Richardson	181	852	41	811	12	4.5
James Kilian	133	805	200	605	7	4.5
Uril Parrish	100	553	16	537	5	5.4
Brandon Diles	34	279	8	271	2	8.0
Jermaine Landrum	33	240	18	222	1	6.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
James Kilian	331	188	56.8	2217	22	11
Paul Smith	34	21	61.8	297	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Romby Bryant	47	748	15.9	8	80	
Garrett Mills	53	456	8.6	10	37	
Montiese Culton	23	416	18.1	1	54	
Caleb Blankenship	33	387	11.7	2	40	
Jermaine Landrum	28	277	9.9	1	33	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Cort Moffitt	44	1922	43.7	2	34.1	2	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Brad DeVault	49-53	2-2	4-6	3-5	0-3	9-16	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kedrick Alexander	121	2	6	6	3
Michael LeDet	91	4	5	2	1
Jorma Bailey	80	7	7	0	0
Nick Bunting	79	3	4	3	2
Shannon Carter	76	0	4	2	3
Jermaine Hope	75	0	1	12	3
Clint Rountree	58	2	4	2	1
Oliver Fletcher	47	0	3	5	4
Jeremy Davis	46	3	5	0	0
Brandon Lohr	45	1	4	2	0
Max Kraus	31	0	1	1	0
Sherman Steptoe	27	0	0	3	1
Bobby Blackshire	27	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jermaine Landrum	28	296	10.6	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Uril Parrish	19	453	23.8	0	
Eric Richardson	10	272	27.2	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
65	Bluebonnet	NL	Tennessee	6-27	–
76	Independence	NL	McNeese St	16-20	–
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27	W
91	Freedom	+2'	San Diego St	28-17	W
03	Humanitarian	+7	Georgia Tech	10-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.8	19	192	4.8	196	57.5	12.6	+3	2003	7	27.8	20	198	4.6	181	50.7	13.6
8*	19.4	18	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	+6	2002	8	34.8	23	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2
7*	17.4	19	131	3.8	215	55.1	19.9	-5	2001	8	35.2	22	222	5.3	224	64.4	12.7
5*	20.0	19	112	2.9	226	51.7	16.9	0	2000	8	23.6	19	210	5.1	176	55.6	16.4
5	20.9	18	114	3.3	203	55.0	15.2	-8	1999	6	35.1	21	188	4.4	225	61.3	11.8
6*	20.2	21	169	4.1	212	56.1	18.1	-6	1998	7	23.5	19	189	4.3	157	51.9	19.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Minnesota	14	37-94	2.5	18-32	171	2	26	49-254	5.2	16-26	277	1	0
at Arkansas	21	39-212	5.4	16-36	159	2	17	37-294	7.9	11-20	188	1	-1
SW Texas St	27	44-273	6.2	18-27	257	0	24	43-168	3.9	24-47	213	2	+2
Arkansas St	17	41-217	5.3	13-25	187	0	15	42-207	4.9	6-26	64	0	+3
Hawaii	25	49-285	5.8	14-28	141	2	20	27-122	4.5	22-41	249	3	+2
at Boise St	15	32-110	3.4	22-35	229	2	18	44-164	3.7	12-27	199	2	0
Nevada	18	41-204	5.0	14-32	160	2	19	41-223	5.4	13-27	143	0	-4
SMU	15	34-167	4.9	10-17	177	1	19	58-245	4.2	6-16	51	4	0
at UTEP	19	45-287	6.4	15-22	219	3	20	31-73	2.4	26-43	287	4	+2
at Rice	22	38-206	5.4	18-30	195	2	16	54-201	3.7	2-8	31	1	-1
Louisiana Tech	23	45-242	5.4	20-31	241	0	21	44-152	3.5	12-27	161	6	+4
at San Jose St	21	44-251	5.7	16-25	213	0	28	33-97	2.9	32-52	470	0	+1
† Georgia Tech	10	26-(-56)	-2.2	17-27	200	7	15	54-371	6.9	7-13	19	1	-5
TOTALS	247	515-2492	4.8	211-367	2549	23	258	557-2571	4.6	189-373	2352	25	+3
AVERAGES	19.0	40-192	4.8	16-28	196	1.8	19.8	43-198	4.6	15-29	181	1.9	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	45-21	–
at Oklahoma St	+9	9-46	L
at Texas A&M	+32'	13-62	L
at San Jose St	+4	10-34	L
Rice	+5'	10-20	L
at TCU	+17	17-56	L
Hawaii	+5'	21-35	L
Fresno St	+14'	14-28	W
at UTEP	+14'	43-19	W
UL Monroe	-7'	34-37	L
SMU	+3'	14-28	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+17'	9-30	L
Oklahoma St	+14	26-36	W
at Rice	+10	23-16	W
Louisiana Tech	-6'	22-10	W
at Hawaii	-3'	24-14	W
UTEP	+3	7-40	L
at N Mexico St	+7'	28-42	L
TCU	+27'	3-17	W
at Fresno St	+18'	12-34	L
at SMU	+2'	20-24	L
San Jose St	+10	28-17	W
Nevada	-12'	38-3	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	51-0	–
Fresno St	+12	18-37	L
at UTEP	-2	10-26	L
N Mexico St	-4'	7-24	L
at Boise St	+12'	10-41	L
Hawaii	+7	15-36	L
at San Jose St	+7'	27-63	L
at Oklahoma	+41	0-58	L
at Rice	+19	32-59	L
SMU	+8	14-24	L
Louisiana Tech	+20	7-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma	+37	0-37	T
at Arkansas St	-4'	19-21	L
at Louisiana Tech	+21	9-53	L
at Baylor	+11'	25-37	L
Kansas	+4	33-43	L
Boise St	+26	24-52	L
at Hawaii	+30'	14-37	W
UTEP	-2'	20-0	W
Rice	+8'	18-33	L
at Fresno St	+26	12-31	W
San Jose St	+10	38-49	L
at SMU	+7'	21-24	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+30'	10-49	L
at Arkansas	+37'	13-45	W
SW Texas St	NL	41-15	–
Arkansas St	+3'	54-7	W
Hawaii	+9	27-16	W
at Boise St	+22'	20-27	W
Nevada	E	21-28	L
SMU	-17	35-16	W
at UTEP	-8'	56-28	W
at Rice	-3	31-28	T
Louisiana Tech	E	48-18	W
at San Jose St	-7	34-32	L

HAWAII WARRIORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 Hawaii got a rare VHT signee in Timmy Chang (PS#21) from St Louis HS in Honolulu. Chang took over and started the final nine games throwing for 3,041 yards (52.2%) with a 19-19 ratio as a true frosh. Unfortunately in the third game of 2001 he injured his wrist and because backup Nick Rolovich did a fine job replacing him (34-9 ratio), Chang was redshirted. In 2002 Chang missed spring due to wrist surgery and then broke his pinkie finger during practice in August so the backups got a lot of snaps. Chang played most of the 2002 season at less than 100% but he still managed to start all 14 games and became Hawaii's career leader in passing in just his second full season. He threw for 4,474 yards (55.9%) with a 25-22 ratio while rushing for 120. Chang sat out the spring of 2003 to rest his thumb. Kainoa Akina, who started 7 games at E Michigan in 2001 throwing for 1,504 yards (52.4%) with a 14-11 ratio, transferred in. Chang would start 11 games setting a WAC record with 70 attempts vs Rice but he was injured in the 4Q vs Tulsa. He set a career high with 534 yards against LT but after 3 int vs Army, Jason Whieldon (PS#152JC) came in and hit 16 of 17 passes. The next week vs Alabama, Whieldon continued a streak of 22 straight completions (NCAA record 23) and Chang was booed by the crowd after hitting just 7 of 23 for 38 yards. Whieldon threw for 237 and took over the starting job. Both QB's played in the loss to Boise and Whieldon hit 3 of 5 for 52 yards in the 1Q but then was injured vs Houston. Chang took over and simply was the bowl MVP hitting 26 of 42 for 475 yards with 5 TD's. He is currently #3 in the NCAA with 12,814 yards and if he stays healthy, he will surely break Ty Detmer's record (15,031) probably by midseason. Whieldon departs. Also in the mix at QB this year are Ryan Stickler (6-2 218 So, PS#420), Jeff Rhode (6-5 224 Jr, PS#196), Jack Rolovich (6-3 213 rFr, PS#262) as well as this year's true frosh. Rhode and Akina combined to throw 2 passes last year. As long as Chang stays healthy, I look for him to improve upon his 29-20 ratio of 2003 and have his best year there.

WR Chad Owens

RUNNING BACKS - Hawaii has not had a 100 yard rusher in a game for 36 straight games dating back to 2001. 2002's leading rusher was John West (451 yds, 7.6). Everyone returned last year but the top back turned out to be West Keliikipi who, unfortunately was injured and missed the last four. Keliikipi had 247 yards rushing (6.7) while also hauling in 20 rec (7.7) in six starts and is an outstanding blocker at 266 lbs. John West ended up leading the team with 422 yards (6.6). Michael Brewster, a Tennessee transfer, had 405 yards rushing (7.5) and 33 rec (11.0). Mike Bass (PS#168) led the team with 558 yards in 8 starts as a true frosh but played in just ten games in 2002. He has rushed for 618 yards (5.9) with 24 rec the last two years. This year the only loss is John West. I list the 2 deep below. Also in the mix are Kala Latuselu (5-11 215 So), Bryan Hinton (5-8 184 Jr) and this year's true frosh. The best RB on the team is probably true frosh Andrew Pearman (PS#47) but he may play WR this year. I look for either Bass or Keliikipi to top that 100 yard barrier in a game in 2004 and for improvement overall.

RECEIVERS - Hawaii uses 4 WR's with no FB or TE. They did produce a 1st round DC in 2002 in Ashley Lelie (DEN) who left after having 1,713 yards (20.4) with 19 TD's. The last two years this group has been hit hard by injuries. Chad Owens missed four games in 2002 and was suspended for two last year but still led the team with 85 rec (13.3). Jeremiah Cockheran started 10 games missing 2 with injury and had 61 rec (16.3). Cockheran is basically the only loss this year. WR Nate Ilaoa had 46 rec (11.6) in 2002 but was injured in the opening game of 2003 and missed the year. I list a talented 2 deep below and Owens is, of course, a game breaker while Jason Rivers made an impressive debut as a true frosh with 48 rec (12.4) in just six starts. Rivers is 6-2 187 with blazing speed and could be the team's next high DC. Not listed below are Lenny Boatner (5-11 173 rFr), Mike Akiu (5-8 173 Jr), Sean Stennis (5-10 160 So, 1 st, 2 rec true), Marcus Weems (6-3 185 Jr), Daniel Inferrera (6-0 189 So), Denny Flanagan (6-0 179 So, PS#179), LaMont Williams (6-0 163 So) and Ian Sample (5-10 186 Jr). I like the overall talent here. It looks like one of the better receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - June Jones has done a fine job developing the line and in the last 5 years has had six OL's drafted. In 2002 the OL paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 27 sacks on 731 attempts, a minuscule 3.7%. Last year they had to replace three starters including a pair of 3rd round DC's and the other was 2nd Tm WAC. Surprisingly they avg 4.6 ypc while allowing just 26 sacks (3.4%). This year basically everyone returns with the only loss being LG Shayne Kajioka (1 st). I list the impressive 2 deep below and Samson Satele earned 2nd Tm WAC honors after allowing zero sacks last year as a rFr and teams with 6-2 365 Uriah Moenoa to give them the best guard play in the WAC. This unit should do a fine job protecting Timmy Chang this season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Warriors only had to replace one starter from the D-line that allowed 4.0 ypc rushing in 2002 while recording 37 sacks and had six players returning with starting experience. In 2003 defense allowed just 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 46 sacks. This year the losses are much heavier. Gone are DE Travis LaBoy (11 sts, 13 sks, 76 tkls, WAC Def POY, #2DC TEN), DT Lance Samuseva (13 sts, 45 tkls, 3 sks), DT Isaac Sopoaga (11 sts, 56 tkls, 4 sks, 1st Tm WAC, #4DC SF), DE Houston Ala (12 sts, 48 tkls, 2 sks), DE Kevin Jackson (2 sts, 18 tkls, 5 tfl) and DT Kealii Aguiar (9 tkls). Three players do return with starting experience including Lui Fuga who has 13 starts in his long career that began in 1999 and has been hampered by injuries and he hopes to be granted a medical hardship. Not listed below are Frank Pojsl (6-4 248 So, N Ill trans), Wilson Cluney (6-2 225 Jr), Thomas Frazier (6-0 282 Sr) and this year's true frosh. Clearly, this unit looks a lot weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Warriors had to replace 3 productive senior starters last year including 1st & 2nd Tm WAC players, one of whom was a 2nd round DC. Jones was very high on PS#50JC Chad Kalilimoku and he had a solid year with 12 starts, 86 tackles and 12 tfl. This year they must replace him as well as Keani Alapa (11 sts, 80 tkls, 8 tfl), but do have 3 players returning with starting experience including one full-time starter in Ikaika Curnan (121 tkls, 12 tfl). Not listed below are Zachary Lee-Ho (5-7 196 So), Daniel Murray (5-10 191 Sr), Alika Durington (6-1 230 Jr), Tyrone Brown (6-0 212 Sr) and Laiana Wong (5-10 222 So). Despite the losses, this unit actually has a little more experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Hawaii finished #25 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had all 4 starters back last year. Surprisingly the Warriors dropped to #71 allowing 56.7% with a 17-15 ratio. This year they lose outstanding CB Kelvin Millhouse (14 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 4 int, 8 pbu), SS Hyrum Peters (14 sts, 93 tkls, 10 pbu, 1st Tm WAC), FS David Gilmore (8 sts, 67 tkls, 3 int), CB Gary Wright (12 tkls) and SS Brown Faavae (3 tkls). They add outstanding JUCO Turmarian Moreland who I expect to team with Abraham Elimimian who Jones thinks has NFL potential, to give them an outstanding CB combo. While this unit is less experienced, I feel last year's unit did play up to their full potential.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In their 0-12 1998 season, Hawaii had the worst special teams in the country. June Jones came in and the unit finished #66, #67 and then #4 in his 3rd year (2001). A big part of that was Chad Owens who averaged 33.6 on KR's and 12.0 on PR's and set an NCAA record against BYU with 342 return yards in that game. Owens was de-emphasized a little in 2002 and also missed four games due to injury and UH dropped to #67. Last year Owens was back along with two year K Justin Ayat. They did have to replace the booming leg of P Mat McBriar (44.8) who sometimes outkicked his coverage (net 33.9). A key player for the special teams over the last 3 years has been upback Chad Kapanui who has blocked punts as well as passed and ran on fake punts and is a super cover man and blocker. He had 2 fakes last year completing one for a 43 yard TD vs Fresno, the same game that Nkeruwem Akpan blocked a FG. PK Justin Ayat hit 14 of his first 17 FG's but had missed 8 of 38 xp's. Ayat finished the season hitting just 14 of 22 FG's missing his last 5. Nolan Miranda took over and hit 3 of 5 FG's but had a long of just 32. Five of Ayat's misses last year were from 40+ (long 48). Ayat usually has over 50% touchbacks. I look for him to regain his form as a senior. P Kurt Milne did not have as strong a leg (39.7), but the team's net improved to 34.6. Milne was even a WAC Spec Tms POW vs Alabama when he averaged 42.5 and pinned the Tide inside the five 3 times. Owens split the PR duties (9.7) with Clifton Herbert (9.0) who departs. Almost all of the key players are back including Kapanui and I look for improvement.

COACHES - June Jones enters his sixth season here and was the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1999. Previously he was the head coach of the San Diego Chargers and has complied a 40-25 record. He is his own OC. His DC is George Lumpkin who is in his second year here and 32nd season with Hawaii.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In '99 I called for Hawaii to have the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappointment me going from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. They had a rebuilding year in 2000 and fell to 3-9. The Warriors have been successful the last 3 seasons going 9-3, 10-4 and 9-5. In 2002 they were ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1992 and went 10-4 despite the fact that they were -14 in turnovers. Surprisingly last season's loaded Hawaii team was just 5-3 in league play and only outscored league foes by 3.9 ppg. The team did give Co-National Champ USC a battle with a 26-21 FD edge and also put a feather in its cap with a 37-29 win over Alabama. They were fortunate against San Jose St to escape with the win with controversial plays at the end which got the refs suspended the next week. Hawaii clearly has one of the best offenses in the NCAA with Timmy Chang poised to break the NCAA career record for passing yards, an excellent receiving corps and the best O-line in the WAC. The defense has talent but underachieved last year allowing 30.5 ppg. With the offense scoring quickly, they figure to be on the field a lot again. The schedule is also not easy as they have four tough road games in WAC play against teams that could all finish in the upper half of the league. With the offense that UH possesses, they could be the surprise of the non-BCS teams and I give them a shot at winning their final 2, both vs Big 10 competition. The key to the season could be how they fare on the WAC road because they have to play at the toughest two venues, Boise and Fresno . It will be a 4th consecutive winning season and 3rd straight bowl trip for Hawaii.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TIMMY CHANG SR. 6-2 194 **PS#21**. 37 sts in 4 years. 12,814 yds (56.2%), 79-67 ratio, 259 rush. Needs 2,218 yards to be #1 in the NCAA in career passing yards.

RB MIKE BASS SR. 5-7 174 PS#168. 11 sts, 3Y, 1176 rush (5.5), 53 rec. Michael Brewster (5-6 180 Sr) 6 sts, 1435 ttl yds, 2Y. West Keliikipi (6-1 266 Sr) 6 sts, 247 rush LY. **Susp.**

WR CHAD OWENS SR. 5-9 174 **1st Tm WAC**, 10 sts, 85 rec (13.3) LY. 1792 career ret yds. Orlando Wong (6-1 199 rFr) PS#194DB. Jason Ferguson (5-5 154 Fr) PS#202RB.

WR NATE ILAOA SO. 5-9 211 **PS#77. 4.39 speed**. 8 sts as rFr, 46 rec (11.6), ACL LY. **Gerald Welch** (5-8 205 Sr) PS#107RB. 13 sts in' 03, 43 rec (10.7).

WR Jason Rivers So. 6-2 187 PS#110. HS state track champ. 6 sts as **true**, 48 rec (12.4). Ross Dickerson (5-10 172 So) PS#246. 2 sts, 8 rec, 17 KR (24.0) in 2003.

WR BRITTON KOMINE SR. 5-10 187 PS#230. 9 sts in '02, 58 rec (15.3). 13 sts LY, 53 rec (11.4). Se'e Poumele (5-9 179 Sr) 29 rec (11.4), 19 yds rush, 2 passes last year.

C DEREK FAAVI JR. 6-1 273 Last 3 sts as rFr. 14 sts at C in '03. Michael Lafaele (6-0 294 rFr) PS#261. Marques Kaonohi (6-1 270 So) PS#270. One game last year.

RG URIAH MOENOA SR. 6-2 365 PS#240. 12 sts at RT in '01. 13 sts at RT, 1 at LT in '02. 13 sts at RG LY. Phil Kauffman (6-1 291 Sr) PS#224. 1 start LY. 3 letters.

LG SAMSON SATELE SO. 6-3 289 PS#205. **2nd Tm WAC**. 14 sts as rFr, 0 sacks allowed. Hercules Satele (6-3 289 rFr) PS#103. Chad Kahale (6-2 328 Sr) PS#283.

RT BRANDON EATON JR. 6-3 287 Lettered in '02. 9 sts at RT LY. Jeremy Inferrera (6-2 281 So) PS#271. 8 sts as **true** (3 at RT, 5 at LT). Jonathan Ekno (6-4 307 Sr) PS#200.

LT TALA ESERA SO. 6-3 283 PS#235DL. 9 sts as rFr. Dane Uperesa (6-5 318 So) PS#185. Benches 225 lbs 20x's. 1 st as rFr. Larry Sauafea (6-2 269 rFr) PS#478.

K JUSTIN AYAT SR. 5-11 205 19 of 29 FG's in '01, **long of 55**. 15 of 23 FG's in '02, L/50. 14 of 22 FG's LY, L/48. Nolan Miranda (5-8 172 So) 3 of 5 FG's LY, L/32.

DE Darrell Tautofi Sr. 6-2 281 PS#461LB. JUCO. Nkeruwem Akpan (6-7 254 Jr) 3 tkls, 1 sk. Justin Faimealelei (6-1 256 Jr) PS#243WR. Karl Noa (6-4 209 rFr) PS#621.

DT Lui Fuga Sr. 6-1 299 42 tkls, 3 tfl, **8 sts** in 2000. 2 sts LY, 4 tfl. Matt Faga (6-2 380 Sr) JC. Lawrence Wilson is PS#323JC. Thomas Frazier (6-0 282 Sr).

DT Abu Ma'afala Jr. 6-3 261 PS#189. 12 tkls as true. 1 st LY, 10 tkls, 4 tfl. Kahai LaCount (6-3 308 So) PS#423OL. Austin Jackson is PS#185JC. Keala Watson is PS#312.

DE Mel Purcell Jr. 6-5 258 4.6 spd. 4 sts LY, 40 tkls, 3.5 sks. Kila Kamakawiwo'ole (6-2 240 Jr) PS#244WR. Ikaika Alama-Francis (6-6 215 So) on basketball tm.

SLB Chad Kapanui Sr. 6-0 225 PS#158QB. 1 st in '02, 26 tkls. 2 sts LY, 17 tkls. Daniel Tautofi (6-2 245 rFr) PS#177. Patrick Lavar Harley (6-0 212 Sr) 30 tkls in 3 years.

MLB IKAIKA CURNAN JR. 5-11 218 Def Scout MVP in '01. 15 tkls in '02. HM WAC LY, 14 sts, 121 tkls, 12 tfl. Timo Paepule (6-0 229 rFr) PS#158. Rustin Saole (5-11 215 rFr).

WLB Lincoln Manutai Sr. 6-0 224 PS#447JC. 2 sts in '03, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. Tanuvasa Moe (6-0 220 Jr) 17 tkls 2Y. Scout Tm MVP in '02. Kilinahe Noa (5-11 228 Sr) 22 tkls, 3Y.

CB ABRAHAM ELIMIMIAN SR. 5-10 191 5 sts as rFr, 33 tkls, 5 pbu. 12 sts in '02, 68 tkls, 8 pbu, 14 sts LY, 78 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu. NFL potential. AJ Martinez (6-0 179 rFr) **PS#68DB.**

CB Turmarian Moreland Jr. 6-2 195 PS#135JC. 4.47 spd, 7 int at JC. Kenny Patton (6-0 181 So) PS#226WR. 2 sts, 10 tkls as true. Ray Bass (5-10 174 rFr) PS#89. Omega Hogan (5-7 159 Jr).

SS Lono Manners Jr. 5-10 186 PS#373RB. 4.5 spd. 13 tkls, 2Y. Lamar Broadway (5-11 176 Jr) PS#140QB. 10 tkls, 1 sk LY. Patrick Jenkins (6-1 182 Sr). Brett Nakamura (6-0 193 Jr).

FS LEONARD PETERS JR. 6-1 181 PS#219. 2 sts, 25 tkls in '02. 7 sts in '03, 66 tkls, 5 pbu. Matt Manuma (6-1 209 Sr) PS#136QB. Cameron Hollingsworth (5-11 167 Jr).

P KURT MILNE SO. 6-0 204 63 punts in '03, 39.7 avg and team net of 34.6. Tim Wright (6-5 210 So) PS#194JC. 43.6 avg at JC. 2 punts in '03, 36.5 average.

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RB	Andrew Pearman	5-9 175 PS#47
QB	Taylor Humphrey	6-0 198 PS#86
DB	Turmarian Moreland	6-2 195 PS#135JC
LB	Carl Stokes	6-2 220 PS#143
DL	Austin Jackson	6-4 270 PS#185JC
OL	Bryce Runge	6-1 245 PS#315JC
DL	Lawrence Wilson	6-1 300 PS#323JC
RB	Matthew Kirschner	5-10 175 PS#252
QB	Brandon Satcher	6-1 195 PS#198
DL	Keala Watson	6-4 310 PS#312
WR	Desmond Thomas	6-3 175 PS#272
DB	Khevin Peoples	6-0 205 PS#381
QB	Tyler Graunke	6-0 180 PS#252
DL	Fale Laeli	6-2 300 PS#414
LB	Chris Cole	6-0 220 PS#223 in '03
RB	Ryan Grice-Mullen	5-10 175 PS#426
OL	Keith Ah Soon	6-2 265 PS#575
OL	Lafu Tuloti-Mariner	6-0 275 PS#657

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	Florida Atlantic	A					
Sep. 11							
Sep. 18	at Rice	A					
Sep. 25							
Oct. 2	Tulsa	A					
Oct. 9	Nevada	A					
Oct. 16	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 23	San Jose St	A					
Oct. 30	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 6	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 13	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 20	Idaho	A					
Nov. 27	Northwestern	A					
Dec. 4	Michigan St	A					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

This yr will the the 19th straight year in which UH has played at least 12 games or more.
Warriors are 1-5 ATS in their 1st lined game of the season since 1998.
QB Chang needs 2218 yds to pass Ty Detmer's NCAA all-time passing record.

This is the 1st meeting ever between these 2 schools.
Hawaii is 5-14 SU & 6-11 ATS before a bye since 1993.

UH is 3-10 & 5-8 ATS on the road in the month of September since 1995.
The Warriors are 4-10 ATS after a bye week since 1995 (0-2 SU & ATS LY).

The home team is 1-4 ATS the last 5 years in this series.
UH is 16-6 SU & 9-13 ATS their last 22 as a home favorite.

The home team has both won & covered the last 4 years in this series.
LY the Wolf Pack upset Hawaii's chances of winning the conf, 24-14.

Pending 9/18: When an away favorite Hawaii is 7-4 SU since 1995.
HT is 7-2 ATS in this series since '93 but UH has dominated the L/3.

UH is 4-1 SU, but 2-3 ATS in this series S/'99 w/a total avg score of 69 ppg.
LY's game ending drive on the 1 yd line caused a controversy in the 13-10 score.

Could apply: Hawaii is 6-3 ATS as a conference away dog the last 5 years.
Warriors are 2-3 SU & ATS in this series losing the L/3 by an avg 17 ppg.

Hawaii is 11-4 SU & 10-5 ATS in their last 15 November home games.
In LY's win Tech outFD'd UH 34-28 & the Warriors had a 638-623 yd edge.

The home team is 9-3 ATS the L/12 with UH going 7-2 ATS the last 9 yrs.
Hawaii is 9-3-1 ATS on grass since 1998.

Warriors are 7-7 SU, dropping their only 2 games ATS vs current SBC tms.
Under Jones the Warriors are 14-5 SU & 10-5 ATS vs non-conf tms at home.

UH is 2-4 SU yet 4-2 ATS vs the Big 10 at home S/'88 (HD avg line 22').
As a home dog Hawaii is 11-6 ATS since 1999.

Hawaii is 2-8 SU in home finales since 1994 (0-2 ATS the last 2).
The last time these schools met was here in 1989's Aloha Bowl.

JUNE JONES (Career 40-25)

6th Year at Hawaii

Jones' records AT HAWAII

40-25	Straight Up	9-10	Home Favorite
31-26	Vs The Spread	11-6	Home Underdog
12-8	Off A SU Loss	4-5	Away Favorite
20-19	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Underdog
		11-7	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (9-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 58 (28,26,4)
Lost: 20 (7,13,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,308

WAC

DB Abraham Elimimian

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	0-12	8-4	3-9	9-3	10-3	8-5	41-45
ATS	5-6	2-9-1	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	38-41-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	3-3	2-4	2-2	9-12
Home Dog	4-2	1-6	4-3	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	16-14
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	4-6
Away Dog	1-2	1-2-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-2	9-9-1
Favorite	0-2	0-1	1-1	2-0	4-4	3-5	3-5	13-18
Dog	5-4	2-8-1	6-3	5-4	3-0	3-1	1-3	25-23-1
Grass	1-2	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-2	10-5-1
Artificial	4-4	1-8	5-4	5-4	6-4	4-6	3-6	28-36
vs Conf	3-5	1-6-1	5-2	4-4	5-3	4-4	2-6	24-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	2-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	14-11
Off SU Win	1-1	0-0	5-3	2-1	6-2	4-5	2-6	20-18
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-8-1	2-0	5-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	17-21-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
John West	64	436	14	422	4	6.6
Michael Brewster	**54**	**421**	**16**	**405**	**2**	**7.5**
Mike Bass	**53**	**311**	**4**	**307**	**3**	**5.8**
West Keliikipi	**37**	**254**	**7**	**247**	**6**	**6.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Timmy Chang	**601**	**353**	**58.7**	**4199**	**29**	**20**
Jason Whieldon	147	88	59.9	1131	12	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chad Owens	**85**	**1134**	**13.3**	**9**	**62**
Jeremiah Cockheran	61	997	16.3	9	64
Britton Komine	**53**	**602**	**11.4**	**5**	**72**
Jason Rivers	**48**	**594**	**12.4**	**5**	**61**
Gerald Welch	**43**	**462**	**10.7**	**4**	**33**
Michael Brewster	**33**	**363**	**11.0**	**2**	**44**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kurt Milne	**63**	**2501**	**39.7**	**11**	**34.6**	**1**	**19**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Ayat	**30-38**	**7-7**	**6-9**	**1-5**	**0-1**	**14-22**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ikaika Curnan	**121**	**4**	**8**	**1**	**0**
Hyrum Peters	93	3	2	10	1
Chad Kalilimoku	86	2	10	1	0
Keani Alapa	80	2	6	6	0
Abraham Elimimian	**78**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**4**
Travis LaBoy	76	13	9	3	2
David Gilmore	67	2	2	2	3
Leonard Peters	**66**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
Isaac Sopoaga	56	4	5	2	0
Kelvin Millhouse	53	0	5	8	4
Houston Ala	48	2	0	1	0
Lance Samuseva	45	3	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Clifton Herbert	30	271	9.0	0
Chad Owens	**14**	**136**	**9.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John West	19	446	23.5	0
Ross Dickerson	**17**	**408**	**24.0**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	Aloha	+7	Michigan St	13-33	L
92	Holiday	E	Illinois	27-17	W
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17	W
02	Hawaii	-14	Tulane	28-36	L
03	Hawaii	-10'	Houston 3OT	54-48	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.7	24	104	4.6	384	58.9	14.1	-8	2003	7	30.5	21	158	3.8	239	56.7	13.0
6*	35.9	24	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	-14	2002	8	27.8	22	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2
9*	40.3	24	81	3.4	381	57.4	11.5	+9	2001	6	26.5	24	182	4.0	250	54.6	16.3
5	24.5	20	74	3.7	323	50.7	16.2	-8	2000	7	33.3	22	211	4.3	194	55.6	12.2
6*	28.5	21	89	3.6	324	51.9	14.5	+1	1999	8	26.8	21	185	4.0	196	57.5	14.2
7*	12.4	15	109	3.0	184	44.1	23.7	-10	1998	3	35.2	20	189	4.7	207	60.2	11.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Appalachian St	18	27 - 91	3.4	22 - 38	359	3	12	36 - 122	3.4	13 - 23	137	4	-2
at USC	26	16 - 63	3.9	40 - 67	399	2	21	33 - 164	5.0	18 - 26	254	1	-1
at UNLV	20	20 - 54	2.7	37 - 61	363	2	17	44 - 116	2.6	14 - 36	180	2	-5
Rice	29	27 - 119	4.4	42 - 70	397	1	14	42 - 186	4.4	7 - 14	173	1	+3
at Tulsa	20	27 - 122	4.5	22 - 41	249	3	25	49 - 285	5.8	14 - 28	141	2	-2
Fresno St	32	20 - 145	7.3	42 - 64	404	1	20	34 - 140	4.1	25 - 38	242	5	+2
at Louisiana Tech	28	23 - 104	4.5	33 - 46	534	3	34	46 - 218	4.7	31 - 49	405	5	-4
UTEP	24	11 - 37	3.4	27 - 54	426	0	28	54 - 244	4.5	14 - 31	170	5	+2
at San Jose St	18	17 - 79	4.6	28 - 46	332	2	21	39 - 103	2.6	23 - 41	223	4	-2
at Nevada	16	20 - 89	4.5	25 - 48	269	3	23	49 - 143	2.9	15 - 30	169	3	-1
Army	38	33 - 198	6.0	42 - 61	543	0	23	24 - 60	2.5	27 - 41	338	3	+1
Alabama	17	21 - 134	6.4	22 - 48	275	0	19	43 - 151	3.5	21 - 38	258	6	+2
Boise St	22	18 - 103	5.7	33 - 63	305	0	17	43 - 100	2.3	20 - 31	329	4	-1
† Houston	30	38 - 114	3.0	29 - 47	527	6	25	54 - 185	3.4	19 - 34	332	1	0
TOTALS	338	318 - 1452	4.6	444 - 754	5382	26	299	590 - 2217	3.8	261 - 460	3351	46	-8
AVERAGES	24.1	23 - 104	4.6	32 - 54	384	1.9	21.4	42 - 158	3.8	19 - 33	239	3.3	-0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC	+26'	7-62	L
E Illinois	NL	31-27	–
Boise St	+6'	34-19	W
at SMU	+14	20-0	W
UTEP	+5'	33-3	W
Rice	+1'	19-38	L
at Tulsa	-5'	35-21	W
TCU	+4'	14-34	L
at San Jose St	+2'	62-41	W
Fresno St	+3	31-24	W
Navy	+3	48-41	W
Wash St	-5	14-22	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	20-45	–
at UTEP	+9	7-39	L
Tulsa	+3'	14-24	L
at TCU	+38'	21-41	W
SMU	-2'	30-15	W
at Rice	+11'	13-38	L
San Jose St	+8	48-57	L
at Fresno St	+26	27-45	W
Nevada	-14'	37-17	W
Louisiana Tech	+1	27-10	W
Wisconsin	+19	18-34	W
UNLV	+7	32-34	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana	NL	30-12	–
at Nevada	-5'	20-28	L
Rice	-3'	24-27	L
at SMU	+5'	38-31 OT	W
UTEP	-7	66-7	W
at Tulsa	-7	36-15	W
Fresno St	+6	38-34	W
San Jose St	-13	34-10	W
Boise St	-4	21-28	L
Miami, Oh	-7'	52-51	L
Air Force	-9'	52-30	W
BYU	+3	72-45	W

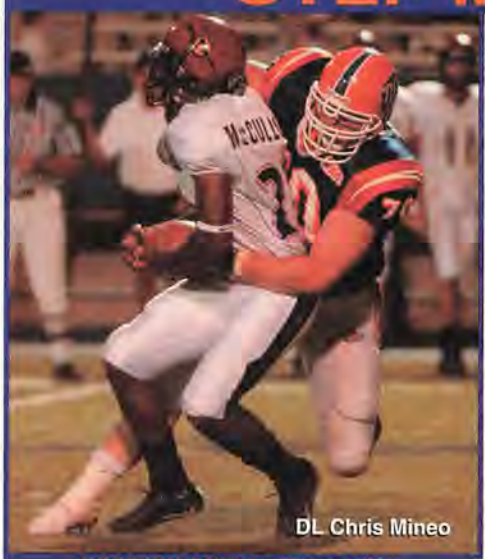
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	61-36	–
at BYU	+11	32-35	W
at UTEP	-19'	31-6	W
SMU	-22'	42-10	W
at Boise St	+4	31-58	L
Nevada	-10	59-34	W
Tulsa	-30'	37-14	L
at Fresno St	+1'	31-21	W
San Jose St	-24'	40-31	L
at Rice	-8	33-28	L
Cincinnati	-3'	20-19	L
Alabama	+11'	16-21	W
San Diego St	-14'	41-40	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	40-17	–
at USC	+21	32-61	L
at UNLV	+1	22-33	L
Rice	-21	41-21	L
at Tulsa	-9	16-27	L
Fresno St	-3	55-28	W
at Louisiana Tech	E	44-41	W
UTEP	-27'	31-15	L
at San Jose St	-13	13-10	L
at Nevada	-3'	14-24	L
Army	-26'	59-28	W
Alabama	+2'	37-29	W
Boise St	+11	28-45	L

UTEP MINERS


DL Chris Mineo

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Jon Schaper was billed as the QB of the future by former HC Gary Nord in 2001 and got 1 start as a rFr and started the first six games in 2002 but struggled throwing for 649 yards (42.4%) with a 3-8 ratio. He fractured his clavicle and was lost for the season. Orlando Cruz (6-0 210 Jr) had the best arm of the QB's and started vs Rice but tore his ACL, and on the season threw for 466 yards (48.3%) with a 3-6 ratio. Walk-on Omar Duarte (6-2 190 Sr) started the final five and threw for 1,000 yards (49.1%) with a 6-4 ratio while rushing for 156. True frosh Phillip Moss (6-0 190 So) hit 3 of 13 vs Boise St and redshirted in 2003. They almost took the redshirt off of Jordan Palmer in 2002 (Carson's brother) and he was fourth in California in the 110m high hurdles and has a solid arm. Last year it was a four horse race coming out of the spring but it was basically down to Palmer and Cruz (nephew of then-QB coach Sammy Garza) for the starting job in August. Duarte, the strongest arm of the 4, was 3rd string after adding 15 lbs. Cruz was still limping in August after knee surgery but began as the starter. The question arose as to whether Nord was just starting Cruz for the first 4 or 5 tough games and then switching to Palmer for the WAC portion of the schedule and that is basically what happened. Palmer's main weakness last year was holding on to the ball too long and he took a lot of sacks. He started 6 games but he and Cruz basically split the time with Cruz throwing for 1,360 yards (50.7%) with a 6-11 ratio while Palmer threw for 1,168 (49.5%) with a 7-13 ratio. Duarte got just seven pass attempts in 3 games. Schaper, the fastest of the QB candidates, played some TE last year. The good news for new HC Price is that the top 3 return this year, and I look for significant improvement in the passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Nord had some solid rush attacks in his tenure, including producing a 1,000 yard rusher who was drafted in the 5th round in 1999. Diminutive Howard Jackson (5-10 165 Sr) who has 4.28 speed rushed for 727 yards in the first eight games of 2002 but sprained an ankle and had just 117 over the last 4 (844 yds, 4.9). Matt Austin had 232 yards (5.0) despite missing the last 4 games with a broken arm and FB Jimmy Smith chipped in w/227 yards (4.4). Matt Austin broke his wrist in the spring game so Nord signed JUCO Kevin Maurice (5-11 210 Jr) for depth but he did not play. Smith was bothered by back problems so Rovann Cleveland took over the starting FB duties and showed NFL potential. Austin, who also separated his shoulder prior to the year, had just 37 att's in the first five games but did finish with 456 yards (5.0). The big story of the UTEP RB's was Howard Jackson's breakthrough season. Jackson had 1,146 yards rushing and a super 5.5 ypc, the 6th best total in school history and was voted 1st Tm WAC. The team had four straight 200 yard plus rushing games for the first time since 1985 and Jackson ended up leading the WAC in all-purpose yards and also broke the school career record in that category (4,361). Price has had success with small RB's, so Jackson fits well into the new system. The only loss this year is Cleveland (44 yards). Not listed below are Michael White (5-8 210 rFr, PS#82), Matt Ellis (6-0 185 rFr, PS#304QB) and Josh Chamois (6-2 220 So, 31 ttl yds). Price's offense eliminates the FB so they go eight deep at TB. Even though Jackson had tremendous numbers last year, this unit could be even stronger.

RECEIVERS - Last year UTEP only had to replace one player from this group but it was their leading receiver. The experienced returning group had good size with 9 players at six foot or taller and decent speed as well. A couple of players were lost prior to the season in WR Will Smith (6 rec in '02) and TE Justin Hunt (19 rec in '02). True frosh Chris Marrow ended up leading the team with 34 rec (13.7). Another frosh, Johnnie Lee Higgins was #3 of the WR's with 25 rec (14.5). Six of the top eight receivers were frosh or soph's so that bodes well for 2004. The team did suffer a significant loss when Jonas Crafts, who was leading the team in receptions, and one of the best blockers on the team, went down to a season ending injury vs Hawaii. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are TE Jake Sears (6-3 235 rFr) and WR's Jacob Gonzales (6-0 200 Jr, 1 st, 4 rec), TJ Fakehinde (6-3 190 rFr) and Emeri Spence (5-11 200 rFr, PS#391). Price brings in two significant additions in Marcus Thomas (PS#23RB) who originally singed with Ariz and Oreg St transfer Jayson Boyd (4.39 spd) and both could end up as starters. This unit is more experienced and talented than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UTEP averaged 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 27 sacks. Last year they only had to replace two starters and improved to 4.1 ypc rushing but did allow 38 sacks. This season the losses are a bit heavier. They must replace LT Trey Darilek (1st Tm WAC, 13 sts, 4 yr st'r, #4DC PHI), RG Robert Clayton (13 sts, 3 yr st'r) and C Chris Kerr (13 sts, 3 yr st'r). Three players return who started last year and they get three outstanding JUCO's plus a VHT transfer Richard Pope (PS#83). Despite the losses this group did receive a talent upgrade, so probably will be down just a notch from 2003's performance.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UTEP has been very poor vs the run over the past six years with their best defensive ypc being 4.7 back in 2000. They yielded 5.0 ypc or more in 3 of the last 6 years. Last season they had to replace two starters and one backup and then lost projected starting DT Sam Clarke (6-2 250 Sr) to a torn Achilles prior to the season. Clarke is applying for a medical redshirt, but it hasn't been approved at the time of this writing. This year they only lose DT Daniel Kerr (13 sts, 42 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 yr st'r). I list the 2 deep below. They get an Arizona transfer in Jake Belshe (PS#208) and move over OL Oniel Cousins (6-4 290 rFr) who was recruited by both USC and Oklahoma and could have a major impact. This unit has more size and experience than last season and should improve upon the 4.7 ypc and 21 sacks allowed last season.

LINEBACKERS - Robert Rodriguez led the WAC in tackles in 2001 but lost his job after six starts in 2002. Last year he reclaimed his starting spot and once again led the WAC in tackles with 135 and he returns for his senior season. Last year the team had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts and UTEP ran a 4-2-5 defense. This year the only loss is ROV Tim Woodard (11 sts, 62 tkls, 5 tfl). Four players who I list in the 2 deep below have starting experience at the LB position (5 overall), so this unit looks to be stronger in 2004.

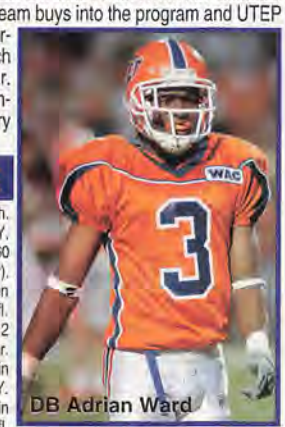
DEFENSIVE BACKS - UTEP finished #99 in my pass D rankings in 2002 allowing 30 TD's with just 10 int. Last year they had to replace two starters and one part-time starter and finished just #95 allowing 56.7% with a 24-11 ratio. This year not only is everyone back but they add a couple of solid JUCO's including Andre Bailey who is 6-3 with 4.37 speed. I expect big time improvement from UTEP in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Miners finished #51 in my special teams rankings in 2001 but surprisingly with almost everyone back in 2002 dropped to #109. P Bryce Benekos and K Keith Robinson both have strong legs. Robinson hit 8 of 12 FG's with a 59 yarder with :11 left setting a school record and beating Rice in 2002. True frosh Reagan Schneider hit 15 of 18 FG's his last two years in HS and took over the KO duties here last season. Schneider was also called upon for 4 FG attempts but hit just one. Robinson is 9 of 17 from 40+ and 12 of 19 from under 40 in his career. Howard Jackson led the WAC in all-purpose yards and had 609 KR yards (24.4) last year. Jahmal Fenner avg 8.9 on PR's in '02 and 25.3 on KR's last year. Fenner and Jackson both have the ability to take it the distance every time they touch the ball. They started true frosh LS Aaron King who replaced 3 year starting LS Jon Dorenbos (signed with BUF). Victor Jones blocked a punt against SMU and Josh Chamois blocked a punt vs Tulsa and both return. Overall UTEP finished an outstanding #42 in my special teams rankings, and this could be the best special teams unit in the WAC.

COACHES - Mike Price is the new head coach and did a great job at Washington St guiding the team to a pair of Rose Bowls and three 10-2 records in his 14 years there. He was also the head coach of Div IAA Weber St for 8 years and was the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in 1992, 1997 and 2001. The new OC is Mike's son, Eric, who was an offensive assistant with the NY Jets during 2001 and 2002 under OC Paul Hackett. He was the QB coach at Wash St from 1998-2000. The DC is Tim Hundley who was the DC at Washington from 1999-2003 and the DL coach at Colorado from 1996-'98. He was also the DC at Oregon St from 1983-'89.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Nord had a tremendous first season at the helm here taking the Miners to an 8-4 record and a bowl bid but UTEP won just two games in each of the last 3 years. Nord was building the team correctly going to mostly freshmen and redshirting them. Last year he had just six seniors clearly pointing towards the 2004 season with 25 juniors, 23 of whom had been redshirted. Mike Price steps into the exact same situation that Steve Kragthorpe did at Tulsa last year as Keith Burns had Tulsa pointed towards the 2003 season. UTEP has been noncompetitive in league play the last two seasons winning just two games total and were outgained by 101 ypg in league play in 2002 and 78.4 ypg last season. There are some factors that have me looking for a big turnaround for the Miners this year. First off, they were -15 in turnovers and if you read my Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312), you know that good things are in the offing. The 17 returning starters and 58 lettermen back are tops in the league. They had some tough losses last year like losing to Fresno by 3 in the season finale and against LA Tech they led by 14 but lost by 3. Price has the team excited and there is solid talent here as the Miners have 12 players that make my first 3 teams of the All-WAC Tm which ties them for most in the league. This is the 5th year of Nord's 5 year plan and the one he geared towards a winning season and it will benefit Mike Price. When new coaches have early success, the team buys into the program and UTEP could be the WAC's surprise team this year, much like Tulsa was last year. UTEP is my 3rd most improved team in the country (see page 19).


DB Adrian Ward

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JORDAN PALMER SO. 6-5 230 PS#116. 6 sts as rFr, 1168 yds (49.5%), 7-13 ratio, 248 rush. **Orlando Cruz** (6-0 210 Jr) 8 sts 2 yrs, 1826 yds (50%) 9-17 ratio, 335 rush.

RB HOWARD JACKSON SR. 5-10 165 4.3 spd. 844 yds (4.9), 9 sts in '02. 10 sts, **1st Tm WAC**, 1146 yds (5.5), 2146 all-purp yds. Matt Austin (5-11 186 Jr) 688 yds (5.0) in 2Y.

WR MARCUS THOMAS FR. 6-2 185 **PS#23RB**. AZ HS track champ. Orig w/**Arizona**. **Johnnie Lee Higgins** (6-0 176 So) 25 rec (14.5) LY. **Dirk Dillard** (6-0 195 Sr) 10 sts, 31 rec 2Y.

WR CHRIS MARROW SO. 5-8 165 8 sts as true, #1 w/34 rec (13.7), 70 yds rush. Jayson Boyd (6-4 200 Jr) **4.39 spd**, PS#101. 10 rec at **Oreg St** in '02. Joe West (6-2 205 So) 1 st LY.

WR CHRIS FRANCIES JR. 6-1 190 5 starts, 27 rec (12.9) in '02. 13 sts, 24 rec (14.3) in '03. Aaron Givens (6-2 195 Jr) 1 st, 15 rec (12.7) in '02. 2 sts, 16 rec (14.6) in 2003.

TE JONAS CRAFTS SR. 6-3 250 PS#92. 12 sts, 19 rec (12.2) in '02. 8 sts, #1 w/ 24 rec (10.7) when inj. HM WAC. Casey Mauch (6-3 215 So) PS#128. 5 sts, 11 rec (9.8).

C Anthony Casey Jr. 6-4 295 PS#266JC. Recruited by Cal & Iowa. Andy Smith (6-4 296 Sr) 3 games as rFr. Bo Morris (6-2 260 Sr) PS#229. 2 games.

RG Ben Graniello Sr. 6-2 291 9 games, 1 start in '02. First 4 starts at LG in '03, 3 letters. Luis Espinosa (6-4 300 Jr) 4 games in '03. Jordan Tubig (6-1 301 Jr).

LG JOSE GARCIA JR. 6-2 315 1 start at LT in '02. Last 9 starts at LG in '03. Alex DiMatteo (6-4 290 Jr) lettered in '02. 2 games in 2003. Dustin Gersch (6-1 300 So).

RT ROBERT ESPINOSA SR. 6-3 312 PS#375DL. 400 bench. 5 sts at RT in' 02. 13 sts LY. Mark Parrish (6-7 321 Jr) PS#348JC LY. Justin Gissendanner (6-4 280 So).

LT Richard Pope Jr. 6-4 320 **PS#83** & orig at Kansas then N Iowa. Michael Eddy (6-6 310 Jr) PS#379JC. Josh House (6-4 290 Jr). 1 letter as backup. #1 LT in spring.

K KEITH ROBINSON SR. 5-10 220 6 of 10 FG's in '01. Hit 8 of 12 w/long of 59 in '02. 7 of 14 FG's last year. Reagan Schneider (6-0 160 So) PS#78. 1 of 4 FG's as true.

DE BRANDON JOHNSON JR. 6-3 225 1 st, 8 tfl in '02. 6 sts in '03, 41 tkls, 10 tfl, 7 qbh. Joe Ward (6-4 230 So) PS#209. 2 sts, 15 tkls, 3 tfl. Reggie Miles (6-2 233 So) 1 st, 10 tkls LY.

DT Justin Hanel So. 6-3 285 PS#371. 32 tkls, 7 tfl as rFr. Jake Belshe (6-1 260 Jr) PS#208. **Arizona** trans. Aaron Osborn (6-4 278 Sr) 21 tkls in 3 yrs. James Riley (6-2 280 rFr).

DT CHRIS MINEO JR. 6-2 276 3 sts, 48 tkls in '02. 13 sts LY, 70 tkls, 5 tfl, broken arm in winter. **Oniel Cousins** (6-4 290 rFr) NFL potential. Zach West (6-4 300 So) 14 tkls, 2 tfl.

DE IBOK IBOK SR. 6-3 250 2 sts in '02, 9 tkls, 1 tfl. 13 sts in '03, 36 tkls, 2 sks. Tevita Fifita (6-1 250 Jr) 4 sts, 20 tkls LY. Alex Obomese (6-3 220 So) 25 tkls last year.

WLB THOMAS HOWARD JR. 6-3 230 4 sts as rFr, 31 tkls, 2 tfl. 11 starts in '03, #3 in WAC tkl per game w/118 tkls, 11 tfl. JD Hearn (6-2 230 Jr) 24 tkls in '02. 60 tkls, 2 sts, 3 tfl LY.

MLB ROBERT RODRIGUEZ SR. 6-1 230 #1 WAC w/137 in '01. 6 sts in '02, 50 tkls. #1 in WAC in '03, **2nd Tm WAC**, 9 sts, 135 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl. Troy Collavo (6-0 220 So) 19 tkls, 2 tfl.

SLB Godwin Akinduro Sr. 6-3 215 1 start, 51 tkls, 3 tfl in '01. 31 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. 4 sts, 45 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Mike Perez (6-1 200 Sr) 3 sts, 64 tkls, 4 tfl in '03. Cory Vavala (6-1 210 So).

CB ADRIAN WARD SR. 5-10 170 PS#70JC. 8 int, 20 pbu at JC. 4.39 speed. Last 10 starts in '03, 39 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. **James Delgardo** is PS#123JC. Cedric Click (5-11 190 Jr).

CB JAHMAL FENNER SR. 5-8 183 5 sts in '01. 10 sts in '02, 31 tkls, 3 int, 5 pbu. 9 sts LY, 2 int, 11 pbu. **Andre Bailey PS#63 in '02, 4.37 spd**. Nate Draughon (5-11 170 So) 2 sts LY.

SS MARK DOWDY SR. 5-11 190 11 sts in '01, 63 tkls. RS in '02. 10 sts, 41 tkls, 5 pbu LY. Matt Elwood (6-0 185 Sr) 2 sts LY, 73 career tkls. Jeremy Jones (6-1 197 So) PS#270. 9 tkls.

FS JOE FLESKOSKI SO. 6-1 190 8 sts as rFr, 88 tkls, 1 int. Marshall Sanford (6-0 190 Jr) 6 sts, 78 career tkls. Herb City (6-0 190 rFr).Quintin Demps (6-0 200 rFr) 3 int spg gm.

P BRYCE BENEKOS SR. 6-5 185 PS#67. 52 punts as true 34.5 avg. 70 punts in '02, net 33.1. **2nd Tm WAC** in '03, 70 punts, 44.1 avg, **37.3 net**. Colin Marcee (5-10 165 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Brandon Jackson 6-0 215 PS#127
DB	James Delgardo 5-11 175 PS#123JC
OL	Anthony Casey 6-4 295 PS#266JC
OL	Michael Eddy 6-6 310 PS#379JC
TE	Jamar Hunt 6-7 250 PS#126
RB	Tyler Ebell 5-9 180 PS#422
RB	Justin McNeese 6-2 228 PS#435
DL	Kedaron Franklin 6-4 220 PS#481
DB	Ricky Porter 5-11 182 PS#527
OL	Tyler Ribitzki 6-6 285 PS#625

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	
Sep. 2	at Arizona St (Thur)	G						Miners are 0-7 SU but 5-1-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 w/the avg score of 35-16 S/'93. UTEP is 1-15 SU & 4-12 ATS since 1999 on grass.
Sep. 11	Weber St	A						HC Price was HC at Weber St from 1981-'88 where he had a 46-44 record. Weber St was 8-4 last year. RB Chouman had 1649 rushing yds last year.
Sep. 18	Boise St	A						In this short series UTEP is 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS with the avg loss by 37 pts. UTEP is 1-12 SU & 4-9 ATS before a bye since 1992.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	New Mexico St	A						The Miners are 4-2 SU the last 6 & 3-10 ATS since 1989 vs the Aggies. UTEP is 4-8-1 SU & 5-8 ATS after a bye since 1992.
Oct. 9	at Fresno St	G						The last 3 have been close w/the difference being a combined 14 pts. Could apply: Miners are 9-16 ATS the last 25 as a DD dog (5-3 LY).
Oct. 16	Hawaii (HC)	A						UTEP has played UH tough at home going 3-1 SU & ATS & holding them to an avg 19.8 ppg. UTEP is 5-1 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games.
Oct. 23	at Louisiana Tech	G						UTEP is 0-4 SU covering the L/2 w/the avg game score being 38-27 in favor of LT. Last year's game accounted for 73 total pts & 1028 yds of total offense.
Oct. 30	at San Jose St	G						UTEP is 1-7 SU & 2-6 ATS the 2nd game of a 2+ homestand since 1999. The Miners have lost the last 3 SU & ATS giving up an avg of 56 ppg.
Nov. 6								
Nov. 13	Rice	A						UTEP is 5-2 ATS since 1996 having won the last 2 SU at home vs Rice. The Miners are 1-9 SU & 2-8 ATS in November home games the L6Y.
Nov. 20	SMU	A						UTEP is 12-3 SU & 10-5 ATS as a home favorite since 1996. The Miners have covered just 3 of their last 9 home finales.
Nov. 27	at Tulsa	A						UTEP has lost 2 straight but are 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS lifetime on the road vs Tulsa. Miners are 6-12 ATS the last 18 years in their final away game.

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

New HC Price has a 129-121 coaching record including 3 conf titles & 5 bowl appearances. LY 10 opp scored 30 pts or more vs UTEP incl 6 scoring 42 pts or more in a 1-6 SU homestand. UTEP is 9-5 SU & 6-2 ATS since 1990 in Sun Bowl openers.

MIKE PRICE (Career 83-77) (DIAA 46-44)
1st Year at UTEP

Price's records AT UTEP

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: **(2-11)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 58 (23,30,5)
Lost: 10 (7,3,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,009

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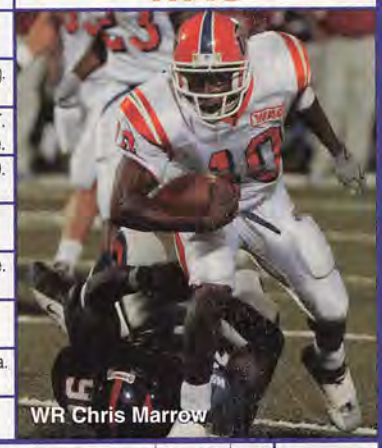
WR Chris Marrow

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	5-7	8-3	2-9	2-10	2-11	26-55
ATS	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-5	2-8	3-8	6-5	38-39
Home Fav	2-1	2-0	2-2	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	9-5
Home Dog	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	4-2	3-2	4-2	1-3	1-5	2-5	4-2	19-21
Favorite	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	10-8
Dog	5-3	5-3	5-2	2-3	2-7	3-8	6-5	28-31
Grass	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	0-3	1-4	0-1	9-16
Artificial	5-2	4-2	5-4	5-2	2-5	2-4	6-4	29-23
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	4-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	5-3	31-24
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	3-2	0-3	0-2	0-3	1-2	7-15
Off SU Win	3-1	2-1	2-3	4-4	0-2	0-2	2-0	13-13
Off SU Loss	4-2	5-2	5-1	2-0	2-5	3-6	4-4	25-20

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Howard Jackson	208	1206	60	1146	6	5.5
Matt Austin	92	501	45	456	3	5.0
Jimmy Smith	53	183	3	180	1	3.4
Orlando Cruz	71	289	142	147	5	2.1
Jordan Palmer	67	248	138	110	3	1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Orlando Cruz	203	103	50.7	1360	6	11
Jordan Palmer	198	98	49.5	1168	7	13
Omar Duarte	7	6	85.7	42	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Marrow	34	467	13.7	3	45
Howard Jackson	27	391	14.5	2	86
Johnnie Lee Higgins	25	362	14.5	0	87
Chris Francies	24	343	14.3	2	50

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Bryce Benekos	70	3085	44.1	3	37.3	3	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Robinson	26-27	2-3	1-3	4-7	0-1	7-14	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert Rodriguez	135	4	9	1	1
Thomas Howard	118	2	9	0	1
Joe Fleskoski	88	0	1	1	1
Chris Mineo	70	2	3	0	0
Mike Perez	64	0	4	3	1
Tim Woodard	62	0	5	3	0
JD Hearn	60	1	2	0	0
Marshall Sanford	54	0	0	2	0
Godwin Akinduro	45	0	3	1	0
Dan Kerr	42	3	3	0	0
Mark Dowdy	41	0	5	5	0
Brandon Johnson	41	2.5	8	1	0
Adrian Ward	39	0	1	6	3

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jahmal Fenner	22	133	6.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Howard Jackson	25	609	24.4	0
Jahmal Fenner	20	506	25.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
56	Sun	NL	George Washington	0-13	–
65	Sun	NL	TCU	13-12	–
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38	L
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	22.2	19	169	4.1	198	50.6	16.6	-15	2003	6	38.3	22	191	4.7	257	56.7	11.7
6	18.3	18	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	-19	2002	10	42.6	22	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3
6	21.4	16	138	3.8	192	53.0	15.4	-11	2001	6	37.6	22	234	5.0	181	49.6	11.0
8*	31.5	22	156	3.6	244	57.6	12.7	+2	2000	6	28.0	19	156	4.7	221	47.1	13.5
6	25.5	21	132	3.5	262	60.7	15.4	-3	1999	5	32.4	19	208	5.0	183	52.1	12.1
10*	20.5	20	167	4.1	207	52.5	18.2	0	1998	6	27.5	20	234	5.4	211	56.3	16.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Arizona	18	33-71	2.2	21-43	204	4	18	43-217	5.0	14-26	229	0	-1
Cal Poly	14	36-115	3.2	13-25	141	4	21	53-222	4.2	12-21	239	1	-4
San Diego St	15	44-124	2.8	15-40	137	5	14	34-137	4.0	18-29	180	0	-4
at Louisville	19	43-189	4.4	10-27	111	3	23	42-191	4.5	18-28	246	0	-2
Sam Houston St	23	52-226	4.3	14-25	176	1	17	38-116	3.1	13-30	147	5	+3
at SMU	20	49-232	4.7	8-17	190	1	20	36-118	3.3	14-30	195	1	+3
Louisiana Tech	21	38-250	6.6	18-33	285	2	27	39-165	4.2	22-40	328	4	-1
at Hawaii	28	54-244	4.5	14-31	170	5	24	11-37	3.4	27-54	426	0	-2
Tulsa	20	31-73	2.4	26-43	287	4	19	45-287	6.4	15-22	219	3	-2
San Jose St	26	42-281	6.7	23-40	349	3	31	33-117	3.5	29-41	547	2	-3
at Boise St	17	37-101	2.7	18-33	211	0	28	45-256	5.7	16-34	218	0	-2
at Rice	16	42-167	4.0	14-26	185	2	26	64-450	7.0	4-9	48	0	-1
Fresno St	12	41-128	3.1	13-26	124	4	23	41-168	4.1	22-31	325	5	+1
TOTALS	249	542-2201	4.1	207-409	2570	38	291	524-2481	4.7	224-395	3347	21	-15
AVERAGES	19.2	42-169	4.1	16-31	198	2.9	22.4	40-191	4.7	17-30	257	1.6	-1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-4'	13-10	L
at Oregon	+22	28-47	W
at Kansas St	+32'	7-40	L
N Mexico St	+3	54-23	W
at Hawaii	-5'	3-33	L
SMU	-9'	42-28	W
at Arizona	+22	21-34	W
at Fresno St	+10'	23-24 OT	W
San Jose St	-6'	42-26	W
Tulsa	-14'	19-43	L
at Rice	+8'	30-29	W
at TCU	+10'	24-52	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+27	14-55	L
SMU	+2'	37-20	W
at Texas A&M	+26	17-45	L
Hawaii	-9	39-7	W
N Mexico St	-12	41-31	L
at Tulsa	-3	40-7	W
at San Jose St	+3	47-30	W
Fresno St	-3'	23-13	W
at Nevada	-25	45-22	L
Rice	-13'	38-21	W
at TCU	+12'	14-47	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	+2'	6-26	L
Texas Southern	NL	52-6	–
at Boise St	+5'	17-42	L
Tulsa	+2	26-10	W
at Alabama	+21	7-56	L
at Hawaii	+7	7-66	L
San Jose St	-3	28-40	L
at SMU	+10	14-40	L
Louisiana Tech	+14	30-53	L
at Rice	+23'	17-27	W
Nevada	+5	31-48	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	42-12	–
at Kentucky	+20	17-77	L
at Oklahoma	+43	0-68	L
Hawaii	+19'	6-31	L
at San Jose St	+17'	24-58	L
at N Mexico St	+17	14-49	L
Rice	+12'	38-35	W
at Tulsa	+2'	0-20	L
Boise St	+32'	3-58	L
at Nevada	+27'	17-23	W
SMU	+5'	35-42	L
at Louisiana Tech	+23	24-38	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona	+21'	7-42	L
Cal Poly	NL	13-34	–
San Diego St	+19'	0-34	L
at Louisville	+37	14-42	W
Sam Houston St	NL	59-14	–
at SMU	+8'	21-19	W
Louisiana Tech	+15'	35-38	W
at Hawaii	+27'	15-31	W
Tulsa	+8'	28-56	L
San Jose St	+3	41-69	L
at Boise St	+40'	21-51	W
at Rice	+14'	14-45	L
Fresno St	+20'	20-23	W

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Kyle Herm played in seven games in 2000 as four different QB's saw action. In 2001 he managed to start all 12 and led the team in rushing with 1,066 gross yards (897 net) and threw for 1,121 yards (50.7%) with an 8-2 ratio. Greg Henderson (PS#170) played in 8 games as a true frosh throwing for 347 yards (39.6%) with a 3-4 ratio while rushing for 400 gross yards. Herm started 10 games in 2002 and Henderson was WAC Off POW in his only start vs Tulsa. Henderson had more yards rushing (553) than Herm (518) and Henderson threw for 406 (38.5%) with a 2-4 ratio. Last year both returned but Herm suffered broken ribs in the season opener and missed basically the next four games. Herm was limited when he returned vs Navy but then took over the starting job the rest of the year. Herm became the first Rice player to top 2,000 yards both rushing and passing in a career. Henderson had more passing yards (485) than Herm (479) and also had more yards rushing (692 to 647). Herm had a 95 yard TD run which tied the school record set by Dicky Maegle in the 1954 Cotton Bowl, when the Alabama player came off the bench to tackle him. Herm departs and Henderson, who the strength coach called "pound for pound the strongest guy I've ever coached" (390 bench) will be backed by Joel Armstrong (5-11 185 rFr). This year they signed Greg's brother Tommy (PS#199, 4.5 spd), who is actually a better athlete than his brother and more elusive, as well as Chase Clement (PS#187). This unit is not as deep as last season and Greg Henderson will have to stay healthy.

QB Greg Henderson

RUNNING BACKS - For two years in a row Rice's leading rusher was FB Robbie Beck with 634 (5.0) in 2001 and 601 (5.0) in 2002. Last year they had to replace two starting halfbacks but Beck returned. Beck rushed for 625 yards (5.2) and had 12 TD's but did not lead the team. Thomas Lott, whose dad played for Oklahoma, earned that honor with 714 yards and an outstanding 7.3 ypc. Clint Hatfield (no relation to HC) was scheduled to start at HB and had 514 yards in his first two years but missed most of 2003 with a severely sprained ankle. True frosh Marcus Rucker (PS#99) started three games and rushed for 306 yards (6.2). Backup FB Ed Bailey rushed for 294 yards (3.7). This year the only loss is Beck. Not listed in the talented 2 deep below are HB's Bubba Heard (5-11 185 rFr, PS#335), Bio Bilaye-Benibo (6-0 195 rFr, PS#260) and FB Dan Zimmerman (6-1 235 rFr). There is plenty of experience in this group and it could be even more productive than last year's fine unit.

WR Marcus Battle

RECEIVERS - Rice's offense will never be nicknamed "Air Hatfield" and in the last six years the number of completions have been 25 in 1997 and then 38, 58, 91, 67 and 61 in the next five years. Last year everyone returned to this unit including their top WR Marcus Battle who had 26 rec (16.5) as a rFr. The TE is used mostly for blocking as last year's starter, Joe Don Wood, has just 2 rec the last two years. Battle led the team again with 19 rec (17.5) and star track man Ben Wiggins, who was on Rice's 4x400 relay WAC Champ team had just 5 rec but averaged an amazing 38.6 ypc. I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Sean Ramey (5-8 160 Sr) a Houston transfer, Ryan Simonak (5-10 180 Sr, 1 st LY) and Rick Campbell (6-1 190 rFr). The only loss is former QB Jeremy Hurd (5 rec).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Rice had a veteran offensive front in 2001 that paved the way for 281 ypg rushing (4.5) but allowed 28 sacks. In 2002 they had to replace four full-time starters and were injury plagued throughout the year but surprisingly they led the team to 4.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 14 sacks. Last year they appeared to have 4 starters returning but RG Mike Holman and his backup were both lost prior to the season so only three starters were back. The more experienced unit opened up holes for an outstanding 317 ypg rushing (5.5) while allowing just 11 sacks. This year they lose outstanding C Ben Stephens (12 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 3 yr st'r) and RT Chris DeMunbrun (1st Tm WAC, 2 yr st'r). While this year's unit is just as experienced as the 2003 version, they lose their top 2 OL's and may be down a notch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Owls had to replace two starters in 2002 and the defense allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 27 sacks. Last year they lost their career leader in sacks (Brandon Green, 6th round DC) as well as two other starters. Then projected starter Thadis Pegues sat out the season, so the unit was lightly experienced. Rice allowed 5.0 ypc rushing (worst in Hatfield era, most since 1987) and 208 ypg while recording 18 sacks. This year they must replace DE/DT Jimmy Shaw who surprisingly opted to transfer to Penn St after starting 12 games (45 tkls, 5 tfl) as a rFr as well as NG Ross Lassley (3 sts, 8 tkls) and DL Jonathan Chism (9 tkls). This unit is a lot more experienced and should be much tougher vs the run in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Rice plays a 4-2-5 defense including a ROV and a BAN. I will list the ROV with the LB's. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup from the unit but did return their leading tackler, Jeff Vanover. This year they lose Vanover (10 sts, 80 tkls, 5 tfl) and WLB Brandon Boyd (9 sts, 78 tkls, 6 tfl). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jared Gilbert (5-11 225 rFr, PS#359), Trey Coleman (5-9 185 Jr, 7 tkls), and Justin Abt (6-0 205 rFr, PS#531). ROV Terry Holley led the team in tackles with 92 and projected starting WLB Adam Herrin had 5 starts and was the #6 tackler, so the group does have more experience than the 2003 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since the Owls run the wishbone, they don't have the personnel to duplicate high powered pass attacks, therefore the secondary does not get tested during practice. Rice's highest finish in my pass D rankings has been #60 (2000). In 2002 they finished #94 and last season had to replace five players who all had 32 or more tackles and 27 combined starts, so basically just one starter returned in Raymorris Barnes who moved from CB to FS. Rice again finished #92 allowing 61.3% with a 20-8 ratio. This year they lose CB Patrick Dendy (12 sts, 30 tkls, 1 int) but have 7 of the top 8 back, including 6 who have starting experience along with some solid rFr. The unit went through a shift with Andray Downs starting the last six at FS, Lance Byrd the last 3 at CB and Chad Price the last 7 at BAN and Rice did play better down the stretch. Rice has a shot at their best-ever finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ken Hatfield usually places a priority on special teams and had a pair of Top 20 finishes in my rankings in 1995 and 1996. They have struggled recently, however, with finishes at #80, #97 and #89 the last 3 years. Last season they had to replace their punter and top KR and PR as well as LS Ryan Pontbriand (#5DC CLE) who did not have a bad snap in four years. New punter Jared Scruggs (PS#55) was sensational. In fact, with one game to go in the season he was ranked 2nd in the nation in punting and he finished 4th with a 45.9 average (37.4 net). His 45.9 ranked 3rd on Rice's all-time list behind kicking coach Steve Kidd (45.94 in '85) and Tucker Phillips (45.91 in '96). True frosh Will Galusha was the top PR (6.8) and Marcus Battle the top KR (18.1). Brennan Landry (PS#16) who hit 54 and 57 yard FG's in HS connected on 6 of 9 FG's with a long of 46. The poor return game was the reason for Rice's surprisingly low ranking despite the presence of Scruggs. This year they must replace KO-man Brandon Skeen who also hit 1 of 4 FG's and Galusha who opted to transfer. True frosh Luke Juist will handle kickoffs and is solid. They do get back Clint Hatfield who was one of the top KR's in '01 and '02 and also has some blocked punts. I look for big time improvement in the return game this year and with Scruggs on hand, I will give this team a shot at a Top 25 finish.

COACHES - Ken Hatfield was the head coach at Air Force for 5 years guiding them to a pair of bowls and then led Arkansas to 6 straight bowls, before moving on to Clemson which he led to 2 bowls. He came to Rice in 1994. His DC is Roger Hinshaw who is in his 23rd season on Hatfield's staff and his 7th season at DC. The OC is Scott Wachenheim who is in his 11th year here as the OL coach and 4th year as OC. He also played on the O-line at Air Force under Hatfield.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice has not been to a bowl game since 1961 and recorded just three winning seasons from 1962 to 1995. Hatfield has had three winning years in the past eight. Rice is a small school with just 46,000 alumni and only 2,700 undergraduate students that must try and fill a 70,000 seat home stadium. Their small home crowds have averaged less than 20,000 over the last few years (no wonder the Owls have been home for the holidays for 42 consecutive seasons despite going 7-4 in 1996 and 1997 and 8-4 in 2001). In Rice's 8-4 season of 2001 they had 27 seniors and in 2002 had to replace 29 lettermen (44.6%) which was among the highest in the league. Rice is normally like a service academy as Hatfield uses a lot of senior starters. In 2002 they had just 9 returning starters which tied for lowest in the league and had just 11 seniors on the 2 deep. They did lose 3 conference games by a total of 11 points in their 4-7 year. Last season Rice was off to a horrible start when they missed 2 FG's and lost to league powerhouse Fresno St by 3 and stood just 1-6. Rice played great down the stretch going 4-1 in their last 5. They won their last 3 games of the season for the first time since 1973 and scored 41+ in each. Rice finished 5-3 in the WAC which was their second winning conference record in 3 years and they outgained league foes by 39.9 ypg. This is one of Hatfield's most experienced squads in his tenure here. In 1997 they had 15 starters back and finished 7-4, and had 17 starters back in 2001 which was an 8-4 year. This year they have the magical 15 starters back and only lose 14 lettermen. The key to last year's turnaround was after experimenting with the pass early, they ditched the shotgun and turned back into a powerful option team. A key to this season could be early season play. They have outscored Hawaii by 4.4 ppg the last 5 years (0-2 L/2) but they host that battle. A win in that game could have Rice contending for the league title as they avoid Boise in WAC play. Even with the difficult non-conf schedule including three 2003 bowl teams, Rice will flirt with a winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB GREG HENDERSON SR. 5-10 200 390 bench. 1 st in '01 & '02, 753 pass (38.9%) 5-8 ratio, 953 rush. 5 sts LY, 485 pass (45.7%) 2-7 ratio, 692 rush. Joel Armstrong (5-11 185 rFr) PS#206.

RHB JOE MOORE SR. 5-11 215 10 sts, 3Y, 370 rush (5.4). QB in '01. Mike Falco (5-9 210 So) PS#108QB. 81 yds, broken leg LY. **Clint Hatfield** (5-9 190 Sr) **6 sts**, 535 yds (4.8), 3Y.

LHB THOMAS LOTT JR. 5-7 185 PS#308. 9 sts LY, #1 w/714 yds (7.3). 10.4 100m. **Marcus Rucker** (6-0 200 So) PS#99. 3 sts as true, 306 yds (6.2). Quinton Smith (5-11 195 So) 2 sts, (8.0).

FB Ed Bailey Sr. 5-9 215 6 sts, 3Y, 679 yds (3.7). Andrew Cates (5-11 225 So) PS#237. 39 yds. John Wall (5-9 200 rFr) PS#133. Jordan Kramer (6-0 225 Jr) 133 yds 3Y.

WR MARCUS BATTLE JR. 5-9 185 8 sts as rFr, 26 rec (16.5). 11 sts in '03, 19 rec (17.5). Ben Wiggins (6-2 195 Sr) sprinter on track tm. 3 sts, 2 yrs, 5 rec but 38.6 ypc!

TE JOE DON WOOD JR. 6-2 240 PS#77. 2 sts in '02. 9 sts in '03, 2 rec (25.5) solid blocker. Matt Bolding (6-4 245 So). PS#200. Will Moss is PS#83TE.

C Ross Huebel Sr. 6-3 275 11 gms in '01 & '02. 2nd string LY, 2 letters. James Pitman (6-4 270 Sr) 2 letters. David Perkins (6-3 275 rFr) PS#385DL. **LS** Drew Clardy (6-6 270 So).

RG GREG WILSON SR. 6-4 325 PS#435. 2 sts in '01. 6 sts at RT in '02. 12 sts at RG in '03. Jack Collett (6-3 285 So). Robby Heos (6-3 295 rFr) PS#219OL.

LG MICAH MEADOR SR. 6-3 290 4 games as rFr. 4 sts in '02. 11 sts at LG in' 03. Cory Laxen (6-3 290 So) 1 start as rFr. Scott Austin (6-3 260 rFr) PS#414.

RT Cotey-Joe Cswaykus Sr. 6-4 305 PS#435. 4 games as rFr. 2 sts at C in '02. Broken ankle in '03. Rolf Krueger (6-3 290 So) PS#296. Lute Barber (6-7 280 rFr) PS#439.

LT SCOTT MAYHEW SR. 6-6 305 PS#375DL. 5 games in '01. 1 st in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03, leader of OL. David Carter (6-6 285 So) PS#303. 2nd string in 2003 & lettered.

K BRENNAN LANDRY JR. 5-9 185 PS#16K. 54 & 57 yd FG in HS. 8 of 15 as true, long of 41. 6 of 9 FG's LY, long of 46. Luke Juist is PS#79 and will do KO's as a true.

DE JOHN SYPTAK JR. 6-2 240 19 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 81 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl. Courtney Gordon (6-3 255 So) PS#262. 16 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Travis Stephenson (6-0 255 Jr) Trinity.

DT William Wood So. 6-3 290 PS#403. 5 sts (3 at DT, 2 at NG) as rFr. 31 tkls. **Jonathan Cary** (6-3 285 rFr) **PS#116DL**. George Chukwu (6-1 305 rFr) PS#365.

NG JEREMY CALAHAN SR. 6-3 295 PS#291. 3 sts as true. 11 sts in '02, 37 tkls. 10 sts LY, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. DeJaun Cooper (6-2 280 So) 2 sts, 11 tkls, 1 sk. Addison Hopkins (6-5 250 rFr).

DE ROB DANIEL JR. 6-3 245 21 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. Last 4 sts in '03, 33 tkls, 1 tfl. Thadis Pegues (6-1 235 So) PS#392. 14 tkls in '02. DNP in '03. Eric Sweetser (6-2 245 rFr).

SLB Omeke Alikor So. 6-0 215 PS#187. 14 tkls as rFr. Lance Luedeker (6-0 220 So) PS#249. 22 tkls as **true**. Buck Casson (6-1 220 rFr) PS#124. Garrett Domon (6-2 235 rFr) PS#230.

WLB Adam Herrin Jr. 6-1 225 PS#220QB. 10 tkls as rFr. 5 sts LY, 69 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int. Jeremy Harper (5-11 220 So) 7 tkls, 1 sk LY. Stephen Wood (5-11 205 So) 11 tkls as rFr.

ROV TERRY HOLLEY SR. 6-2 210 PS#250QB. 9 tkls in' 01. 1 st in '02, 27 tkls. 12 sts in '03, 92 tkls, 5 tfl. Clifford Sparks (5-10 195 Sr) PS#176. 64 tks, 2 tfl, 3 pbu, 3 years.

CB Lance Byrd So. 5-11 185 Last 3 sts in '03, 30 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. **Gary Anderson** (5-11 170 rFr) PS#154. Matt Ginn (5-9 180 So) 13 tkls. Jon Turner (5-9 180 rFr).

CB DUSTIN HAYNES JR. 5-10 190 6 tkls in '02. 9 sts LY, 24 tkls, 4 pbu. **Raymorris Barnes** (5-8 185 Sr) 3 sts in '01. **11 sts at CB** in '02, 47 tkls, 4 pbu. 6 sts at FS LY, 50 tkls, 2 pbu.

BAN CHAD PRICE SO. 6-0 195 Last 7 sts as rFr, 83 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Michael Merrick (6-0 200 Jr) 5 sts, 27 tkls LY. Tyler Smith (6-2 195 So) PS#183. 13 tkls as rFr.

FS ANDRAY DOWNS SO. 5-9 185 PS#398. Last 6 sts@FS, 62 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Aubrey White (6-1 190 rFr) PS#245QB. Edgar Vega (5-9 185 Sr). Derek Bingham (6-2 220 rFr).

P JARED SCRUGGS rFR. 6-3 190 PS#55. Strong leg. **1st Tm WAC** as rFr! 51 punts in 2003, super 45.9 average (#4 in NCAA) and net of 37.4. Added 15 lbs this year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Nathan Miller 6-4 270	PS#212
QB	Chase Clement 6-1 180	PS#187
TE	Will Moss 6-4 235	PS#83
QB	Tommy Henderson 5-11 175	PS#199
OL	Austin Wilkinson 6-2 265	PS#444
OL	David Berken 6-3 260	PS#446
PK	Luke Juist 6-1 190	PS#79
RB	Jonathan Carroll 5-10 170	PS#417
DL	Dietrich Davis 6-4 225	PS#471
DL	Vernon James 6-1 210	PS#495
DL	Todd Mohr 6-2 255	PS#511
DB	Brandon King 5-9 170	PS#513
DB	Ja'Corey Shepherd 5-10 175	PS#536
DB	Bencil Smith 5-11 176	PS#539
WR	Jarett Dillard 5-11 160	PS#634

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44-31-2 Vs Conference
11-15-1 Home Favorite
17-4-1 Home Underdog
12-11 Away Favorite
19-21 Away Underdog
15-20 Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

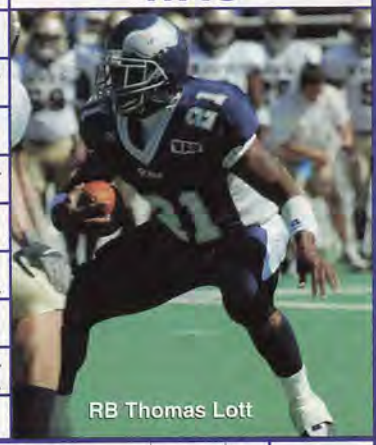
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,20,3)
Lost: 14 (6,7,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,512

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Houston	A						Owls were 3-1 ATS LY as a double digit dog. This will be Rice's last year in the WAC as they enter CUSA in 2005. Rice is 5-0-1 ATS their last 6 Homecoming games.
Sep. 11								The favorite is 6-4 ATS the last 10 in this series of same city rivals. Owls are 2-5-1 ATS in home openers since 1996. Bonus: Rice is 8-3 ATS before a bye week since 1994.
Sep. 18	Hawaii	A						Rice is 5-0 ATS vs the Warriors w/an avg of 4 ppg separating them. Pending 9/4: The Owls are 17-4-1 ATS as a home dog under Hatfield.
Sep. 25	at Texas	G						Rice is 1-33 SU (only win in '94) S'/'66 covering 3 of 10 games in Austin. Owls are 0-12 SU & 5-7 ATS the last 12 games vs current Big 12 teams.
Oct. 2	at San Jose St	G						Rice is 11-2 ATS the last 2 years off a SU loss. The home team is 4-0 SU & ATS in this series.
Oct. 9	SMU	A						Rice is 8-3 SU & 6-4-1 ATS the last 11 in the series. The Owls are 12-2-1 ATS the last 15 in conference home games.
Oct. 16	at Nevada	A						Rice was 4-2 ATS as a road dog last year & 4-0 ATS in WAC away games. The Owls are 1-3 ATS losing both meetings in Reno SU & ATS.
Oct. 23	at Navy	G						Rice is 4-2 SU yet 1-5 ATS S/'92 losing last year 38-6 (+3'). LY Rice had the NCAA #2 ranked rush off (316.7 ypg, 5.53 ypc) only behind Navy.
Oct. 30	at Tulsa	A						Owls are 6-2 SU & 6-1-1 ATS in this series S/'96 & have won by an avg 11.5 ppg. Tulsa is one of 6 teams Rice plays that were in a bowl last year.
Nov. 6	Fresno St (HC)	A						Rice is 0-5 SU & 3-2 ATS vs the Bulldogs. Home team is 4-1 ATS. Owls are 6-1-1 ATS in November games the last 2 years.
Nov. 13	at UTEP	A						The Owls are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS in road finales the last 7. The Owls are 4-3 SU & 2-5 ATS in this series covering LY as a 14' pt HF.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	Louisiana Tech	A						Rice is 3-0 ATS vs Louisiana Tech with 2 outright wins by double digits. Rice ran up the score LY beating Tech 49-14 (+7' AD) & rushing for 672 yds.


RB Thomas Lott

STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	5-6	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-7	37-42
ATS	6-5	6-4-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	6-5	8-3-1	42-35-2
Home Fav	0-3	2-1-1	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0	9-11-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	1-1-1	11-1-1
Away Fav	2-2	0-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	7-8
Away Dog	2-0	3-2	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	4-2	15-15
Favorite	2-5	2-2-1	3-3	2-2	2-4	2-3	3-0	16-19-1
Dog	4-0	4-2	2-3	3-4	4-2	4-2	5-3-1	26-16-1
Grass	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-3	3-2	1-1	3-2	14-17
Artificial	4-3	3-1-1	4-2	4-3	3-4	5-4	5-1-1	28-18-2
vs Conf	3-5	5-2-1	4-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	7-0-1	31-22-2
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	11-13
Off SU Win	4-2	4-1	4-1	0-3	3-5	1-3	2-1-1	18-16-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-3	1-4	4-3	2-1	5-1	6-1	22-15

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Thomas Lott	**98**	**763**	**49**	**714**	**3**	**7.3**
Robbie Beck	120	626	1	625	12	5.2
Greg Henderson	**123**	**692**	**77**	**615**	**6**	**5.0**
Kyle Herm	100	647	58	589	5	5.9
Marcus Rucker	**49**	**315**	**9**	**306**	**1**	**6.2**
Ed Bailey	**79**	**297**	**3**	**294**	**2**	**3.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Greg Henderson	**81**	**37**	**45.7**	**485**	**2**	**7**
Kyle Herm	46	24	52.2	479	4	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Battle	**19**	**333**	**17.5**	**1**	**69**
Ben Wiggins	**5**	**193**	**38.6**	**2**	**82**
John Brock	11	164	14.9	0	29
Joe Moore	**8**	**127**	**15.9**	**1**	**32**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Scruggs	**51**	**2341**	**45.9**	**4**	**37.4**	**0**	**12**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brennan Landry	**34-34**	**2-4**	**2-3**	**2-2**	**0-0**	**6-9**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terry Holley	**92**	**3**	**2**	**4**	**2**
Chad Price	**83**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**1**
John Syptak	**81**	**4**	**8**	**1**	**0**
Jeff Vanover	80	1	4	1	0
Brandon Boyd	78	1	5	3	0
Adam Herrin	**69**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**2**
Andray Downs	**62**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Raymorris Barnes	**50**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Jeremy Calahan	**49**	**2.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Jimmy Shaw	45	2	3	0	0
Rob Daniel	**33**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
William Wood	**31**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Lance Byrd	**30**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Will Galusha	17	116	6.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Battle	**16**	**289**	**18.1**	**0**
Will Galusha	8	159	19.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
49	Cotton	NL	N Carolina	27-13	–
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6	–
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20	–
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14	–
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	28.6	21	317	5.5	80	47.7	13.9	-3	2003	3	31.5	23	208	5.0	225	61.3	13.7
4*	23.0	19	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	0	2002	4	26.9	21	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3
8	27.8	22	281	4.5	122	46.9	14.5	+8	2001	7	27.9	21	133	3.7	279	57.4	14.8
4	21.5	19	233	4.1	81	37.4	14.6	+9	2000	9	29.3	20	134	3.9	245	60.5	12.9
6*	21.5	18	258	4.3	55	39.6	14.5	+1	1999	4	23.7	18	125	3.9	214	61.2	14.4
5	21.4	17	257	4.5	61	37.9	14.9	+7	1998	9	23.4	20	187	4.7	195	57.2	16.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Houston	14	46-206	4.5	6-13	36	1	22	49-194	4.0	17-23	246	0	-2
at Duke	21	64-346	5.4	6-20	61	1	24	43-222	5.2	16-32	188	2	0
† Texas	11	44-165	3.8	2-8	27	1	25	53-322	6.1	11-13	193	1	-3
at Hawaii	14	42-186	4.4	7-14	173	1	29	27-119	4.4	42-70	397	1	-3
San Jose St	25	61-297	4.9	10-13	110	1	20	34-151	4.4	26-33	261	3	-2
Navy	14	47-206	4.4	6-14	17	1	22	69-366	5.3	6-10	76	2	-2
at Fresno St	21	62-384	6.2	1-4	34	1	21	34-194	5.7	23-36	205	1	0
Nevada	27	53-387	7.3	8-10	145	3	33	53-316	6.0	18-34	221	2	+2
Tulsa	16	54-201	3.7	2-8	31	1	22	38-206	5.4	18-30	195	2	+1
at SMU	23	61-300	4.9	6-10	221	0	19	37-137	3.7	17-26	186	1	+3
UTEP	26	64-450	7.0	4-9	48	0	16	42-167	4.0	14-26	185	2	+1
at Louisiana Tech	35	89-672	7.6	3-5	61	0	19	19-97	5.1	26-49	344	1	+2
TOTALS	247	687-3800	5.5	61-128	964	11	272	498-2491	5.0	234-382	2697	18	-3
AVERAGES	20.6	57-317	5.5	5-11	80	0.9	22.7	42-208	5.0	20-32	225	1.5	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+2'	3-28	L
at Michigan	+27	3-37	L
at Texas	+26'	13-18	W
Navy	-7	20-17	L
at Tulsa	-5	20-10	W
at Hawaii	-1	38-19	W
San Jose St	-10	49-7	W
TCU	E	42-21	W
at SMU	-10'	2-27	L
at Fresno St	+2'	18-47	L
UTEP	-8'	29-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	E	30-27 OT	W
at Michigan	+27'	7-38	L
Tulsa	-10	16-23	L
at Oklahoma	+33	14-42	W
at San Jose St	+6'	16-29	L
Fresno St	+8	24-27	W
Hawaii	-11'	38-13	W
at TCU	+23'	0-37	L
SMU	-9	43-14	W
at UTEP	+13'	21-38	L
at Nevada	-10	28-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+1'	21-14	W
Duke	-9	15-13	L
at Nebraska	+34	3-48	L
at Hawaii	+3'	27-24	W
Boise St	+4'	45-14	W
at Navy	-7	21-13	W
Nevada	-13	33-30	L
at LA Tech	+3'	38-41 OT	W
at Fresno St	+15	24-52	L
Tulsa	-19	59-32	W
UTEP	-23'	27-17	L
at SMU	-6'	20-37	L

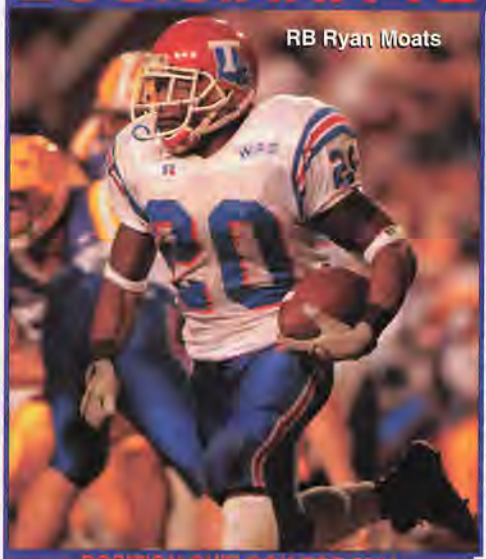
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-7'	10-24	L
at Michigan St	+30	10-27	W
at Nevada	+7'	21-31	L
Fresno St	+7	28-31	W
Louisiana Tech	+6	37-20	W
at Navy	-8	17-10	L
at UTEP	-12'	35-38	L
SMU	-8'	27-15	W
at Tulsa	-8'	33-18	W
at Boise St	+27'	7-49	L
Hawaii	+8	28-33	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+4'	14-48	L
at Duke	+11	24-27 OT	W
† Texas	+30'	7-48	L
at Hawaii	+21	21-41	W
San Jose St	-3'	28-24	W
Navy	+3'	6-38	L
at Fresno St	+20	28-31	W
Nevada	+6	52-42	W
Tulsa	+3	28-31	T
at SMU	-5'	41-20	W
UTEP	-14'	45-14	W
at Louisiana Tech	+7'	49-14	W

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's such as Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing in just 3 seasons and LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999. In 2000 true frosh Luke McCown was forced to take over as the starting QB in Week 4 due to injuries and he set a lot of Div I frosh records including completions, attempts and TD passes in a game. McCown, who was known as "Cool Hand Luke", had his best season in 2001 throwing for 3,665 yards (58%) with a 29-17 ratio. McCown had good size and arm strength and was touted as a Heisman candidate prior to 2002 and was the WAC Preseason POY. Unfortunately, with a shaky OL he threw for 3,539 yards (58.6%) with a 19-19 ratio. Last year McCown threw for 3,246 yards (56.9%) with a 19-14 ratio with 247 gross yards rushing. He finished 4th in NCAA history in passing yards and 3rd in total offense. He was the WAC Offensive POW vs Mich St hitting 35 of 61 for 436 yards in the upset. Against Hawaii he hit 31 of 48 for 405 yards and 3 TD's and just 1 int but surprisingly the fans booed him when he came back in after having the wind knocked out of him and missing 1 snap. McCown departs (#4DC of CLE) along with backup Maxie Causey (273 yds, 43.8%). Brent Rawls (PS#8) was in serious contention for the Oklahoma starting job this past year but lost out to the experienced Jason White who simply ended up winning the Heisman Trophy. Players who return from last year, are Matt Kubik (6-3 211 Jr, PS#92), Zac Champion (6-1 201 rFr, PS#98) and Donald Allen (6-2 180 Jr). Added to the mix is JUCO Andre Daniels who rushed for 215 and passed for 1,423 (70%) at JC last year and has 4.5 speed. I expect whoever wins the job to put up solid numbers but they go from a four year senior starter to an inexperienced first year starter and Rawls missed the spring with a broken hand.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Tech's leading RB had more yards receiving than rushing. In 2001, JUCO transfer Joe Smith, a big back with speed, took over and led the team in rushing with 931 yards (5.0). He then became the first LT back since 1994 to top 1,000 yards in a season with 1,216 and averaged a super 5.8 ypc while also hauling in 47 rec. Two very different RB's battled for the starting job heading into 2003. Ralph Davis (PS#93JC) is a power back who had 54 yards rushing (4.9) in 2002. Ryan Moats is a shifty back with breakaway speed who had 38 yards rushing (3.2) in 2002. Both RB's split carries vs Miami with Moats gaining 44 yards but he strained a shoulder. Davis had 95 vs ULL and 89 vs Fresno St but was suspended prior to Boise St and Moats took over and never looked back. Davis led the team with 192 yards rushing after 4 games, but DNP the rest of the season. Moats would have 99 vs Boise St and then set a school record with 6 straight games of 100+ including 267 vs Hawaii, 220 vs Tulsa and 124 against the #1 defense in the country (LSU). It appeared Moats would easily eclipse Jason Davis' single season rushing record of 1,351 yards in 1991, but he had just 37 yards in the season finale and came up 51 yards short with 1,300 (6.5) while adding 27 rec (9.3) and was rightfully voted 1st Tm WAC. Davis departs but Moats is back and I list the 2 deep below including Shelton Richardson who rushed for 627 yards (4.9) at JC two years ago and reminds Bicknell of Joe Smith (big back). Not listed below is Kermit Givens (6-0 195 So, PS#168) who was a Prop 48 enrollee last year. As long as Moats stays healthy, he has a shot at breaking the school record this season.

RECEIVERS - McCown had a veteran receiving corps last season but this year the majority of them depart. Gone are WR DJ Curry (53 rec, 12.6, 2nd Tm WAC), WR Chris Norwood (43 rec, 12.6, captain) and WR Shawn Piper (41 rec, 14.2). I list the 2 deep below and this could finally be the year that Freddie King (PS#42) lives up to his potential as he is lb-for-lb the strongest player on the team and has explosive speed. I expect one of the top WR's to be JUCO transfer Seneca Chambers who at 6-2 190 was on the 400 and 1600m relay team at JC. Keep your eyes on Johnathan Holland (PS#159) who the coaches and McCown raved about last year and think could become a great WR. This has the makings of a pretty good group but with the new QB and less experience, I'll call the unit a notch or two weaker with the loss of their top 3 WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tech's 2002 O-line, despite having to replace 3 starters, was outstanding as they paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing and allowed just 24 sacks (4.6%). Last year they had to replace three full-time starters including their top OL and then suffered some injuries. C Marcus Stewart missed 3 games which caused a shuffling of the line. The unit moved back to their normal positions over the last 5 games and that is when Tech's offensive production was at its best. The O-line did a great job paving the way for 4.6 ypc rushing but the sack total increased to 35 (7.3%). This year they are in great shape as all five starters return plus they add some JUCO's, and I list the 3 deep below. The only losses are G Michael Gilmore (4 sts) and 2nd string OT Clarence Casey. This is one of the WAC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Tech switched to a 4-3 defense and allowed its lowest ypc (4.1) since 1997 although the D recorded just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including the Tm Defensive MVP and two others who combined for six starts and 45 tackles. They then lost Booker T. Washington (6 sts, 30 tkls) prior to the season and backup DE Eddie Moss quit the team after only playing in 4 games so they basically had just one starter returning to the front. As you would expect, the defensive numbers dropped with Tech allowing 5.4 ypc rushing while the D recorded just 16 sacks. They switch back to a 3-4 defense under new DC Tim Rose and there is plenty of talent in the 3 deep below including four JUCO's who were brought in the last two years. The only losses from this group are DT Lacorey Street (12 sts, 36 tkls, 6 tfl) and DE Wendell Crowe who moves to LB. I think Tech will be much tougher up front in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace all 3 starters from the LB corps so the unit was very inexperienced and as chronicled in the D-line write-up, the defense was much weaker. This year with the shift to the 3-4 another position has been added but DE Wendell Crowe moves in. The only losses are Antonio Crow (11 sts, 2nd Tm WAC, 92 tkls, 6 tfl), Orlandus Williams (1 st, 53 tkls, 2 tfl) and Jonte Price (2 sts, 38 tkls, 3 tfl). Not only do 4 players with five or more starts return, they add in VHT Brannon Jackson (PS#47) and some solid JUCO's as well as Bryon Young (PS#127RB). This is a much more experienced LB corps than the 2003 version, and I expect a big year out of VHT Jeremy Hamilton (PS#24) who started the first six games last year but missed the second half of the year with a detached retina.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year Tech had to replace a 2nd Tm WAC CB from a unit that recorded just 5 int's in 2002, but also dropped at least 18 possible int's during the year. That group finished #113 in my pass D rankings so improvement was expected. Of course the defensive front 7 was much weaker, but Tech still improved in the pass D rankings moving up to #89 allowing 61.8% with a 17-14 ratio. This year the only losses are CB Kevin Brown (12 sts, 41 tkls, 8 pbu) and ROV Gavin Cato (3 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int). Once again they bring in some JUCO's and switch Lee Johnson and Michael Johnson at the safety positions. Lee Johnson called the signals last year and Corey Brazil was the team's top CB once again with 15 pbu. With a tougher front 7, I look for a solid rise up in my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - LT finished #79 in my overall special teams rankings in 2002 and I expected solid improvement with everyone back last year. The star of the unit was clearly K Josh Scobee (#5DC of JAX) and he did not disappoint hitting 21 of 31 FG's with a long of 53 and 3 misses were from 50+. He also had an amazing 40 TB's on 60 KO's. P Dustin Upton averaged 40.7 per boot (net 36.9) and unfortunately both depart from a unit that finished #40 last year in my overall rankings (including kicker). LT has a new special teams coach this year, Patrick Higgins, who had been the UTEP OC for the last six years. Corey Brazil averaged a super 13.1 on PR's and Eric Newman 23.6 on 31 KR's. Zach Myatt (PS#8), who was a Parade AA and hit 35 of 44 FG's in HS will attempt to replace Scobee. It will be interesting to see who will emerge as the key players and if Myatt can come anywhere near Scobee's consistency, but this unit figures to drop in the rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Jack Bicknell III enters his sixth year as head man with an overall record of 27-32. He was the WAC Coach of the Year in 2001 guiding his team to the conference title, but was nearly let go at the end of last season. Bicknell's teams have taken on some tough schedules. His OC is Conroy Hines who enters his 5th year in that position and 13th year here. Bicknell made a great offseason hire in DC Tim Rose who comes from E Michigan where he did wonders. Rose had been the DC at E Carolina for 4 years and was the DC at Boston College in '97-'98, Minnesota in '96, Cincy in '95 and Memphis from '92-'94. He was one of five finalists for the Broyles Award as the top assistant in the country in 1999. He was also the HC at Miami (OH) from 1983-'89. I put Rose in the Top 20 of DC's in the country.

PHIL'S FORECAST

LT took home the WAC Title in 2001. In 2002 the team suffered from -13 turnovers and finished just 4-8 dropping some winnable games. Last season they caught some breaks late against Michigan St and pulled an upset with 2 late TD's opening the season 2-1. They led WAC Champ Boise St 23-16 at home at halftime but still finished just 5-7. Three of their wins were big comebacks vs UTEP (trailed 28-13), Nevada (trailed 21-3) and Mich St. Bicknell was almost let go at the end of last season and must win this year. LT has the smallest operating budget in the WAC and since their WAC Title year are 6-10 in league play. The key on offense will be how the new QB performs because they have a veteran O-line, some solid receivers and RB Ryan Moats. They could surpass the 25.8 ppg they scored last year. The defense has allowed 32.5 ppg or more for 4 straight seasons but with 8 starters back and DC Tim Rose coming in, I look for significant improvement on that side of the ball. The non-conference schedule is ridiculous once again as they have to face Miami (FL), Tennessee and Auburn on the road. They also avoid San Jose St in league play which looks like the WAC's weakest team. LT showed last year that they are capable of playing with the big boys in the WAC losing to Fresno St, Hawaii and Boise St by less than a TD per game. They will need to knock off at least one of those three to have a shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Brent Rawls Jr. 6-5 203 **PS#8. Oklahoma** transfer. Zac Champion (6-1 201 rFr) PS#98. Andre Daniels is PS#113JUCO. Matt Kubik (6-3 211 Jr) PS#92.

RB RYAN MOATS JR. 5-9 201 **1st Tm WAC**, 10 sts LY, 1300 yds (6.5), 27 rec (9.3). Danny Wilson (6-0 200 Sr) 134 yds. Shelton Richardson PS#357JC. Josh Odums (5-11 207 Jr) PS#155.

WR Freddie King Jr. 5-7 162 **PS#42**. 2 sts, 35 rec, 2 years. **Johnathan Holland** (6-0 180 So) PS#159. 4 rec as **true**. Jason Thomas (6-4 200 So).

WR Seneca Chambers Jr. 6-2 190 400m/1600m track, 56 rec at JC, In for spring. Tramissian Davis (6-0 185 Sr) PS#254. 10 sts, 2Y, 36 rec (19.2). Chris Maddox (6-2 190 Jr).

WR Erick Franklin Sr. 5-11 180 PS#103DB. 26 sts in 3 years, 60 rec (13.6). Eric Newman (6-0 190 Jr) PS#195. 10 rec (21.2). Julius Cosby (6-1 205 Sr). 7 rec (15.0) LY.

TE AARON CAPPS SR. 6-6 262 PS#99. 5 sts, 14 rec (8.2) in '02. 12 sts, 9 rec (11.0) LY. Anthony James (6-6 259 Jr). Jamie Spigener (6-4 253 Jr). Myron Hawthorne (6-2 258 Sr).

C MARCUS STEWART JR. 6-3 300 PS#401. 2 games in '02. 9 sts at C in '03 (missed 3 inj). Jacob Peeler (6-3 300 Jr) PS#109JC. LS Matt Graham (5-10 248 Jr).

RG JORDAN LANG SR. 6-4 297 PS#299JC. RS in '02. 11 sts LY (4@RT, 7@RG). Marcus Lindsey (6-7 375 So) PS#310. 2nd string LY. Jason Gooch (6-6 275 rFr) PS#64TE.

LG AARON LIPS JR. 6-5 309 PS#105. 12 sts as rFr. 12 sts LY (3@C, 9@LG), HM WAC. Ira Horyna (6-3 290 Sr) PS#337JC. 1L as backup. Glen Mason is PS#154JC.

RT ADRIAN GONZALEZ SR. 6-6 317 PS#339. 8 games in '01 & '02. 12 starts LY (4 at RG, 8 at RT), HM WAC. Ryan Considine (6-5 283 rFr). Kevon Bagot (6-7 330 rFr).

LT LESTER BROWN SR. 6-5 315 PS#416JC. 12 sts at LT in '03. Tyler Miller (6-7 292 rFr) PS#436. Johnny Jackson (6-6 290 Jr) PS#404JC in '03. Bill Jones (6-6 285 Fr).

K Zach Myatt rFr. 5-10 177 **PS#8K**. 35 of 44 FG's in HS, L/53. Strong leg. First Parade AA here, RS LY. Danny Horwedel (6-2 185 Fr) PS#58. 7 of 9 FG's, L/45 in HS LY.

DE JEMELLE CAGE SR. 6-1 290 34 tkls, 4 tfl in '01 & '02. 10 sts LY, 53 tkls, 4 sks, 8 tfl. Travon Brown (6-2 260 Sr) 73 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl. 3Y. James Atkins (6-3 250 Sr) PS#271JC LY.

NT CHRIS VAN HOY SR. 6-4 308 PS#360. 12 sts, 51 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 40 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Joshua Muse (6-3 298 rFr) PS#130. Ladarius Love (6-4 330 Jr) **PS#115OL**. 24 tkls, 4 tfl 2Y.

DT Eddie White Jr. 6-4 265 PS#143JC. Moqut Ruffins (6-5 271 Jr) 2 sts, 12 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Sammie Collins is PS#301JC. Quarvay Winbush (6-5 255 Jr) 10 tkls last year.

WLB JEREMY HAMILTON JR. 5-11 210 **PS#24**. 41 tkls as rFr. 6 sts LY, 46 tkls, 4 tfl, inj & missed 6. Gregory Hollins (6-1 228 So) PS#287. 9 tkls, 1 tfl. Barry Robertson is PS#314JC.

BLB JOHN NASH SR. 6-0 245 600 squat. 3 sts, 45 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. Inj'd '02. 5 sts LY (inj) 41 tkls, 3 tfl. Terence Alexander (6-0 225 So) 12 tkls LY. Quincy Hicks is PS#248JC.

MLB TJ Jackson Sr. 6-0 237 PS#299JC. 6 sts here LY, 53 tfl, 2 tfl. **Brannon Jackson** (6-2 220 rFr) **PS#47**. Bryon Young (6-1 250 So) PS#127RB. PQ last year.

SLB BYRON SANTIAGO SR. 6-2 222 5 sts, #1 w/107 tkls, 2 sks, **2nd Tm WAC. Wendell Crowe** (6-3 240 Jr) **12 sts** at DE in '03, 49 tkls, 9 tfl. Robert Burrell (5-11 192 Sr).

CB COREY BRAZIL SR. 5-8 190 PS#219. 12 sts in '02, 93 tkls, 12 pbu. 10 sts LY, 60 tkls, 2 int, **15 pbu**. Derrick Farrow (5-8 167 Jr) 12 tkls LY. Delone Williams (6-1 196 Sr).

CB Jerron Wishom Sr. 6-0 195 2 sts LY, 2 int, 5 pbu, 28 tkls. **Hiram Eugene** (6-1 205 Jr) PS#360JC LY. Torrance Hampton is PS#307JC. Tramon Williams (6-0 180 Jr).

SS MICHAEL JOHNSON SR. 5-10 200 PS#164RB. 1 st, 31 tkls in '01. 12 sts, **113 tkls**, FS in '02. 12 sts LY, 67 tkls, 8 pbu, 6 tfl. Dez Abrams (6-0 186 So) 10 tkls. Ricardo Jeanlouis (6-1 185 Jr).

FS LEE JOHNSON SR. 6-2 210 7 sts in '02, 83 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 sts LY, 61 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu. Tavoris "Bo" Cox is PS#302JC. Lewis Carter (6-1 170 Jr) PS#220RB. Alton Bryant (6-1 200 Jr).

P Danny Horwedel Fr. 6-2 185 PS#58K. Hit 7 of 9 FG's, long of 45 in HS LY and avg 37 ypp. David Black (6-0 180 Fr) is only punter listed on roster in the spring. Walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Jacob Peeler 6-3 300 PS#109JC
QB	Andre Daniels 6-4 207 PS#113JC
DL	Eddie White 6-4 265 PS#143JC
OL	Glen Mason 6-4 305 PS#154JC
DB	Tracy Russell 6-1 210 PS#186
DB	Brett Naquin 6-3 205 PS#206
DB	Matt Butler 6-3 215 PS#225
DE	Sammie Collins 6-3 230 PS#301JC
DB	Tavoris Cox 6-2 200 PS#302JC
CB	Torrance Hampton 5-9 165 PS#307JC
LB	Barry Robertson 6-3 240 PS#314JC
RB	Freddie Franklin 6-0 190 PS#224
DB	Mark Dillard 5-11 190 PS#261
LB	Tim Reddick 6-3 225 PS#226
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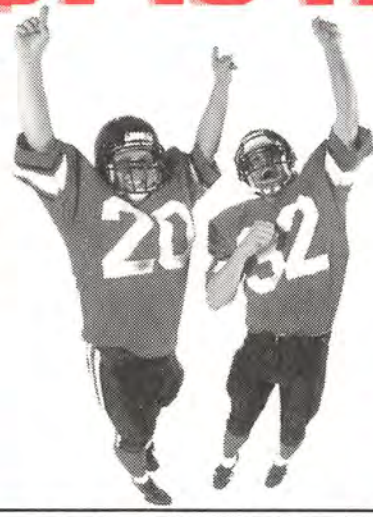

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								This will be the Bulldogs 1st season without a bye week since 1996. Louisiana Tech is 2-5 SU & ATS vs BCS schools the last 2 years. Including bowls, LT is 0-7-1 SU & 2-4 ATS all-time vs current ACC teams.
Sep. 4								
Sep. 11	Louisiana-Lft	G						LT is 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS the last 5 in this series. They are each others most common opp, playing 84 times S/'10 (LT leads 45-33-6).
Sep. 18	at Miami, Fl	G						Last met in 2000 when LT lost 42-31 but covered as a 40' pt away dog. Louisiana Tech is 2-5 SU & ATS their last 7 non-conference road games.
Sep. 25	at Tennessee	G						The Bulldogs are 1-3 SU but 3-1 ATS vs SEC teams since 1999. Only prior meeting with UT was a 50-0 loss in 1993 as a 21' pt AD.
Oct. 2	Fresno St	G						The visitor is 2-0-1 ATS the last 3 games in this series. LT is 3-0 ATS in conference home openers since joining the WAC.
Oct. 9	at Auburn	G						LT is 0-9-1 all-time vs Auburn but have lost the last 2 ATS. The Bulldogs are 4-0 ATS their last 4 trips to the state of Alabama.
Oct. 16	at SMU	A						The home team has won & covered all 3 meetings in this series. The Bulldogs are 2-6-1 ATS their last 9 conference road games.
Oct. 23	UTEP	G						LT is 6-1-1 SU all-time vs UTEP but have lost the last 2 ATS. The home team is just 1-3 ATS in this series but covered last year.
Oct. 30	Nevada	G						The Bulldogs are 3-1 SU but 1-2 ATS all-time vs the Wolf Pack. LY the tms combined for 76 pts the lowest scoring of the series (avg 88.5 ppg).
Nov. 6	at Hawaii	A						The Bulldogs have lost both meetings in this series SU & ATS. LT's only other trip to the Islands in 2000 ended w/a 27-10 loss as a 1 pt AF.
Nov. 13	Tulsa	G						Louisiana Tech is 6-2 SU all-time in this series but just 1-3 ATS the last 4. The home team is 4-1 SU & 5-0 ATS in this series since 1995.
Nov. 20	at Boise St	A						LT is 2-2 SU but 4-0 ATS vs Boise St since 1998. These teams have averaged a combined 72.8 ppg in this series (6 gms).
Nov. 27	at Rice	A						LT is 2-4 SU & 0-6 ATS in their season finale since 1998. The Bulldogs are 1-3 SU & 0-3 ATS all-time vs the Owls.
								Bonus: LY LT gave up a WAC record 672 yds rushing to Rice.

JACK BICKNELL III (Career 27-32)
6th Year at Louisiana Tech

Bicknell's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

27-32	Straight Up	7-5	Home Favorite
25-29-1	Vs The Spread	3-4	Home Underdog
11-14	Off A SU Loss	5-11	Away Favorite
14-17-1	Vs Conference	10-9-1	Away Underdog
		11-12	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (22,32,0)
Lost: 19 (10,7,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,778

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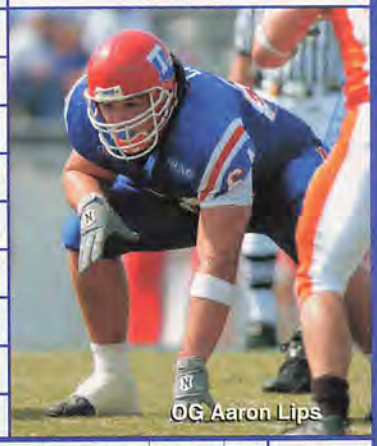
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STADIUM: JOE AILLET (30,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	6-6	8-3	3-9	7-4	4-8	5-7	42-39
ATS	6-5	7-4	6-4	4-6	7-4	3-9	5-6-1	38-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	12-8
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	4-4
Away Fav	1-2	2-0	3-1	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-2	8-13
Away Dog	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-3	3-1	1-3	2-1-1	14-13-1
Favorite	3-4	5-1	4-2	1-3	3-3	2-5	2-3	20-21
Dog	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-4	3-3-1	18-17-1
Grass	6-4	6-3	5-4	4-2	4-1	2-9	4-4-1	31-27-1
Artificial	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	3-3	1-0	1-2	7-11
vs Conf	2-2	4-1	2-2	2-2	5-3	2-6	3-4-1	20-20-1
vs Non-Conf	4-3	3-3	4-2	2-4	2-1	1-3	2-2	18-18
Off SU Win	4-4	3-3	5-3	1-2	4-2	0-4	1-3-1	18-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	3-1	0-1	3-4	2-2	2-5	4-2	16-15

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Moats	199	1364	64	1300	10	6.5
Ralph Davis	36	206	14	192	2	5.3
Danny Wilson	27	135	1	134	0	5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Luke McCown	432	246	56.9	3246	19	14
Maxie Causey	48	21	43.8	273	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DJ Curry	53	668	12.6	6	66
Shawn Piper	41	584	14.2	3	76
Chris Norwood	43	543	12.6	3	39
Tramissian Davis	22	410	18.6	3	73
Erick Franklin	19	318	16.7	1	57
Ryan Moats	27	251	9.3	1	42
Eric Newman	10	212	21.2	1	49

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dustin Upton	58	2363	40.7	9	36.9	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Scobee	31-31	9-9	5-8	3-7	4-7	21-31	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Byron Santiago	107	2	1	0	0
Antonio Crow	92	2	4	0	0
Michael Johnson	67	0	6	8	0
Lee Johnson	61	0	3	5	1
Corey Brazil	60	0	3	15	2
TJ Jackson	53	0	2	0	2
Orlandus Williams	53	0	2	4	2
Jemelle Cage	53	4	8	0	0
Wendell Crowe	49	2	7	2	0
Jeremy Hamilton	46	1	3	0	0
Gavin Cato	42	0	0	3	2
Kevin Brown	41	0	0	8	1
John Nash	41	0	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Brazil	20	263	13.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eric Newman	31	732	23.6	0
Chris Norwood	15	293	19.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
74	Pioneer (Div II)	NL	C Michigan	14-35	–
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14	–
78	Independence	NL	E Carolina	13-35	–
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34	W
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	25.8	22	138	4.6	293	55.4	16.7	-5	2003	4	32.8	24	238	5.4	273	61.8	15.5
6*	26.7	20	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	-13	2002	7	35.5	23	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4
7*	33.8	23	105	3.5	320	57.8	12.6	+4	2001	8	32.5	25	212	4.5	241	55.6	13.9
5	26.4	24	103	3.7	310	65.4	15.6	-17	2000	5	33.0	22	211	5.0	198	56.6	12.4
9*	35.4	25	68	2.9	403	65.7	13.3	+6	1999	9	27.8	23	165	4.1	210	56.1	13.5
6*	41.1	26	110	4.5	432	66.9	13.2	+2	1998	7	33.5	23	173	4.2	232	56.5	12.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Miami, Fl	13	19-64	3.4	19-34	246	3	26	43-192	4.5	18-35	275	1	-2
at Louisiana-Lft	26	39-183	4.7	21-35	266	1	14	23-95	4.1	24-39	197	2	+1
at Michigan St	23	19-61	3.2	35-63	436	3	17	42-169	4.0	19-30	192	3	-5
at Fresno St	12	21-91	4.3	21-33	165	2	22	53-299	5.6	18-33	153	1	0
Boise St	24	13-103	7.9	30-57	456	2	34	45-163	3.6	41-61	569	0	+1
at UTEP	27	39-165	4.2	22-40	328	4	21	38-250	6.6	18-33	285	2	+1
Hawaii	34	46-218	4.7	31-49	405	5	28	23-104	4.5	33-46	534	3	+4
at Nevada	29	42-207	4.9	23-34	283	4	26	46-223	4.8	18-36	315	2	+1
at LSU	13	25-121	4.8	16-39	220	3	27	41-281	6.9	25-31	372	0	-1
SMU	17	34-192	5.6	11-22	209	0	15	43-162	3.8	10-20	80	2	+1
at Tulsa	21	44-152	3.5	12-27	161	7	23	45-242	5.4	20-31	241	0	-4
Rice	19	19-97	5.1	26-49	344	1	35	89-672	7.6	3-5	61	0	-2
TOTALS	258	360-1654	4.6	267-482	3519	35	288	531-2852	5.4	247-400	3274	16	-5
AVERAGES	21.5	30-138	4.6	22-40	293	2.9	24.0	44-238	5.4	21-33	273	1.3	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St	+36	7-41	W
Texas A&M	+14'	17-37	L
Sam Houston St	NL	55-17	–
at Alabama	+13'	29-28	W
at SW Louisiana	-15	41-31	L
Middle Tenn	-30	42-18	L
at UCF	-5'	46-35	W
at Toledo	-6	34-17	W
NE Louisiana	-26	58-17	W
at UAB	-8	41-20	W
at USC	+1	19-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miss Valley St	NL	63-10	–
at Kansas St	+27'	10-54	L
at Penn St	+15	7-67	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	31-34 OT	–
at Tulsa	+6'	10-22	L
at Middle Tenn	-2	21-49	L
Louisiana-Lft	-6	48-14	W
at Auburn	+32	28-38	W
at Miami, Fl	+40'	31-42	W
UCF	+6'	16-20	W
at UL Monroe	-23'	42-19	L
at Hawaii	-1	10-27	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-5	36-6	W
at Oklahoma St	+10	23-30	W
at Fresno St	+22	28-38	W
San Jose St	-7	41-20	W
at Nevada	-9	45-42	L
at Auburn	+12'	41-48 OT	W
Rice	-3'	41-38 OT	L
Boise St	+1'	48-42	W
at UTEP	-14	53-30	W
at Kansas St	+21	7-40	L
at Tulsa	-20	19-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-1	39-36	W
at Clemson	+10'	13-33	L
Tulsa	-21	53-9	W
at Penn St	+13'	17-49	L
at Texas A&M	+13	3-31	L
at Rice	-6	20-37	L
at SMU	-13	34-37	L
Nevada	-4'	50-47	L
at San Jose St	-4	30-42	L
at Boise St	+28	10-36	W
UTEP	-23	38-24	L
Fresno St	+1'	13-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl	+28	9-48	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-4'	34-3	W
at Michigan St	+11'	20-19	W
at Fresno St	+10	6-16	T
Boise St	+8	37-43	W
at UTEP	-15	38-35	L
Hawaii	E	41-44	L
at Nevada	+4	42-34	W
at LSU	+26'	10-49	L
SMU	-20	41-6	W
at Tulsa	E	18-48	L
Rice	-7'	14-49	L

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SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - When Phil Bennett arrived here he had both QB's that started in 2001 returning but both opted to depart prior to the 2002 season. Tate Wallis (PS#251) began 2002 as the starter but he didn't have a very strong arm and was second to last in the NCAA in pass efficiency after the Hawaii game (Gm 5). For the year he threw for 834 yards (45.6%) with a 3-10 ratio. Richard Bartel, who was inconsistent in practice, took over and started the last 5 games including an upset of LA Tech. Bartel, who has a rocket for an arm, was drafted as a pitcher by the Cincinnati Reds. He threw for 1,078 yards (60.1%) with an 8-8 ratio. Wallis, who was 0-7 as a starter did relieve Bartel in the finale vs Tulsa and skippered the win. Both QB's returned last year so much improvement was expected. Bartel was plagued by 5 dropped passes vs Baylor and was pulled in the 2Q vs Okla St for Wallis. Wallis got all of the action vs Nevada but Bartel reclaimed his job vs UTEP. After Boise St, Bartel had a dispute with the coaches and became the 5th QB to leave the team since '99. True frosh Chris Phillips (PS#175), a left handed passer with a strong arm, took over the starting job. In his first three starts, he split time with Wallis and the team failed to top 100 yards passing in each game. Phillips improved and had his best game in Wk 11 vs Rice when he hit 16 of 24 for 175 yards with 2 TD's and also rushed for 72 yards. For the season Phillips threw for 389 yards (53.8%) with a 2-2 ratio while Wallis threw for 390 yards (44.4%) with a 1-4 ratio. Hardly content with the present QB's, Bennett recruited two JUCO's. Tony Eckert (PS#236JC) who threw for 2,359 yards with a 24-10 ratio and Jerad Romo (PS#225JC) who threw for 1,731 with a 10-2 ratio at JC in '03. Both joined the team in the spring. Also Ricky Joe Meeks (PS#55) will be a prime contender. SMU was #112 in passing offense last year and can only improve upon that ranking.

QB Chris Phillips

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played his collegiate ball here. In 2001 true frosh ShanDerrick Charles (PS#124) had the best back-to-back rushing performances in SMU's illustrious RB history rushing for 243 and 212 yards and he finished the year with 860 yards (6.4). Charles suffered a back injury in '02 and Keylon Kincade, who is a bigger, stronger RB that lacks blazing speed, proved to be the workhorse. He finished with 1,279 yards but his 3.9 ypc rushing was the lowest amount of any Div I RB that averaged over 100 ypg. Four times he carried the ball over 35 times in a game and in 86 years of SMU football that has only happened 9 times. Kincade had one more game with 35+ carries in 2003 and vs Baylor and Tulsa he was the only RB to touch the ball with 30 carries for 113 yards and 36 for 185 yards. Charles was supposed to return in 2003 but was forced to quit due to the injury. Kincade became just the 4th player in SMU history to top 1,000 yards in multiple seasons and finished with 1,280 (4.0). As proof to what a workhorse Kincade was, the second leading RB was Johnnie Fitzgerald who had just 13 carries for 34 yards (2.6). When the team uses a FB they have Derron Brown (5-10 229 Sr) who had 7 starts and 138 total yards. I list the potential TB candidates below including Richuel Massey (PS#56) who took off his redshirt and played in one game but then was injured. Massey could easily be this year's 1,000 yard rusher, but at this point the unit is far less experienced.

RECEIVERS - Last year I thought the receiving corps was in pretty good shape but WR Chris Cunningham, who had been outstanding in his career, never regained the speed that he had after missing 2002 with injury. They had short receivers and after two games no player taller than 5-11 had caught a pass. Matt Rushbrook had an outstanding spring and proved to be the team's top receiver with 30 grabs (12.0) while Cunningham had 26 (10.8). Rushbrook was also #2 punter and returned punts. Trey Griffin was the #2 returning WR and had 15 rec (13.0). Bennett took the redshirt off of true frosh Jay'Mond Cleveland (PS#268) and Reynaldo Pellerin (PS#379) and they combined for 13 rec. TE Trent Hrncir had 7 rec (7.9) while backup Ryan Kennedy (PS#125) had zero. WR Blake Warren (PS#202) is another true frosh that played all season and had 11 rec (8.5). This year they signed a tall WR in JC Bobby Chase (6-4). Not listed below are Wesley Medlock (6-1 174 Sr, 5 tkls at CB in '02), Jay Taylor (6-4 190 Jr, PS#145, 6 rec in 2 yrs, RS LY) and Geoff Parker (6-1 180 rFr). Almost everyone returns to this unit with the exception of Cunningham, Hrncir and TE Mark Hodges (1 st, 4 rec). I'll call for a decent amount of improvement in the passing numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 SMU's OL paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 15 starts and a backup but had 7 of the top 10 back. Unfortunately they lost starting LT Eric Neal to injury in the first game and he played in just five games overall. Also, starting RG Townsend Hargis was injured and missed six games. The Mustangs averaged just 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 41 sacks. This year they must replace C Steve Reindl (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RT Sterling Harris (12 sts, 2 yr st'r, top OL Award). They do have 8 of the top 10 back including seven with starting experience. While they do lose arguably their top two OL's, last year's numbers were unimpressive, and this group should be able to improve upon them.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Mustangs had played solid rush D from 1997 to 2001 allowing an average of just 3.4 ypc in that span. In 2002 they had to replace three starters and yielded 4.5 ypc rushing while recording just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 25 starts so basically they had two starters returning. DT Allan Adami is their top lineman and has gotten bigger each year and finally earned 2nd Tm WAC honors last season. SMU allowed 4.2 ypc rushing but the D had just 12 sacks in 2003. This year the only losses are Don Ieremia-Stansbury who moves from DE to LB and backup DE Brad Bean (1 st, 1 tkl). Last year's DL had three juniors, a soph and 7 frosh in the rotation, and this year's group is much more experienced and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - SMU had to replace their #1 tackler last season as well as two backups who combined for 15 tackles. Bennett said that SLB Brian Bischoff could have played for him at either Kansas St or Oklahoma and the four year starter had 65 tackles and 3 tfl last year despite lingering injuries all season. This year they must replace Bischoff as well as WLB DD Johnson (12 sts, 100 tkls, 13 tfl) and SLB Jarrian James (1 st, 24 tkls, 3 tfl). Despite the loss of two top-notch LB's, this unit could even be improved. They move starting DE Don Ieremia-Stansbury to one spot and at one point last year DD Lee lost his starting MLB job to Reggie Carrington and both return. They also add to the mix a rare VHT in Avery Cleveland (PS#44LB) and an HT in Cory Muse (PS#43TE) along with former RB Johnnie Fitzgerald. I list the 2 deep below and this has the makings of a pretty solid unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SMU finished #14 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and had to replace just two players who combined for 13 starts in 2002 but surprisingly dropped to #64. Last year they had to replace one starter who was a 5th round DC and two backups. Returning starting SS Rico Harris was lost for the season after three starts and backup CB Chris Godfrey also suffered an ACL injury. SMU dropped even further in the rankings to #93 allowing 56.4% with a 28-10 ratio and allowed Rashaun Woods of Okla St to set an NCAA record with 7 TD receptions. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the country this year. They have Anthony Barnett (PS#54RB) to plug in at one CB spot and he will battle transfer Charles Akinyemi who had two starts at Air Force in 2001 and 2002. Harris also returns to battle for his starting job, so basically four full-time starters are back.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 SMU was #91 in my special teams rankings, but in Bennett's first year they moved up to #29 by signing true frosh punter Ryan Mentzel who cured their punting woes. Mentzel averaged 38.2 (net of 34.5) and had just one punt blocked after the team had allowed 8 punt blocks the previous two years and five punt snaps that were dropped. However, Mentzel suffered 3 blocks in 2003, and he averaged 38.3 with a net of just 31.1. Last year they had to replace super PR Cody Cardwell (17.3) but true frosh Blake Warren eventually won the job and averaged 10.2 with 1 TD. Jonas Rutledge was an outstanding KR and ranked #13 in the NCAA (27.0) and he is the biggest loss in 2004. They are extremely deep at K. Chris McMurtray (PS#17) hit just 1 of 4 FG's in his first year but as the starter last season, hit 10 of 14 with a long of 42. Ryan Wolcott (PS#27) is another talented frosh who is Doak Walker's grandson. WR Matt Rushbrook was actually the backup punter last year. Overall, SMU plummeted to #103 in my special teams rankings and I look for significant improvement with some pretty talented players and Bennett's strong emphasis on defense and special teams.

COACHES - Phil Bennett was the DC at Kansas St prior to taking over as head man here. His new OC is Rusty Burns who was the OC at Cincy the previous 2 years. His DC is Jim Gush who is also in his 3rd year and coached LB's at Kan St the previous three seasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit them in 1987 and they've had just 1 winning season since. In Phil Bennett's first season seven starters or projected starters left the team prior to the season so an experienced unit turned inexperienced. SMU was still 3-5 in league play but were outscored by an average of 10.4 ppg which was the third worst mark in the conference but were only outgained by 31.1 ypg. They had 14 starters back last year. In the first 5 games, SMU suffered losses by 3, 3 and 2 points and lost the season finale to TCU by 7. SMU finished -13 in turnover margin which could have made a difference in some of those close games. SMU recorded their first winless season since 1960 (0-9-1), and was outgained by 138.7 ypg in WAC play and outscored by 18.5 ppg, both the worst in league play. Head coaches' rebuilding programs usually have the best success in their third season and Bennett clearly should have that this year. There are 14 starters back and the 12 lettermen lost are 2nd fewest in the league. I rate SMU the most improved team in the conference. They should get much better QB play and if RB Massey emerges, their offense should at least double the 11.2 ppg they averaged last year. Surprisingly, Bennett's first 2 defenses have allowed 31.5 and 32.2 ppg. This year's D has 8 starters back, and I rate it the 3rd best D in the WAC. Bennett was the DC at Kansas St where his defenses ranked #2, #4 and #3 in the country, so you know that side of the ball is a priority. While it is a no-brainer to say SMU will win more games than last year, I will call for them to escape the WAC cellar and be much more competitive.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHRIS PHILLIPS SO. 6-3 220 PS#175. 5 sts as true, 389 yds (54%) 2-2 ratio. **Ricky Joe Meeks** (6-3 215 rFr) **PS#55. Jerad Romo** PS#225JC. **Tony Eckert** PS#236JC. In for spg.

RB Richuel Massey rFr. 5-11 210 PS#56. 450 bench. 40"VL. Foy Munlin (5-11 236 Jr) 341 rush at T Tech, 31 rec (7.4) 3Y. Jessie Henderson PS#86. Cedrick Dorsey (5-11 195 rFr) PS#225.

WR Jay'Mond Cleveland So. 5-11 175 PS#268. 1 st, 9 rec (10.1) as true. Devin Lowery (5-11 180 Fr) 4.37 spd, PS#326, greyshirt. Blake Warren (5-7 170 So) 11 rec (8.5) as true.

WR MATT RUSHBROOK SR. 5-10 185 PS#290. 6 sts at FS as true in 2000. 9 sts at WR in '03, #1 w/30 rec (12.0). **Bobby Chase** PS#235JC. Zack Sledge (5-11 169 rFr).

WR REYNALDO PELLERIN SO. 6-3 190 1 st as true, 4 rec (16.5). **Trey Griffin** (5-10 184 Sr) 1 st, 13 rec (9.4) in '02. 9 sts, 15 rec (13.0) LY. Cedric Vinson (5-11 196 Jr) 1 st at WR, 0 rec LY.

TE Vincent Chase Fr. 6-5 250 **PS#19.** Derek Swofford (6-3 235 Sr). Ryan Kennedy (6-5 264 So) PS#125. 1 st as rFr. Clay Glockzin (6-4 255 Sr) PS#375DL, move from DL.

C BRAD KIESCHNICK JR. 6-3 298 PS#306. 11 sts as rFr, WAC Fr Tm. 12 sts LY (8 at LT, 4 at LG). Bryan Turner (6-1 292 So) PS#324. 4 sts at RG as true.

RG TOWNSEND HARGIS SR. 6-4 310 PS#435. 2 games as rFr. 8 sts in '02, 10 gms. 4 sts at RG LY (inj, missed 6). Justin Boren (6-4 285 rFr) PS#169. W. Hulsey Smith (6-4 265 So).

LG GRANT EIDSON JR. 6-1 283 10 games as LS in '02. 11 sts in '03. Caleb Peveto (6-4 285 rFr) PS#349. Dustin Morton (6-4 286 So) PS#215. Zero letters.

RT Chris Urbanus So. 6-5 320 PS#479. 4 games as rFr. Kenard Burley (6-5 320 rFr) PS#346. Eric Neal (6-4 296 Sr). 1 st, 12 games in '02. 1 st at LT LY but injured!

LT Darrin Johnson So. 6-6 292 PS#469. Last 3 sts at LT as rFr, 8 games. Martin Guidry (6-4 285 So) 1 st, 8 games as rFr. Ben Poynter (6-4 260 rFr) PS#364.

K CHRIS McMURTRAY JR. 6-1 223 PS#17. 55 yd FG in HS. 1 of 4 FG's as rFr, long of 32. 10 of 14 FG's in '03, long of 42. Ryan Wolcott (5-9 180 rFr) PS#27.

DE MELVIN WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 245 2 sts, 28 tkls in '01. 6 sts, 57 tkls, 7 tfl in '02. 10 sts LY, 39 tkls, 4 tfl. Jamar Bey (6-5 223 So) PS#387LB. Dominic Pryor (6-5 239 rFr).

DT DESMOND JONES SO. 6-1 294 PS#168. Last 8 sts as **true**, 24 tkls, 1 tfl. Brandon Bonds (6-2 313 So) PS#310. 2 sts as true, 13 tkls (inj). Lucky DeLay (6-4 255 rFr) PS#213.

NG ALLAN ADAMI SR. 6-4 276 PS#375. 12 sts, 77 tkls, 14 tkls in '02. 12 sts, 75 tkls, 5 tfl LY. **2nd Tm WAC**. Randy Denman (6-2 260 So) 6 tkls. Brent Karrington (6-3 277 So) PS#165.

DE Justin Rogers So. 6-4 233 2 sts as rFr, 34 tkls, 1 tfl. Charlie Berry (6-3 250 So) PS#272. 1 st as true, 13 tkls, 1 tfl. Mike Benson (6-5 265 So). Former OL.

SLB DON IEREMIA-STANSBURY JR. 6-2 245 PS#140DB. 5 sts at DE in '02, 43 tkls, 4 sks. 11 sts at DE LY, 64 tkls, 7 tfl. Cory Muse (6-3 213 rFr) PS#43TE. Zach Hall (6-3 227 rFr) PS#129LB.

MLB DD LEE SR. 6-2 234 PS#192. 4 sts, 63 tkls in '01 & '02. 10 sts LY, 100 tkls, 8 tfl. Reggie Carrington (6-1 242 So) 2 sts, 32 tkls as rFr. Mark Manning (5-10 210 rFr).

WLB Avery Cleveland rFr. 6-3 210 **PS#44LB!** Cole Horton (6-5 220 So) 3 tkls LY. Johnnie Fitzgerald (6-2 213 So) sub-4.5 speed. 34 yards at RB LY. John Pope (6-1 210 So).

CB Anthony Barnett So. 5-9 175 **PS#54RB.** 4.4 spd. 2 tkls, 10 games at CB LY. Charles Akinyemi (5-8 195 Jr) 2 sts at **Air Force**. 34 tkls, 2Y. CD Moss (5-10 189 rFr) PS#300.

CB ROLANDO HUMPHREY JR. 5-9 170 PS#208. 4 sts as true, 38 tkls, 3 pbu. 9 sts in '03, 49 tkls, 7 pbu. Fred Turner (5-10 170 rFr) PS#197RB. Ervin McGee (5-8 175 So) PS#150.

SS JAMEY HARPER JR. 6-1 195 PS#252. 2 sts as true, 19 tkls, 1 int. 10 sts in '03, 83 tkls, 1 int, 4 pbu. Joe Sturdivant (6-2 190 So) PS#113. 19 tkls, 1 pbu as true.

FS ALVIN NNABUIFE JR. 6-1 209 1 st, 18 tkls in '01 & '02. 11 sts at FS in '03, 71 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu. **Rico Harris** (6-2 210 Sr) PS#104. **9 sts** in '02, 71 tkls, 1 int. 3 sts LY until inj.

P RYAN MENTZEL JR. 6-0 199 PS#146K. 70 punts as true, 38.2 average & net of 34.5. 76 punts in '03. 38.3 avg but net of 31.1. Ricky Joe Meeks (6-3 215 rFr) is PS#55QB.

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RB	Jessie Henderson 5-8 170 PS#86	
DB	Jonathan Lindley 6-0 180 PS#131	
QB	Jerad Romo 6-2 210 PS#225JC	
WR	Bobby Chase 6-4 210 PS#235JC	
QB	Tony Eckert 6-3 195 PS#236JC	
DL	Kyle Griffin 6-4 225 PS#304	
DB	David Haynes 5-9 180 PS#336	
RB	DeMyron Martin 6-2 200 PS#313	
RB	Andrew McKinney 6-4 235 PS#401	
OL	Sean Lobo 6-3 285 PS#562	
WR	Tony Hawkins 6-1 190 PS#376	
WR	Devin Lowery 5-11 180 PS#386	
LB	Wilton McCray 6-0 195 PS#389	
DB	Cortley Blackmon 5-10 175 PS#480	
DB	La'Cori Johnson 5-9 175 PS#509	

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PHIL BENNETT (Career 3-21)
3rd Year at SMU

Bennett's records AT SMU

3-21	Straight Up	0-3	Home Favorite
8-16	Vs The Spread	4-5	Home Underdog
8-12	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
5-11	Vs Conference	3-8	Away Underdog
		3-5	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (0-12)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (16,22,2)
Lost: 12 (4,8,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,435

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#77

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 4	Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 11	at TCU	G					
Sep. 18	at Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 25	San Jose St	A					
Oct. 2	at Boise St	A					
Oct. 9	at Rice	A					
Oct. 16	Louisiana Tech	A					
Oct. 23							
Oct. 30	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 6	Tulsa (HC)	A					
Nov. 13	Nevada	A					
Nov. 20	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

SMU ranked last in IA LY in scoring off avg 11.2 ppg & has the 2nd longest losing streak at 12 gms.
Mustangs switched to art turf in '03 where they are 2-4 ATS at home & 3-19 SU & 6-16 ATS S/99.
SMU is 1-5-1 ATS in their 1st game of the season L7Y w/the avg score of 32-12.

SMU has lost 9 SU in a row vs TT (3-6 ATS) by a margin of 28 ppg.
The Mustangs are 1-7 SU & 2-5 ATS vs Big 12 foes since 1996.

SMU is 0-14 SU & 3-10-1 ATS the last 14 September road games.
Mustangs are 4-6 SU, but 7-3 ATS the last 10 at TCU.

SMU is 3-6 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ game roadtrip since 1996.
Could apply: Mustangs are 5-9 ATS when a dog of 20 or more pts (2-5 L/7).

SMU is 2-6 ATS their last 8 WAC home games.
Mustangs are 1-3 SU & ATS & the visitor has covered 3 of the L/4 gms.

Pending 9/11 result, SMU is 3-8 ATS in the 1st of 2+ straight away games.
Mustangs are 6-11 ATS on the road in conference play.

The visitor is 1-6-1 ATS in this intrastate rivalry.
Could apply: SMU is 2-17 SU & 3-15-1 ATS when a road dog of less than 10 pts.

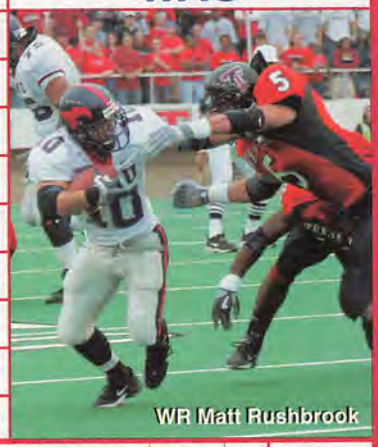
SMU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS before a bye (0-3 SU & ATS the L/3).
The home team has won & covered in all 3 meetings.

SMU is 5-3 ATS after a bye winning 4 of the games SU.
Last year the Mustangs held QB Pinegar to 86 yds passing.

The Mustangs are 7-2 SU & 6-3 ATS covering 4 of the last 5 at home.
SMU is 5-1 SU & 5-0 ATS (1 non-lined) in Homecoming games.

Mustangs are 2-8 ATS their last 10 lined home finales (2-1 ATS L3Y).
The avg score in this series is 32 ppg w/SMU 0-3 SU & 1-2 ATS the L/3.

Mustangs are 6-3 SU but 3-6 ATS vs the Miners.
SMU is 9-3 ATS the last 12 road finales.


WR Matt Rushbrook

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (A-Turf Premier)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	5-7	4-6	3-9	4-7	3-9	0-12	25-55
ATS	5-6	5-6-1	3-6	5-7	6-5	5-7	3-9	32-46-1
Home Fav	0-2	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	5-9
Home Dog	4-0	0-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	13-13
Away Fav	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	5-4
Away Dog	1-2	1-2-1	0-4	2-3	2-1	2-3	1-5	9-20-1
Favorite	0-4	4-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	10-13
Dog	5-2	1-5-1	2-5	3-5	4-3	4-5	3-8	22-33-1
Grass	5-5	4-6	2-3	5-4	5-4	4-4	0-3	25-29
Artificial	0-1	1-0-1	1-3	0-3	1-1	1-3	3-6	7-17-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	3-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	2-6	23-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	0-3	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	9-16
Off SU Win	2-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	0-0	9-13
Off SU Loss	3-1	4-3	1-4	3-5	3-3	5-4	3-8	22-28

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keylon Kincade	317	1343	63	1280	4	4.0
Chris Phillips	**65**	**330**	**84**	**246**	**1**	**3.8**
Johnnie Fitzgerald	**13**	**35**	**1**	**34**	**0**	**2.6**
Tate Wallis	51	126	131	-5	1	-0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Richard Bartel	151	68	45.0	797	4	9
Tate Wallis	72	32	44.4	390	1	4
Chris Phillips	**65**	**35**	**53.8**	**389**	**2**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Matt Rushbrook	**30**	**359**	**12.0**	**3**	**39**
Chris Cunningham	26	281	10.8	0	61
Keylon Kincade	18	271	15.1	1	55
Trey Griffin	**15**	**195**	**13.0**	**0**	**37**
Derron Brown	**9**	**112**	**12.4**	**2**	**57**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Mentzel	**76**	**2912**	**38.3**	**9**	**31.1**	**3**	**22**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris McMurtray	**10-11**	**2-2**	**7-9**	**1-3**	**0-0**	**10-14**	**42**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
DD Johnson	100	1	12	2	0
DD Lee	**100**	**2**	**6**	**6**	**1**
Jamey Harper	**83**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Allan Adami	**75**	**1.5**	**3**	**5**	**0**
Alvin Nnabuife	**71**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**1**
Brian Bischoff	65	1	2	6	2
Don Ieremia-Stansbury	**64**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Rolando Humphrey	**49**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**1**
Melvin Williams	**39**	**1.5**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Justin Rogers	**34**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Reggie Carrington	**32**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Jonas Rutledge	32	0	2	13	3
Jarrian James	24	1	2	1	0
Desmond Jones	**24**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Blake Warren	**17**	**173**	**10.2**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonas Rutledge	29	782	27.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Bluebonnet	NL	Oklahoma	28-27	–
80	Holiday	-1	BYU	45-46	L
82	Cotton	E	Pittsburgh	7-3	W
83	Sun	-4	Alabama	7-28	L
84	Aloha	+1'	Notre Dame	27-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	11.2	16	129	3.1	131	46.6	23.3	-13	2003	7	32.2	19	164	4.2	225	56.4	12.1
6	17.3	19	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	-12	2002	6	31.5	18	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8
8	20.5	18	156	3.8	157	52.1	15.3	-7	2001	9	26.8	17	122	3.3	198	56.0	11.9
7*	15.1	19	116	3.2	209	52.5	21.5	-13	2000	7	29.3	18	138	3.9	241	56.5	12.9
6*	19.3	16	119	3.1	179	51.0	15.4	-4	1999	5	23.5	19	114	3.0	247	61.4	15.4
8	18.8	16	166	4.0	139	51.8	16.2	-3	1998	6	20.7	15	138	3.4	160	50.8	14.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas Tech	21	40-85	2.1	21-44	195	2	25	23-123	5.3	26-41	314	2	-2
at Baylor	11	34-98	2.9	12-26	106	2	11	39-80	2.1	12-27	102	4	0
Oklahoma St	13	44-108	2.5	9-26	125	4	15	29-123	4.2	19-31	275	0	-2
at Nevada	18	52-148	2.8	9-18	97	4	14	33-164	5.0	11-25	96	0	0
UTEP	20	36-118	3.3	14-30	195	1	20	49-232	4.7	8-17	190	1	-3
at San Jose St	11	30-69	2.3	11-20	198	3	22	39-154	3.9	23-41	294	0	-1
Boise St	14	37-80	2.2	13-32	134	5	26	32-81	2.5	32-45	560	1	-1
at Tulsa	19	58-245	4.2	6-16	51	4	15	34-167	4.9	10-17	177	1	0
Fresno St	12	53-180	3.4	6-16	93	9	14	42-159	3.8	13-33	86	1	-1
at Louisiana Tech	15	43-162	3.8	10-20	80	2	17	34-192	5.6	11-22	209	0	-1
Rice	19	37-137	3.7	17-26	186	1	23	61-300	4.9	6-10	221	0	-3
TCU	13	40-122	3.1	7-16	116	4	25	50-193	3.9	18-26	180	2	+1
TOTALS	186	504-1552	3.1	135-290	1576	41	227	465-1968	4.2	189-335	2704	12	-13
AVERAGES	15.5	42-129	3.1	11-24	131	3.4	18.9	39-164	4.2	16-28	225	1.0	-1.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas	+14	0-26	L
at Tulane	+3'	19-53	L
Hawaii	-14	0-20	L
at Kansas	+8	9-27	L
at UTEP	+9'	28-42	L
Fresno St	+14'	24-14	W
at San Jose St	Cancelled		
Rice	+10'	27-2	W
CS Northridge	NL	58-16	–
at Tulsa	-3'	28-14	W
at TCU	+11	0-21	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	+4	31-17	W
at UTEP	-2'	20-37	L
at NC State	+9	0-41	L
Tulane	-1	17-29	L
at Houston	+10'	15-17	W
San Jose St	+2'	10-35	L
at Hawaii	+2'	15-30	L
Nevada	-13'	21-7	W
at Rice	+9	14-43	L
Tulsa	-2'	24-20	W
at Fresno St	+18	7-14	W
TCU	+23'	7-62	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+5	6-36	L
TCU	+13	10-38	L
NC State	+15'	17-26	W
Hawaii	-5'	31-38 OT	L
at San Jose St	+7	24-17	W
UTEP	-10	40-14	W
at Nevada	-2	14-35	L
Fresno St	+16'	13-38	L
at Tulsa	-8	24-14	W
Rice	+6'	37-20	W
at N Carolina	+23'	10-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-10'	7-38	L
Texas Tech	+20	14-24	W
at TCU	+17'	6-17	W
at Oklahoma St	+16'	16-52	L
at Hawaii	+22'	10-42	L
San Jose St	+7	23-34	L
at Fresno St	+23'	7-30	W
Louisiana Tech	+13	37-34	W
at Rice	+8'	15-27	L
Nevada	+6'	6-24	L
at UTEP	-5'	42-35	W
Tulsa	-7'	24-21	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+23'	10-58	L
at Baylor	+1'	7-10	L
Oklahoma St	+24	6-52	L
at Nevada	+19	9-12	W
UTEP	-8'	19-21	L
at San Jose St	+7'	14-31	L
Boise St	+24	3-45	L
at Tulsa	+17	16-35	L
Fresno St	+14'	11-20	W
at Louisiana Tech	+20	6-41	L
Rice	+5'	20-41	L
TCU	+24	13-20	W

NEVADA WOLF PACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Nevada is known for their high flying pass attacks and the Wolf Pack had their streak of 17 seasons topping 2,000 yards passing snapped in 2001. David Neill, with NFL size, (6-5 223) left as the school's all-time career passing leader (10,903). Zack Threadgill threw for 3,418 yards in his first year as the starter in 2002. Andy Heiser was projected to be the backup QB in 2002, but true frosh Jeff Rowe passed him up and played in six games with 26 pass attempts for 138 yards. In last year's spring there was a three horse race for the starting QB job. Rowe (6-5 218) and Travis Moore (6-2 215 So) both had strong arms and great size while Heiser (6-1 180 Sr) was small without a strong arm, but had the best understanding of the offense. Rowe was named the starter, but struggled in each of the first two games hitting just 3 of 10 for 31 yards against Oregon. Heiser was solid in both and took over the starting job vs San Jose St throwing for 291 yards. Heiser, however, struggled the next two weeks and Rowe appeared ready to reclaim the job. He threw for 143 yards vs UNLV but separated his shoulder on the second last play and missed the rest of the year. Heiser attempted all of the passes until the season finale vs Boise when Moore finally saw the field but hit just 3 of 10 for 30 yards. Heiser threw for 2,294 yards (50.3%) with a 13-12 ratio. All three return this year and of course HC Chris Ault is known as a passing QB's dream. Also in the mix is Shawn St Jacques (6-5 210 rFr), Brenden Gaskins (6-4 240 Fr in '02), Ryan Sollod (6-3 205 rFr) and true frosh Ben Galbraith (PS#184). This unit is much more experienced and should put up stronger numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Chance Kretschmer, a walk-on from a small Nevada high school with just 14 varsity players, took over the starting job in the third week. Kretschmer fractured his wrist in HS and was not able to lift weights. However he became a weightlifting demon at Nevada and is also a rodeo calf roper. He had a phenomenal rFr season becoming the #1 rusher in the NCAA with 1,732 yards (5.7) with 15 TD's. He missed all of 2002 due to injury and Matt Milton finished with 1,108 yards (4.9) in his place. Both were expected to return last year but Milton opted to transfer over the summer. Kretschmer had a solid season in his first year back from injury rushing for 1,162 yards (4.7) despite missing the bulk of the Washington game with a shoulder contusion. BJ Mitchell, who had 232 yards (3.9) as Milton's backup in 2002, led the team in rushing with 84 yards vs Washington. Later, however, Mitchell was suspended and he was not on the spring roster, but could return for fall. JUCO transfer Talib Wise (6-0 207 Sr) was the 2nd leading rusher with 405 yards (5.5), but he moves to WR this year. Also in the mix at RB are Drew Robinson (5-10 195 rFr, PS#304) and Jarred Belser (5-8 180 rFr, PS#317), Guy Greever (5-10 207 So), Brad Sage (6-1 220 rFr) and this year's true frosh. I expect Kretschmer to have an outstanding senior season.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Wolf Pack had to replace Nate Burleson who set several WAC records including the single season record for rec's (138) but opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC MIN). They also had to replace their starting TE and three others who combined for 5 starts and 24 rec's. Last year Willie Johnson (PS#6JC), Nichiren Flowers who had 33 rec's (13.6), Tim Fleming (39, 11.0) and Maurice Mann formed the hub of the receiving corps. Johnson played in just 9 games due to injuries and a late suspension. Fleming and Flowers both missed several games with injuries. Much was expected of Maurice Mann but he was suspended the first four games. Mann still ended up leading the team in rec's with 35 (17.0). Unfortunately this year he departs (#5DC CIN) along with Fleming (4 sts, 20 rec, 22.8), Buddy Lewis (4 rec, 7.2) and Willie Johnson (5 sts, 22 rec, 15.0). Both TE's return. Anthony Pudewell was the receiving TE and Moll the better blocker. This year they add in two JUCO's whom Ault figures will play right away as well as Talib Wise. Not listed below are WR James Pond (6-0 200 rFr) and TE's Adam Bishop (6-5 239 rFr) and Matt Leary (6-1 242 So). The unit has as much experience as it did last year with 2 of the top 3 receivers back, but actually has more talent and should be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Nevada's OL paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing just 22 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter who was 2nd Tm WAC. They returned 4 full-time starters and six players who had 5 or more starts in 2002. With RB Chance Kretschmer back, much improvement was expected and the unit opened holes for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. This year they must replace RG Isaih Ross (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Alan Parker (10 sts, 4 yr st'r) and C Steve Church (3 sts). Seven of the top 10 return including John Tennert who was a 2 year starter in 2000 and 2001. He suffered an ACL injury in 2002 and became the 6th man on the OL last year and is now 100% healthy. Adam Kiefer has 6 starts under his belt and they add JUCO Thomas Stevens (6-2 315) so this unit should be just as solid as last year's fine version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing a horrible 5.4 ypc rushing in 2001, the Wolf Pack had 2 starters return in 2002 and trimmed it to 4.7 ypc while the defense recorded 17 sacks. Last year basically everyone returned including their top DL in 2002, DE Jorge Cordova who led the WAC in sacks with 9. He had another fine season last year (12 sks, 97 tkls) and was voted 1st Tm WAC. Unfortunately he departs (#3DC JAX) along with Derek Kennard who was voted the Def MVP last year and was 2nd Tm WAC (59 tkls, 11 sks, 12 sts). Nevada made more strides on defense last season as they allowed just 4.1 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks but Cordova and Kennard accounted for 23 of them. With the loss of their top 2 players, this unit is clearly weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Wolf Pack had all 3 starters return to the LB unit last year but lost 3 backups. As previously mentioned, the overall defense showed a lot of improvement. This year they suffer some big losses with MLB Daryl Towns (9 sts, 1st Tm WAC, 97 tkls, 7 tfl), WLB Carl LaGrone (9 sts, 56 tkls, 4 sks, 3 yr st'r), ILB's Logan Carter (10 sts, 76 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 int) and JD Morscheck (1 st, 24 tkls, 4 tfl). Despite the losses this unit is still in pretty good shape. MLB Shaun Tagatauli did well when he started twice for the injured LaGrone and was PS#221JC in 2002. They move starting ROV, Nick Hawthrone, to one OLB spot. They also add a top-notch JUCO in Roosevelt Cooks (PS#197) and true frosh Mark Seward (PS#148). Showing how deep the unit is, not listed in the 3 deep below are Kevin Porter (6-0 225 rFr, PS#422) and Brenton Kendrick (6-0 233 Jr, 10 career tkls). With the loss of their top 2 LB's, this unit looks weaker in 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Nevada finished #113 in my pass D rankings in 2001, and had practically everyone back in 2002. As you would expect, they moved up to #68. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 11 starts and 86 tackles. Basically they had 3 starters returning but lost starting ROV Ronnie Hardiman in the first game due to injury and suffered numerous injuries throughout the year with 10 different players earning starts. Despite injuries, they managed to move up to #66 in my rankings allowing 57.6% with a respectable 18-15 ratio. This year they must replace ROV Hardiman (1 st, inj'd), CB's Ali Jones (3 sts, 19 tkls, 4 pbu), Leondre Lewis (4 sts, 18 tkls, 2 pbu), Drakus Langford (9 tkls) and Randy Landingham (2 sts, 15 tkls). They also move SS Nick Hawthrone to OLB. They get a couple of VHT's in Rodney Landingham (PS#45) who was an Oregon St transfer and JUCO Kevin Stanley (PS#56JC) and have five players back with starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Ray Green (5-11 180 Fr, grayshirt), Steven Murphy (5-11 180 So), Zach Walker (5-10 185 rFr) and Roderick Stallings (5-10 200 rFr). Despite the losses and playing behind a weaker front 7, this unit could actually improve in my pass D rankings in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Nevada usually finishes near the bottom of my special teams rankings but rose to #54 in 2002. Basically everyone returned last year but top KR Ronnie Hardiman was injured in the first game. Damon Fine tied the school record with a 58 yarder as a rFr. In 2003, Fine hit 13 of 17 with a 53 yard FG but surprisingly missed 5 xp's. He returns and should be the WAC's top kicker. P Derek Jones departs but saw his net punting go from 36.1 down to 34.0. The team was the third worst in the NCAA in PR average in 2002 (4.9) and didn't improve much last year (6.2). The team also struggled in kick coverage, yielding two KR TD's early and at one point allowed 37.4 per return, finishing the season allowing 29.1. Chris Barry did block two crucial FG's against Washington. Last year the unit finished just #112 overall in my special teams rankings and with basically everyone back except for their punter, they should make solid improvement.

COACHES - I thought Chris Tormey did a fine job at Nevada and his record improved each year including 6-6 last season with an upset of Washington. He was fired by Chris Ault who used to be the HC here and Ault hired himself as head man, vacating the AD job. He is 56 years old but led his Nevada teams to 7 conference titles and a 163-63-1 record from 1976-1992 and 1994-'95. He is in the College Football Hall of Fame, but has been away from the game for 10 years and was mainly a coach in IAA. His OC for many years was Chris Klenakis and he returns while the new co-DC's are Barry Sacks and Dave Fipp. Sacks is now in his 3rd year at Nevada.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the Coaches section, Nevada improved its win total four straight years but still brings in a new HC this season. The Wolf Pack had their best WAC finish in 2002 at 4-4 and had the most experienced team in the conference last year. They had some big-time moments in 2003. For example they had a 24-14 win over bowl-bound Hawaii and at midseason they upset Pac 10 member Washington and then beat Tulsa in back-to-back weeks on the road. At that point they stood 3-0 in the WAC and 5-2 overall. The next week they led LA Tech 21-3 and appeared on their way to contending for the WAC Title but the season fell apart and they finished just 4-4 in the WAC and 6-6 overall. Nevada has a lot of weapons returning on offense including two experienced QB's and four players I have on either my 1st or 2nd Team WAC preseason team. The defense is also veteran with six starters back. Last year's Nevada team stood toe-to-toe with Pac 10 powers Washington and Oregon and was better than its final 6-6 record. However, with 23 lettermen lost (second highest in the WAC) and a coaching change, I will call for their win progression to stop and for the Wolf Pack to fall below .500 once again.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB ANDY HEISER SR. 6-1 180 10 sts in '03, 2294 yds (50.3%), 13-12 ratio. **Jeff Rowe** (6-5 218 So) 2 sts LY until inj, RS. 9 games in 2 yrs, 397 pass (53%) 2-3 ratio.
RB CHANCE KRETSCHMER SR. 6-1 220 9 sts as true, **#1 NCAA**, w/1732 rush (5.7), **1st Tm WAC**. Inj in '02. 12 sts LY 1162 (4.7). BJ Mitchell (5-8 207 Jr) 2 sts, 546 yds 2Y. Susp.
WR NICHIREN FLOWERS JR. 6-3 209 Last 4 sts as rFr, 33 rec (13.6). 9 starts LY, 35 rec (10.5). Tony Strong (6-3 207 rFr) PS#387. Kyle Eklund (5-8 180 So) PS#271.
WR Trevor Brackett Jr. 6-1 185 PS#195JC. 4.47 speed. Dell McGee (6-0 190 Sr) PS#410JC LY. 3 sts, 24 rec (13.2), 9 KR's (19.4). Alex Rosenblum (5-8 185 So).
WR Talib Wise Sr. 6-0 207 PS#473JC. 1 st LY @ RB, 405 rush (5.5), 12 rec (13.5). **Caleb Spencer** (6-1 180 So) PS#317JC, in for spring. Erik Ames (6-3 193 rFr).
TE ANTHONY PUDEWELL SO. 6-4 240 8 sts as rFr, 12 rec (10.2). **Tony Moll** (6-5 260 Jr) Scout MVP in '01. 1 st in '02. 11 sts last year, 6 rec (blk'r). Travis Branzell (6-3 239 So).
C KYLE GOSSELIN JR. 6-2 275 Move from TE in '02, 1 st at C. 9 sts at C in '03, (miss 3 inj). Barrett Reznick (6-1 280 So) PS#416. 407 hang clean. Lettered as rFr.
RG John Tennert Sr. 6-3 295 PS#284. 11 sts as true. 9 sts in '01. ACL in '02. 6th man on OL LY, now 100%. George Yarno (6-2 270 rFr) PS#333. Nick Posey (6-6 250 rFr).
LG CHRIS HINES SR. 6-2 299 2nd Tm WAC. 8 sts at DE as true, 21 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts at LG in '02 & '03. Dan Tennert (6-2 270 Jr) 2 letters. Tony Willis (5-10 288 Jr). 2L.
RT HARVEY DAHL SR. 6-5 305 4 sts as true. Last 7 sts in '02. Top OL Award, **1st Tm WAC** in '03, 12 sts. Adam Garcia (6-5 305 So) PS#432. Bobby Lepori PS#281.
LT Adam Kiefer Jr. 6-5 300 PS#303. 4 sts as rFr (2 at G, 2 at T). 2 sts at LT in '03. Thomas Stevens (6-2 315 Jr) PS#200JC. Greg Bellasis (6-6 265 rFr) PS#433.
K DAMON FINE SR. 5-9 150 15 of 23 FG's in '01, **long of 58**. 10 of 17 FG's in '02, long of 45. 13 of 17 FG's LY, long of 53. Solid on KO's. Justin Bergendahl is PS#339JC.

DE Corey Fagan Jr. 6-3 250 PS#198JC. Craig Bailey (6-4 260 Jr) 3 sts in '03, 12 tkls, 3 sks. Ross Wolter (6-3 240 So) PS#273. Cameron Butcher (6-5 275 rFr).
DT PJ Hoeper Jr. 6-3 288 1 st, 15 tkls, 2 sks, 2 yrs. Tim Sylvester (6-2 290 Jr) PS#240, 454 bench. Matt Hines (6-2 285 rFr). Ezra Bulter (6-1 284 rFr) 4.7 speed.
DT CHRIS BARRY SR. 6-3 285 PS#231. 8 sts, 27 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 30 tkls, 1 tfl in '02. 12 sts in '03, 44 tkls, 684 squat. Ben Kirish (6-5 247 Sr) PS#178. Army transfer.
DE JJ MILAN JR. 6-5 252 PS#250. 5 sts as true, 22 tkls. 9 sts LY, 32 tkls, 3 sks. Kose Kuaea (6-2 245 rFr) PS#155. Erics Clark (6-5 250 rFr) PS#236. Matt Swan PS#348JC LY.
OLB NICK HAWTHRONE SO. 6-0 200 PS#272. 11 sts at ROV LY, 77 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 int, 4 pbu. Roosevelt Cooks (5-10 215 Jr) **PS#197JC**. Jamaal Jackson (5-11 222 Jr) 2 sts, 14 tkls, 2Y.
MLB Shaun Tagatauli Sr. 6-0 234 PS#221JC. 14 sks at JC in '01. RS in '02. 2 starts LY, 32 tkls, 4 pbu. Jeremy Engstrom (6-1 235 rFr) PS#273. Mark Seward is PS#148.
WOLF Scott Garrison So. 5-11 230 PS#112. 4 tkls. Nick Fuhr (6-3 235 rFr) PS#270. Jeff Wells (6-2 214 rFr) PS#107QB. Moves over from FS this year. John Simpson (6-2 220 rFr).
CB RODNEY LANDINGHAM SO. 6-1 207 **PS#45**. Oregon St transfer. 4.3 speed. Chris Handy (5-11 189 Jr) 7 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 1 pbu. 7 sts in '03, 37 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Legal issues.
CB MARLON McLAUGHLIN SR. 5-10 180 9 sts in '01, 47 tkls, **11 pbu**. 12 sts in '02, 42 tkls, 7 pbu. 5 sts LY (inj), 15 tkls, 3 pbu. Paul Pratt (5-10 185 So) PS#164. 3 sts, 13 tkls as **true**.
SS Ekene Agwuenu Sr. 6-2 207 PS#380. 3 sts in '01 & '02, 41 tkls, 3 sks. 5 starts LY, 34 tkls, 1 int. **Kevin Stanley** is **PS#56JC**. Donald Gupton (6-0 213 Sr) is PS#430.
FS KEONE KAUO SR. 5-11 190 PS#153. 2 sts as true. 10 sts in '02. 85 tkls, 4 int, 5 pbu. 12 sts in '03, 86 tkls, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. Kevin Ernst (5-10 195 Sr) PS#413JC in 2002.
P Justin Bergendahl Jr. 6-2 210 PS#339JUCO. Joins team in fall. 39.3 avg at JC last year. Scott Garrsion (5-11 230 So) #2 punter in spring. 8 tackles last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Kevin Stanley 6-0 175 PS#56JC
LB	Mark Seward 5-11 220 PS#148
WR	Trevor Brackett 6-1 175 PS#195JC
OL	Roosevelt Cooks 5-10 215 PS#197JC
DL	Corey Fagan 6-3 250 PS#198JC
OL	Thomas Stevens 6-2 315 PS#200JC
LB	Matt Virden 6-0 180 PS#204
OL	Bobby Lepori 6-4 283 PS#281
WR	Caleb Spencer 6-1 175 PS#317JC
P	Justin Bergendahl 6-2 210 PS#339JC
QB	Ben Galbraith 6-4 215 PS#184
OL	Brad Eskew 6-3 280 PS#338
LB	Luke Lippencott 6-1 210 PS#256
OL	Dominic Green 6-2 275 PS#386
WR	Mike McCoy 6-1 185 PS#280
RB	Tommy Haug 6-0 198 PS#327
RB	Robert Hubbard 5-10 199 PS#444JC
DL	Harry Powell 6-3 240 PS#517
DB	De'Angelo Wilson 5-10 185 PS#546

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	Sacramento St	A					
Sep. 11	at San Diego St	G					
Sep. 18	Buffalo	A					
Sep. 25							
Oct. 2	at UNLV	A					
Oct. 9	at Hawaii	A					
Oct. 16	Rice	A					
Oct. 23	Tulsa (HC)	A					
Oct. 30	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Nov. 6	San Jose St	A					
Nov. 13	at SMU	A					
Nov. 20	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 27	Boise St	A					

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

This is Ault's 3rd stint as HC w/UN where he was Coach of the Year in '78 & '91. He was the HC for the Wolf Pack from 1976-1992 & then from 1994-'95. He has been the AD since 1986 but resigned to take the HC position.

Wolf Pack is 11-3 SU in home openers since 1990.
The Hornets were 2-9 SU last year & finished last in the Big Sky.

Nevada is 0-5 SU, but 4-1 ATS since 1999 in road openers.
The last time these 2 met the Wolf Pack lost 30-27 in '95 as a 10 pt AD.

The Wolf Pack is 6-1 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 2 years.
Nevada is 6-1 ATS before a bye week since 1998.

Bonus: The Wolf Pack is 5-3 ATS since 1997 after a bye week.

The Wolf Pack is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs state rival Rebels.
Nevada is 4-2-1 ATS the last 2 years as an away dog.

The HT has won & covered the L/4 in this affair that avg's a combined 58 ppg.
Entering 2004, Nevada is 12-7 ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss.

Wolf Pack is 3-1 ATS vs the Owls but lost LY 52-42 as a 6 pt away fav.
Nevada is 7-2 SU & 6-3 ATS when hosting a Texas school since 1997.

Nevada is 4-2 ATS in the 2nd of 2 straight home games.
In last year's game RB Kretschmer had 171 yds & 3 TD's.

The Wolf Pack is 1-3 SU, but 2-1 ATS w/the avg score of 89 ppg.
Nevada is 2-5 SU & 4-2-1 ATS on grass the last 7 games.

The favorite is 4-0 SU & ATS with an average of 84 pts being scored.
Nevada is 4-8 ATS since 1997 in November home games.

Wolf Pack is 6-3 ATS in the 1st of 2+ away games.
UN is 2-8-1 ATS since 1997 in lined November road games.

Nevada is 0-5 SU & 0-4-1 ATS since 1999 losing by an average of 27 ppg.
UN is 1-4 SU & 1-3-1 ATS their last 5 road finales.

Wolf Pack is 0-4 SU & ATS with an average loss of 50-9.
Nevada is 2-5 SU & ATS in home finales the last 7.

CHRIS AULT (Career 163-63-1)

21st Year at Nevada (*took under 2004 angles for more info)

Ault's records AT NEVADA

163-63-1*	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (22,18,1)
Lost: 23 (11,11,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,258

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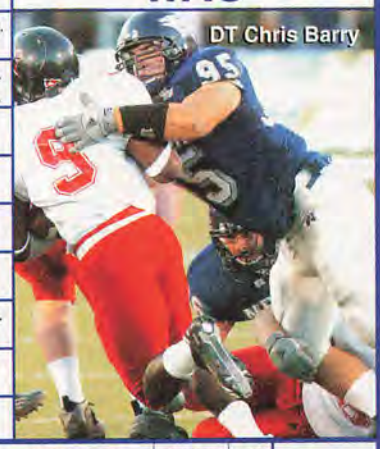

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PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	3-8	2-10	3-8	5-7	6-6	30-50
ATS	4-6	5-5	4-7	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	6-5	36-40-1
Home Fav	3-1	1-1	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	8-9
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	11-9
Away Fav	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	5-8
Away Dog	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	2-1	12-14-1
Favorite	3-3	2-3	2-5	0-0	1-0	3-2	2-4	13-17
Dog	1-3	3-2	2-2	4-8	5-5	4-2-1	4-1	23-23-1
Grass	4-5	3-3	4-5	1-3	1-2	2-1-1	1-0	16-19-1
Artificial	0-1	2-2	0-2	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-5	20-21
vs Conf	2-2	2-3	2-4	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	20-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	16-14
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-2	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	3-3	10-16-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-1	3-4	3-6	6-2	3-3	3-2	24-20

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chance Kretschmer	245	1203	41	1162	12	4.7
Talib Wise	73	424	19	405	1	5.5
BJ Mitchell	61	321	7	314	3	5.1
Andy Heiser	61	254	81	173	1	2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Heiser	326	164	50.3	2294	13	12
Jeff Rowe	47	22	46.8	259	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Maurice Mann	35	594	17.0	2	64
Tim Fleming	20	455	22.8	1	62
Nichiren Flowers	35	366	10.5	2	27
Willie Johnson	22	329	15.0	2	36
Dell McGee	24	318	13.2	1	33
Chance Kretschmer	15	124	8.3	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Jones	71	2847	40.1	11	34.0	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Damon Fine	27-32	8-8	3-5	1-3	1-1	13-17	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daryl Towns	97	2	5	2	1
Jorge Cordova	97	11.5	6	2	0
Keone Kauo	86	0	4	3	1
Nick Hawthrone	77	1	5	4	3
Logan Carter	76	1	2	1	3
Derek Kennard	59	10.5	7	7	2
Carl LaGrone	56	3.5	2	0	0
Chris Barry	44	0	1	2	0
Chris Handy	37	0	0	2	1
Ekene Agwuenu	34	0	1	1	1
JJ Milan	32	2.5	3	0	0
Shaun Tagatauli	32	0	2	4	0
JD Morscheck	24	1.5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nichiren Flowers	11	86	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Maurice Mann	15	311	20.7	0
Dell McGee	9	175	19.4	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Salad	NL	N Texas	13-6	–
48	Harbor	NL	Villanova	7-27	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo	37-40	L
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15	L

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	23.5	20	171	4.3	216	49.2	16.5	+5	2003	10	28.2	22	169	4.1	237	57.6	14.4
6	27.6	24	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	-6	2002	10	30.9	20	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6
10*	26.0	25	206	4.8	248	55.2	17.5	-1	2001	6	39.2	23	224	5.4	271	61.6	12.6
2*	17.3	18	68	2.2	245	48.9	18.1	-2	2000	2	38.7	23	233	5.0	202	56.5	11.2
9*	25.7	25	146	4.2	326	57.5	18.3	-4	1999	5	38.0	23	240	5.3	230	53.3	12.4
5	33.7	26	144	3.9	363	57.9	15.0	-3	1998	8	28.7	19	190	4.7	206	48.7	13.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
S Utah	21	46-203	4.4	19-32	195	0	21	25-77	3.1	27-49	261	3	+1
at Oregon	16	30-57	1.9	17-42	244	4	15	41-188	4.6	13-28	211	3	0
at San Jose St	29	60-272	4.5	17-24	291	0	17	29-133	4.6	15-27	209	2	0
SMU	14	33-164	5.0	11-25	96	0	18	52-148	2.8	9-18	97	4	0
UNLV	15	27-92	3.4	13-36	180	1	21	48-128	2.7	27-40	255	2	+1
at Washington	18	33-98	3.0	19-30	299	3	29	48-110	2.3	19-37	337	8	+4
at Tulsa	19	41-223	5.4	13-27	143	0	18	41-204	5.0	14-32	160	6	+4
Louisiana Tech	26	46-223	4.8	18-36	315	2	29	42-207	4.9	23-34	283	4	-1
at Rice	33	53-316	6.0	18-34	221	2	27	53-387	7.3	8-10	145	3	-2
Fresno St	16	28-113	4.0	17-34	308	2	22	53-212	4.0	19-28	184	0	-1
Hawaii	23	49-143	2.9	15-30	169	3	16	20-89	4.5	25-48	269	3	+1
at Boise St	12	32-149	4.7	13-36	127	0	26	45-140	3.1	21-31	437	0	-2
TOTALS	242	478-2053	4.3	190-386	2588	17	259	497-2023	4.1	220-382	2848	38	+5
AVERAGES	20.2	40-171	4.3	16-32	216	1.4	21.6	41-169	4.1	18-32	237	3.2	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon St	-1	13-28	L
at Colorado St	+17'	33-38	W
at Oregon	+14	10-72	L
Fresno St	-2	24-49	L
UNLV	-8	26-12	W
at N Mexico St	+4	23-16	W
at Boise St	-2	17-52	L
N Texas	-11	41-28	W
Idaho	+2'	33-42	L
at Arkansas St	-3'	28-44	L
Utah St	-3	35-37	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon	+32'	7-36	W
TCU	+22'	10-41	L
at Wyoming	+16'	35-28	W
Colorado St	+17	14-45	L
at UNLV	+21	7-38	L
at Fresno St	+24'	21-58	L
San Jose St	+16	30-49	L
at SMU	+13'	7-21	L
UTEP	+25	22-45	W
at Hawaii	+14'	17-37	L
Rice	+10	34-28	W
at Tulsa	+12'	3-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+25'	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+29'	18-35	W
Hawaii	+5'	28-20	W
UNLV	+11	12-27	L
Louisiana Tech	+9	42-45 ot	W
at Rice	+13	30-33	W
at Boise St	+22	7-49	L
SMU	+2	35-14	W
at San Jose St	+3'	45-64	L
Fresno St	+19'	14-61	L
at UTEP	-5	48-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wash St	+27	7-31	W
BYU	+14	31-28	W
Rice	-7'	31-21	W
Colorado St	+11'	28-32	W
at UNLV	-1	17-21	L
at Hawaii	+10	34-59	L
San Jose St	-5	52-24	W
at Louisiana Tech	+4'	47-50	W
at SMU	-6'	24-6	W
UTEP	-27'	23-17	L
at Fresno St	+8	30-38	T
Boise St	+18'	7-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Utah	NL	24-23	–
at Oregon	+22	23-31	W
at San Jose St	-1'	42-30	W
SMU	-19	12-9	L
UNLV	+5'	12-16	W
at Washington	+17'	28-17	W
at Tulsa	E	28-21	W
Louisiana Tech	-4	34-42	L
at Rice	-6	42-52	L
Fresno St	-2'	10-27	L
Hawaii	+3'	24-14	W
at Boise St	+22	3-56	L

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - San Jose St had a returning starter in 2002 but JUCO transfer Scott Rislov won the starting job because he made the fewest mistakes in the spring and in August. Twice he was pulled (vs Washington and Stanford) and Beau Pierce was brought in vs Stanford, but hit just 7 of 13 for 25 yards. Rislov threw for 408 yards guiding the upset of Illinois, and there were no more questions over who would be the starter. He also hit 36 of 44 for 81.8% vs Ohio St's National Championship defense setting a school single game record for completion percentage. He topped Mike Perez's 1987 mark for single season completions (60.5%) and came up just 9 yards short of his single season record for passing yards as he threw for 3,251 (61.2%) with a 22-14 ratio. Rislov had another fine year in 2003 having his best games at the end of the season. He set a school record against UTEP with 543 yards passing and 7 TD's, becoming the first QB in school history to top 3,000 yards passing in 2 seasons. In the season finale he threw for 470 yards against a Tulsa pass D that came in ranked #1 in the conference. For the season Rislov threw for 3,016 yards (59.7%) with an 18-5 ratio. Pierce was able to get in 8 games but threw just 15 passes for 55 yards. He was the top JC QB in California in 2000. Danny Armstrong (6-0 210 Sr) was PS#94 and originally signed at San Diego St. He had one pass attempt in 3 games there as a rFr and then went to JUCO in 2002. He is not on the spring roster but has a chance to return. Adam Tafralis (6-1 219 rFr), Chris Bodishbaugh (6-3 199 rFr, PS#270) and Dale Rogers (6-2 239 Sr) are in the battle and Tafralis was impressive on the scout team last year. Also in the mix is Joe Micco and JP Greco (6-1 188 Jr). Rislov had an outstanding season last year and was an experienced veteran and that is something that the Spartans' roster lacks this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the team had to replace their top two rushers. Their leading returnee, Lamar Ferguson, who stands just 5-5 151 but had 302 yards (5.2) in 2001. Ferguson, the smallest player in the NCAA had 9 starts in 2002 despite missing some playing time due to injuries and rushed for 634 yards (5.0). Last year it appeared everyone would return plus they added Tyson Thompson (PS#5RB) who was a super JUCO transfer. Unfortunately, Ferguson missed the year as he was not fully recovered from offseason surgery and Thompson never made grades. Lance Martin (5-10 209 Sr) and Damarcus Ingram were the two leading returning rushers with Martin having 249 (6.1) in 2002 and Ingram 209 yards (5.8). Trestin George who had 176 yards (3.9) in '02 moved to CB. The team has only had two rushers top 100 yards in a game in the last 27 games. Both were accomplished last year with Ingram gaining 104 vs SMU and Martin 109 vs Fresno. In the opener last year it was true frosh Yonus Davis (5-5 169 So, PS#212) who rushed for 69 and had 69 yards receiving but he would appear in just six games. Overall Martin led the team with 520 yards (4.4) while Ingram had 371 (3.9). The team's longest run from scrimmage last year was only y 30 yards, so the Spartans are looking for a gamebreaker. This year the only loss from the RB corps is Ingram and I list the 2 deep below. Getting back Ferguson is a big plus. Three potential difference makers join the team in August in Thompson, Derrell Hutsona (PS#329, PQ last year) and true frosh Patrick Perry (PS#118). If Thompson lives up to his potential, the RB corps could have their best production since 2000 (188 ypg, 5.2 ypc).

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace its leading receiver but did have Kendrick Starling back. Starling, a rare VHT for SJSt (PS#16JC) had 7 starts in 2002 with 49 rec (12.3). They also had Texas Tech transfer Jamall Broussard who had 62 rec (11.0) in 2002. Starling was a dangerous returnman but suffered a concussion early and was limited to ten games with 28 rec (10.6). Starling departs along with Broussard (55 rec, 13.0) and the team's leading receiver Tuati Wooden (61 rec, 12.8). Also gone this year are TE's Courtney Anderson (23, 14.0, #7DC of OAK) and Leon Pinky (2 sts, 31 rec, 12.7, PS#91JC). I list the 2 deep below. This unit is less experienced than it was heading into last year and did lose some top-notch talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 San Jose had an inexperienced O-line and had its lowest ypc rushing in five years (3.6) but did allow just 28 sacks (5.8%). Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 20 starts including a sixth round DC but did have 8 of the top 10 returning. The unit was hit hard by injuries and only one OL started all 11 games in Joseph Hayes and that was at two different positions (8 at LT, 3 at LG). Three year starter Hayes departs after earning 2nd Tm WAC honors along with C LaMons Walker (7 sts, 2nd Tm WAC, 2 yr st'r), LG Kevin Isreal (8 sts), LT Jeff Gordon (5 sts) and RG Justin Arrington (5 sts). They basically have two returning starters as Eric Olson started 3 of the last 6 at RG and Osmar Staples had 9 starts. The Spartans' injury plagued O-line paved the way for just 3.2 ypc rushing but did allow just 20 sacks on 463 pass attempts (4.3%). The line is less experienced but should remain healthier and has great size averaging 6-5 320.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush defense has been a concern for the Spartans for a long time and in the last nine years they have allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing five times and last year narrowly missed that mark yielding 4.9 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 18 sacks. They had an inexperienced D-line in 2002 and Larnell Ransom became the first true frosh to start at DT here since 1996. Last year they appeared to be in good shape only replacing five players who combined for 16 starts so basically they had 3 starters back plus I expected a big season out of Eddie Brown (PS#6JC). Brown was still not 100% after his knee surgery and had some eligibility problems, so he only appeared in seven games with one start. I expect a bigger impact from him this season. They lose DE Philip Perry (11 sts, 34 tkls, 2 sks) as well as DT Jason Gustus (1 st, 12 tkls) and DT Steve Nash (4 tkls, 1 sk). Another possible loss is DT Joshua Smith (1 st, 4 tkls) who was not on the spring roster after an ankle injury last year. In the 3 deep that I list below, five players return with starting experience plus they bring in some solid JUCO's, and if Brown lives up to his VHT potential, this could be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - The Spartans had to replace two starters from this unit last year and basically ran a 4-2-5 defense with 3 safety starters but 202 lb Eric Wilson is more like a LB and this year he will officially get the LB title in the new 4-4-3 defense. Once again they have one starter returning. They must replace OLB Onyeka Ossai (7 sts, 53 tkls, 3 tfl), Paul Okumu (9 sts, 74 tkls), Michael Smith (6 sts, 62 tkls), Oscar Rigg (23 tkls) and Skyler McKnight (3 tkls). In the 3 deep that I list below they do have four players returning with starting experience and bring in an HT JUCO, rFr and true frosh. Last year's unit was nothing special and this year's is just as experienced and could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 San Jose had a lightly experienced secondary but finished #3 in the NCAA in total interceptions (23). Gerald Jones tied a school record with 8 and the Spartans finished #80 in my pass D rankings. Last year they appeared to be in great shape only having to replace 3 players who combined for 9 starts. Despite the experience, I noted that it would be tough for the Spartans to match the 23 int's and as expected, the number dropped last year to 15. They lost starting FS Josh Powell after 3 starts due to injury. They dropped to #84 in my pass D rankings allowing 60.2% with a respectable 21-15 ratio and Gerald Jones had six int's. This year they must replace Jones (2nd Tm WAC, 101 tkls, 5 pbu, 6 tfl), S Melvin Cook (6 sts, 48 tkls, 4 tfl), S Neil Parry, CB Roy Lewis (5 sts, 42 tkls, 1 pbu), SS Zack Rance (6 tkls) and SS Terrence Tillman (1 tkl). Powell returns and Trestin George (PS#74RB, 40 tkls, 2 int) should improve at CB in his 2nd full season. They also add four JUCO's this year including 3 who were in for the spring. The unit does have added talent and has the makings of a pretty good group with decent size. I look for SJSt to move up in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1999 the Spartans actually finished #9 in my special teams rankings and were #34 in 2000. In 2001, despite having almost everyone back, they finished #117. In 2002 with practically everyone back they moved back up to #26. Last year they had to replace their top KR/PR plus their P and K. As expected, the team fell all the way down to #104 despite the presence of dangerous returnman Kendrick Starling. Starling averaged a super 28.1 on 20 returns although he did miss some action due to a concussion. Trestin George had a 99 yard KR for a TD vs Nevada. The team did have LS problems when Jeff Gordon was out for three games. Center LaMons Walker took his place but suffered a shoulder injury and then had a bad snap for a safety against Boise. He was replaced by WR James Jones who duplicated that. The inspirational news from the special teams was Neil Parry who played with a prosthetic leg and participated in 15 plays during the year. This year they must not only replace Parry and Starling but also top PR Jamall Broussard (10.9) and P Bryce Partridge. They have K Jeff Carr back and also add in near-VHT Jeff Ferrier (PS#17). Even with the loss of three key performers, this unit only has one way to go.

COACHES - Fitz Hill was my WAC Coach of the Year in 2002 as he had a team with just six returning starters playing 9 road games and had a shot at a winning record in the final game of the season. He was awarded a 2 year contract extension. However, Hill's veteran squad last year underachieved a bit going 3-8. His OC is Charlie Roche who is in his 3rd year as OC and 4th year here overall. Hill has his third DC in three years but it is a great hire in Keith Burns who was the head coach at Tulsa after being an assistant with Hill at Arkansas.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Fitz Hill arrived here he only had 60 scholarship players. This year it is up to 77 and he hopes to get to the NCAA limit of 85 next year. Hill reminds me of another well-respected Bay area head coach of recent years, Ty Willingham. Willingham's teams, when expected to do well, fared poorly but when given little chance, have far exceeded expectations. Hill did just that in his first year here (see Coaches) coaxing a 6-7 record from a team that had just six returning starters. Last year expectations were high with 16 returning starters, but the team stumbled to 3-8. They did have some tough losses during the year. They led Stanford 10-0 but gave up 2 TD's in :16 which turned the game around. They led Rice by 10 in the 4Q and lost. SJSt was stopped at the Warriors' 1 yard line at the end of the Hawaii game and the refs ruled the game over despite :01 left on the clock to try for the EZ in a 3 point loss. The refs were suspended due to several mistakes which cost SJS the win. SJSt led Tulsa 26-14 but had 2 TD's called back on holding and 2 missed 2 pt conversions in the 2 point loss. Things should be great for San Jose St as little will be expected. They have just 9 starters returning, which is the fewest in the WAC and the 27 lettermen lost is the most in the league. Last year they were outgained by 59.5 ypg in WAC play finishing 2-6. They have just 3 starters returning on offense and must break in a new QB and O-line. This situation reminds me very much of 2002 when Hill surprised everyone and almost got the team to a winning record (6-7), narrowly missing out on a victory in their season finale. I will call for a 4th consecutive losing season for the Spartans, but they could pull a few surprises.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Beau Pierce Sr. 6-3 219 JC in 2000. 17 of 29 for 84 yds, 0-2 ratio, in 16 games here. Adam Tafralis (6-1 219 rFr) PS#369. Dale Rogers (6-2 239 Sr) Cal Poly trans.

TB TYSON THOMPSON SR. 6-1 217 **PS#5.** Orig signed w/TCU. JC. **Lance Martin** (5-10 209 Sr) 5 sts LY, 828 yds (4.7) 3Y. **Lamar Ferguson** (5-5 151 Jr) 9 sts, 634 (5.0) '02. Inj LY.

WR Rufus Skillern Jr. 6-1 183 1 st in '03, 8 rec (20.9). Ellis Jones is PS#381. Clarence Cunningham (5-10 174 Sr) 118 yds rush at RB 3Y. Terrell Johnson (5-11 185 So).

WR Cleve Johnson Jr. 5-10 196 4Y in Marines. PS#385JC. 56 rec (18.6) at JC in '03. John Broussard (6-1 165 Jr) PS#360. 5 rec LY. Michael Hooper (5-9 146 rFr) PS#372.

WR Terrance Grant Jr. 6-0 195 PS#199JC. Casey Miranda (5-10 177 Sr) PS#442JC. 5 rec LY (12.8). James Jones (6-1 194 So) 1 rec. Chester Coleman (5-11 180 So).

TE Josh Veal Jr. 6-4 296 PS#272JC. RS at DL in '03. Bryan Watje (6-4 250 Jr) 38 rec (14.6), 2Y at JC. Jamaal Allen (6-3 246 Sr). Kyle Cancimilla (6-3 231 rFr).

C Matt Cantu So. 6-3 290 First 2 sts as rFr LY, 6 games. Ryan Simone (6-3 284 rFr) PS#521. Nicholas Marchini (6-2 281 rFr) PS#511. Josh Aigner (5-10 198 Jr).

RG Marcel Burrough Jr. 6-6 352 PS#196JC. In for spring. Mark Manning (6-1 316 Jr) PS#206. 2 games, 2nd string LY. David Giesen (6-2 283 rFr).

LG ERIC OLSON SR. 6-4 324 2nd string 2H of '02. 5 of last 6 at RG in '03, 2L. Chad Lerette (6-4 303 Sr) PS#269JC. **Victor Brankovich** (6-4 285 Jr) is **PS#116JC.**

RT OSMAR STAPLES SR. 6-5 328 PS#238OL in '01, Hampton Univ. 9 sts here LY (8 at RT, 1 at C) 10 games. Amadeo Novella (6-4 305 Jr) PS#206JUCO. RS here last year.

LT William Obeng Sr. 6-6 307 PS#346JUCO. 3 sts, 9 games here LY. John Toensfeldt (6-8 308 Jr) PS#296. 7 games last year. Chris Mungin (6-6 298 rFr) PS#265DL.

K JEFF FERRIER rFR. 6-3 215 PS#17. 75% of KO's were TB's in HS. 53 yd FG. **Jeff Carr** (6-1 202 Sr) JUCO. Hit 11 of 17 FG's here LY, long of 47. 4 of 9 from 40+.

DE SEAN McNAMARA SR. 6-5 214 PS#320JC. 6 sts, 30 tkls, 5 sks in '03. Larnell Ransom (6-0 253 Jr) 7 sts, 2Y, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. Michael Stevenson (6-3 235 Sr), 1 tkl last year.

DT Eddie Brown Sr. 6-3 319 **PS#6JC!** Knee inj in '02. 1 st, 7 games LY, 12 tkls, 2 tfl. Wallace Dixon (6-0 263 Sr). PS#430 JC. Melvin Johnson (5-10 290 rFr). PS#410.

DT KINJI GREEN JR. 6-2 275 10 sts in '02, 35 tkls, 2 sks. 10 sts LY, 19 tkls. Anthony Flores (6-4 299 Jr) PS#305 JC. In for spg. Cornelius Lambert (6-2 260 Jr) PS#311JC.

DE TONY FICKLIN JR. 6-2 265 2 sts, 35 tkls in '02. 10 sts LY, 36 tkls, 4 sks. Derrick Jones (6-5 250 Jr) **PS#149JC.** 91 tkls, 14.5 sks at JC! Justin James (6-4 238 Jr) 20 tkls, 2.5 sks LY.

OLB Katrell Collier Jr. 6-1 210 PS#124JC. 7 sks, 6 int at JC. RS LY. Bobby Godinez (6-0 210 Jr) PS#176DB in '00. PS#237JC. In spg. Donald Richardson (6-3 195 So) PS#310.

ILB Rafael Pineda rFr. 6-0 226 **PS#169LB.** Demetrius Jones (6-0 222 So) 1 st at DE, 19 tkls, 1 tfl. 153 tkls, 11 sks as senior in HS. Brian Elledge (6-3 210 Fr) is PS#160.

ILB Mike Liranzo Sr. 6-1 230 2 sts, 67 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl in 3Y. Jamonte Cox (5-11 216 Jr). 6 tkls in 2 years. Ezekiel Staples (5-11 203 Jr) PS#226RB. 3 sts, 359 ttl yards in 2 years.

OLB ERIC WILSON JR. 5-9 202 **PS#144DB.** 11 sts in '03, 97 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int. Brian Nunez (5-11 176 Jr) PS#355WR. 1 st, 34 tkls, 2 yrs. Trevore Archie (5-9 165 Jr) PS#319RB.

CB TRESTIN GEORGE JR. 5-9 178 **PS#74RB.** 6 sts as true, 21 tkls, 3 pbu. 5 sts in '03, 40 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu, 18 KR (23.8). Larry Collins is PS#209JC. In for spring.

CB JERRELL HARDY SR. 6-2 180 PS#212JC. 5 sts, 20 tkls, 4 pbu LY. Marshall Hendricks (5-11 171 Sr) 7 sts, 23 tkls, 3 pbu LY. Travonne Jackson (5-9 185 So) PS#212JC. In for spg.

FS Josh Powell Jr. 6-3 202 9 sts at SS in '02, 86 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. 3 sts LY (until inj), 13 tkls. Rakine Toomes is PS#213JC. David Bowen (6-0 189 rFr).

P Dale Rogers Sr. 6-2 239 39.0 avg at Cal Poly in 2000, 43.1 avg at JUCO. Jeff Carr avg 37.4 at JUCO in 2002. Waylon Prather (6-3 228 Fr) is a walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Victor Brankovich 6-4 285 PS#116JC
DL	Derrick Jones 6-5 250 PS#149JC
OL	Marcel Burrough 6-6 352 PS#196JC
WR	Terrance Grant 6-0 195 PS#199JC
DB	Larry Collins 5-11 190 PS#209JC
DB	Travonne Jackson 5-11 185 PS#212JC
DB	Rakine Toomes 6-0 195 PS#213JC
LB	Brian Elledge 6-3 210 PS#160
DB	Bobby Godinez 6-0 210 PS#237JC
OL	Erik Schlief 6-5 360 PS#238
DL	Anthony Flores 6-4 298 PS#305JC
DL	Cornelius Lambert 6-2 260 PS#311JC
TE	Bryan Watje 6-4 250 PS#320JC
WR	Cleve Johnson 5-10 194 PS#385JC

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SJSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								San Jose St is 6-17 SU & 10-13 ATS in away games under Fitz Hill. Spartans are 2-5 SU & ATS the last 7 Homecoming games. San Jose St is 2-5 SU & 6-1 ATS in their last 7 road openers.
Sep. 4	at San Diego St	G						SJSU is 0-4 SU & ATS being outscored on avg 45-17 since S/'95 vs the Aztecs. San Jose St is 5-14 SU & 5-11 ATS since '93 vs current MWC opponents.
Sep. 11	at Stanford	G						Spartans are 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more B2B road games. SJ St is 7-4 ATS the L11Y vs Stanford, but are 0-3 SU & ATS the L3Y.
Sep. 18	Morgan St	G						The Bears finished 6-5 last year as a Division IAA MEAC member. Located in Baltimore, MD, Morgan St is off back-to-back winning seasons.
Sep. 25	at SMU	A						SJ St is 3-1 SU & ATS vs SMU with only 47 ppg combined being scored. Could apply: Spartans are 7-1 SU & ATS as an away favorite the last 6 yrs.
Oct. 2	Rice	G						San Jose St is 8-4 ATS at Spartan Stadium under Fitz Hill. The home team is 4-0 SU & ATS in this series.
Oct. 9	at Washington	A						SJSU has never defeated UW SU, as they have lost by an avg of 29 ppg L/4. Pending earlier results, Spartans are 3-17 SU & 7-13 ATS as an AD under Hill.
Oct. 16								
Oct. 23	at Hawaii	A						San Jose St is 0-5 SU & ATS after a bye week since 1999. Spartans are 6-2 ATS vs Hawaii since '96, including 4-1 ATS on the Island.
Oct. 30	UTEP (HC)	G						Scoring just 10 pts in 1997, San Jose St has increased its offensive output each of the last 6 years pouring on 69 pts last year vs UTEP.
Nov. 6	at Nevada	A						The Spartans are 9-3 ATS in the month of November under Hill. The favorite is a perfect 4-0 ATS in this series.
Nov. 13	Boise St	G						SJ St is 0-4 SU & 0-3 ATS, being outscored on avg 52-11 vs Boise St. Boise St is 1 of 4 teams San Jose St plays this year that went bowling LY.
Nov. 20	at Tulsa	A						San Jose St is 4-1 ATS vs Tulsa. These 2 have avg 81 ppg combined L3Y. SJSU's new DC, Keith Burns, was Tulsa's head coach in 2002.
Nov. 27	Fresno St	G						The dog has covered 3 of the last 4 in this series. Spartans are 2-10 SU & 3-8 ATS in home finales since 1992.

FITZ HILL (Career 12-24)
4th Year at San Jose St

Hill's records AT SAN JOSE ST

12-24	Straight Up	4-1	Home Favorite
18-17	Vs The Spread	4-3	Home Underdog
10-11	Off A SU Loss	3-0	Away Favorite
14-10	Vs Conference	7-13	Away Underdog
4-7	Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (17,17,1)
Lost: 30 (12,16,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,080

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STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (28,867)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-8	3-7	7-5	3-9	6-7	3-8	30-51
ATS	7-4	6-6	3-6	8-3	5-7	9-4	4-6	42-36
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	6-5
Home Dog	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	9-8
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	7-1
Away Dog	5-1	3-3	2-5	3-0	3-5	4-3	0-5	20-22
Favorite	0-0	1-1	1-1	4-3	2-1	3-0	2-0	13-6
Dog	7-4	5-5	2-5	4-0	3-6	6-4	2-6	29-30
Grass	4-4	5-4	3-4	5-2	4-5	5-3	3-4	29-26
Artificial	3-0	1-2	0-2	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-2	13-10
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	1-5	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	30-24
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	1-3	3-2	0-2	12-12
Off SU Win	2-1	0-4	2-1	4-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	14-14
Off SU Loss	4-3	5-2	0-4	3-1	3-5	3-3	4-3	22-21

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lance Martin	**119**	**555**	**35**	**520**	**2**	**4.4**
Damarcus Ingram	96	386	15	371	3	3.9
Yonus Davis	**41**	**153**	**34**	**119**	**2**	**2.9**
Jamall Broussard	10	80	9	71	1	7.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Scott Rislov	437	261	59.7	3016	18	5
Beau Pierce	**15**	**9**	**60.0**	**55**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tuati Wooden	61	780	12.8	2	52
Jamall Broussard	55	715	13.0	1	47
Leon Pinky	31	395	12.7	8	48
Courtney Anderson	23	322	14.0	5	66
Kendrick Starling	28	296	10.6	0	37
Ezekiel Staples	**25**	**152**	**6.1**	**0**	**31**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Bryce Partridge	57	2189	38.4	9	30.5	2	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Carr	**28-29**	**2-2**	**5-6**	**4-9**	**0-0**	**11-17**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerald Jones	101	1	5	5	6
Eric Wilson	**97**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Paul Okumu	74	0.5	1	0	0
Michael Smith	62	0	2	1	1
Onyeka Ossai	53	1	2	2	1
Melvin Cook	48	0	4	1	1
Roy Lewis	42	0	0	1	0
Trestin George	**40**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**2**
Tony Ficklin	**36**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Philip Perry	34	2	1	0	0
Sean McNamara	**30**	**5**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Mike Liranzo	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**
Brian Nunez	**25**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamall Broussard	16	174	10.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kendrick Starling	20	562	28.1	0
Trestin George	**18**	**429**	**23.8**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	Memphis	9-28	–
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27	–
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami, Oh	37-7	–
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30	–
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	23.5	20	104	3.2	282	59.0	16.4	+5	2003	8	35.1	22	187	4.9	272	60.2	13.1
4*	28.9	19	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	+6	2002	2	35.9	25	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7
9*	24.6	21	153	4.1	276	54.9	17.5	-8	2001	4	38.4	24	204	5.1	297	59.5	13.0
8	31.2	20	188	5.2	229	50.0	13.4	+6	2000	5	29.8	25	223	4.7	253	51.5	16.0
2*	25.8	20	119	3.6	249	54.5	14.3	-10	1999	6	40.2	25	243	5.2	235	57.3	11.9
8*	22.8	17	132	3.8	203	53.1	14.7	+4	1998	7	32.1	23	259	5.1	171	51.9	13.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Grambling St	25	41-118	2.9	27-42	335	2	16	21-50	2.4	23-47	210	3	+1
at Florida	11	27-87	3.2	19-37	98	0	26	34-155	4.6	27-41	357	2	-1
at Stanford	16	16-9	0.6	28-67	261	1	27	41-164	4.0	24-45	293	2	+1
Nevada	17	29-133	4.6	15-27	209	3	29	60-272	4.5	17-24	291	0	0
at Rice	20	34-151	4.4	26-33	261	3	25	61-297	4.9	10-13	110	1	+2
SMU	22	39-154	3.9	23-41	294	0	11	30-69	2.3	11-20	198	3	+1
at Boise St	17	37-64	1.7	27-44	229	2	22	34-132	3.9	19-31	439	2	-2
Hawaii	21	39-103	2.6	23-41	223	4	18	17-79	4.6	28-46	332	2	+2
at UTEP	31	33-117	3.5	29-41	547	2	26	42-281	6.7	23-40	349	3	+3
at Fresno St	17	27-114	4.2	24-38	179	3	25	40-311	7.8	21-32	197	0	-1
Tulsa	28	33-97	2.9	32-52	470	0	21	44-251	5.7	16-25	213	0	-1
TOTALS	225	355-1147	3.2	273-463	3106	20	246	424-2061	4.9	219-364	2989	18	+5
AVERAGES	20.5	32-104	3.2	25-42	282	1.8	22.4	39-187	4.9	20-33	272	1.6	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+27	21-29	W
at Colorado	+24	35-63	L
St Mary's	NL	38-3	–
Tulsa	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+19	44-39	W
at TCU	+5'	0-42	L
at Rice	+10	7-49	L
SMU		Cancelled	
at UTEP	+6'	26-42	L
Hawaii	-2'	41-62	L
at Fresno St	+16	12-63	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49'	13-49	W
at Stanford	+17'	40-27	W
S Utah	NL	47-7	–
at USC	+23	24-34	W
Rice	-6'	29-16	W
at SMU	-2'	35-10	W
UTEP	-3	30-47	L
at Nevada	-16	49-30	W
at Hawaii	-8	57-48	W
TCU	+13	27-24	W
at Tulsa	-10	17-28	L
Fresno St	-1	6-37	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+15	10-21	W
at Colorado	+16	15-51	L
at Arizona St	+15'	15-53	L
at Louisiana Tech	+7	20-41	L
SMU	-7	17-24	L
at UTEP	+3	40-28	W
Tulsa	-7'	63-27	W
at Hawaii	+13	10-34	L
Nevada	-3'	64-45	W
at Boise St	+15	6-56	L
at Fresno St	+28'	21-40	W
Stanford	+19'	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas St	+1	33-14	W
at Washington	+30	10-34	W
at Stanford	+18	26-63	L
at Illinois	+23'	38-35	W
UTEP	-17'	58-24	W
at SMU	-7	34-23	W
at Ohio St	+28'	7-50	L
at Nevada	+5	24-52	L
Boise St	+16'	8-45	L
at Hawaii	+24'	31-40	W
Louisiana Tech	+4	42-30	W
at Tulsa	-10	49-38	W
Fresno St	+6	16-19	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Grambling St	NL	29-0	–
at Florida	+24	3-65	L
at Stanford	+12	10-31	L
Nevada	+1'	30-42	L
at Rice	+3'	24-28	L
SMU	-7'	31-14	W
at Boise St	+27	14-77	L
Hawaii	+13	10-13	W
at UTEP	-3	69-41	W
at Fresno St	+14	7-41	L
Tulsa	+7	32-34	W

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Every offseason I go through EVERY one of the thousands of "We Value Your Opinion" Surveys (page 326) that were sent back to us. First of all, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the nice comments that were made about the magazine. I must say, it charged me up to once again make this year's magazine bigger and better to live up to your expectations. Every year, one of the main sources for making improvements to the magazine is from your comments and you will see some of these additions this year. In reading the questionnaires I jotted down what you, the reader, asked for under "Next year I would like to see:". There were 10 different things that were requested over and over and I list those below. Phil Steele

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Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
42	Connecticut	34.0	1	477.5	1	179.6	2	4.7	2	297.9	1	58.6	1	14.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	1
55	Notre Dame	20.3	3	336.3	3	157.3	3	4.0	3	179.1	2	47.4	2	16.6	3	26.0	3	24.0	3
70	Navy	30.5	2	423.5	2	323.2	1	5.5	1	100.3	4	46.8	3	13.9	1	20.0	1	16.0	2
114	Troy St	15.4	4	293.9	4	154.6	4	3.6	4	139.3	3	42.4	4	19.1	4	31.0	4	34.0	4

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
21	Notre Dame	26.3	4	340.2	2	127.2	2	3.1	1	213.0	3	57.6	2	13.0	4	28.0	2	37.0	1
60	Connecticut	25.0	3	340.0	1	138.8	3	3.7	3	201.2	2	53.2	1	13.6	3	20.0	4	35.0	2
71	Troy St	22.7	2	349.7	3	125.5	1	3.4	2	224.2	4	59.0	3	15.4	2	35.0	1	17.0	3
72	Navy	21.8	1	352.8	4	172.5	4	4.2	4	180.2	1	61.9	4	16.2	1	27.0	3	16.0	4

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - In Ty Willingham's first year they jumped out to an 8-0 start and were ranked #4 in the country. Since then they have slumped to just 7-9. From 1964-2001 the Irish had just 5 losses of 20+ points but under Willingham have lost by 21+ six times. When expectations are high, Willingham's teams struggle but when they are low (like this year and 2002), they usually do extremely well. In Willingham's first year ND bounced back from a 5-6 season and went 10-3. This team is capable of a big turnaround once again.

2. NAVY - Paul Johnson has done a great job in just two seasons here taking the team to its first bowl since 1996 last year. This year's unit returns 14 starters which is the most they have had back since that 1996 team. Despite having to replace their QB and a couple other key starters, I expect Aaron Polanco to do well and FB Kyle Eckel is one of the best RB's you never heard of. The D made dramatic strides. After allowing 36.3 ppg in 2002, they yielded just 21.8 last year. The schedule is manageable once again as they face just one bowl team from 2003. Navy brought in its best class of frosh since I've been writing this magazine and continue to add talent and should bag another winning season.

3. FLORIDA ATLANTIC - Howard Schnellenberger is doing an incredible job with this program as they just started playing football in 2001. Last year the Owls became the youngest ever start-up program to get into the IAA playoffs and finished #4 in IAA ball. Last year they faced just two IA teams, upsetting Middle Tennessee St and almost beating UCF. This year they must face six (7 if you count FIU) so the schedule does get a lot tougher. Add in the fact that opponents won't be taking them as light and it figures to be a more difficult year. However, they have 20 starters back and looking at the schedule, I think FA can get a winning season in their first unofficial year of IA ball (conditional in 2004 & 2005).

4. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL - FIU is an even younger program than FA as it's just their 3rd year. Last season they were 2-10 facing a mostly IAA schedule but were only outscored by 5.9 ppg. They have all 22 starters back losing just 8 lettermen and did lead Fla Atl by 17 points in last year's loss. FIU should fare well vs the IAA teams they face this year and since that is the majority of their schedule, I give them a shot at finishing on the plus side of the ledger but they have yet to win a road game in their brief history.

Independent Notes: The Independents get smaller each year. While Army and possibly Temple will join this group in 2005, it will be just Notre Dame and Navy with them as both the IA newcomers (FIU and FAU) move to the SBC. My apologies to Navy, Fla Atl and Fla Int' for paring them with Notre Dame for the All-Conf teams. The Irish, of course, recruit blue chip talent and are very deep at every position while the other 3 Independents may land a rare blue chip. There are some non-Irish 1st Teamers, most notably RB Kyle Eckel of Navy, TE Anthony Crissinger-Hill of FAU, DL Mike Sherrill of FIU and 3 Navy defenders in LB Lane Jackson, CB Vaughn Kelly and FS Josh Smith as well as the entire 1st Tm Special Teams unit. Last year the Independents (which consisted of ND, Connecticut, Navy and Troy St) combined to go 7-15 vs BCS conference schools and 27-19 in non-conference games overall. Welcome to IA ball Florida Int'l and Florida Atlantic!

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team
QB	Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	Jared Allen, Florida Atlantic
RB	Kyle Eckel, Navy	Adam Gorman, Fla Int'l
RB	Ryan Grant, Notre Dame	Eric Roberts, Navy
WR	Maurice Stovall, Notre Dame	Harold Leath, Fla Int'l
WR	Rhema McKnight, Notre Dame	Roosevelt Bynes, Florida Atlantic
TE	Anthony Crissinger-Hill, Fla Atl	Anthony Fasano, Notre Dame
C	Bob Morton, Notre Dame	Victor Cernius, Fla Int'l
G	Dan Stevenson, Notre Dame	Johnathan Taylor, Fla Int'l
G	Jamie Ryan, Notre Dame	Dennis Ray Phillips, Navy
T	Mark LeVoir, Notre Dame	Dave Richards, Florida Atlantic
T	Ryan Harris, Notre Dame	John Shanahan, Fla Int'l
DL	Justin Tuck, Notre Dame	Pierre Moss, Navy
DL	Greg Pauly, Notre Dame	Damian Haye, Fla Int'l
DL	Mike Sherrill, Fla Int'l	Kyle Budinscak, Notre Dame
DL	Victor Abiamiri, Notre Dame	Babatunde Akingbemi, Navy
LB	Derek Curry, Notre Dame	Antwan Barnes, Fla Int'l
LB	Brandon Hoyte, Notre Dame	Chris Laskowski, Florida Atlantic
LB	Lane Jackson, Navy	Mike Goolsby, Notre Dame
CB	Willie Hughley, Florida Atlantic	Keenan Little, Navy
CB	Vaughn Kelley, Navy	Preston Jackson, Notre Dame
SS	John Haritan, Fla Int'l	DuJuan Price, Navy
FS	Josh Smith, Navy	Quentin Burrell, Notre Dame
K	Mark Myers, Florida Atlantic	DJ Fitzpatrick, Notre Dame
P	Doug Jones, Fla Int'l	DJ Fitzpatrick, Notre Dame
KR	Greg Moss, Fla Int'l	Anthony Jackson, Florida Atlantic
PR	Greg Moss, Fla Int'l	Jason Tomlinson, Navy

2003 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Dan Orlovsky, Conn	**475**	**279**	**58.7**	**14**	**3485**	**7.3**	**33**	**137.4**
Craig Candeto, Navy	131	64	48.9	5	1140	8.7	7	132.0
Brady Quinn, N Dame	**332**	**157**	**47.3**	**15**	**1831**	**5.5**	**9**	**93.5**
Aaron Leak, Troy St	**259**	**110**	**42.5**	**12**	**1427**	**5.5**	**7**	**88.4**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut	**12**	**30**	**-41**	**475**	**3485**	**3444**	**287.0**
Craig Candeto, Navy	13	271	1112	131	1140	2252	173.2
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	**12**	**48**	**25**	**332**	**1831**	**1856**	**154.7**
Aaron Leak, Troy St	**12**	**126**	**208**	**259**	**1427**	**1635**	**136.3**
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	**5**	**89**	**607**	**0**	**0**	**607**	**121.4**
Julius Jones, Notre Dame	12	229	1268	0	0	1268	105.7
DeWhitt Betterson, Troy St	**12**	**244**	**1161**	**1**	**0**	**1161**	**96.8**
Kyle Eckle, Navy	**13**	**236**	**1249**	**0**	**0**	**1249**	**96.1**
Cornell Brockington, Conn	**10**	**131**	**643**	**0**	**0**	**643**	**64.3**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Shaun Feldeisen, Connecticut	12	65	860	7	71.7	5.4	13.2
Keron Henry, Connecticut	**11**	**39**	**662**	**4**	**60.2**	**3.5**	**17.0**
O'Neill Wilson, Connecticut	12	51	655	9	54.6	4.3	12.8
Jason Samples, Troy St	**12**	**48**	**620**	**5**	**51.7**	**4.0**	**12.9**
Rhema McKnight, N Dame	**12**	**47**	**600**	**3**	**50.0**	**3.9**	**12.8**
Eric Roberts, Navy	**13**	**20**	**493**	**5**	**37.9**	**1.5**	**24.7**
Maurice Stovall, Notre Dame	**12**	**22**	**421**	**3**	**35.1**	**1.8**	**19.1**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	16	346	0	21.6
Toris Rutledge, Troy St	**16**	**333**	**0**	**20.8**
Jeremy McGown, Navy	**14**	**316**	**0**	**22.6**
Julius Jones, Notre Dame	13	243	0	18.7
Jason Williams, Connecticut	**10**	**239**	**0**	**23.9**
Brandon Young, Connecticut	**11**	**233**	**0**	**21.2**

PUNTING

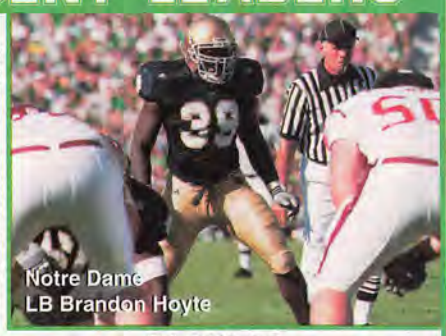
	NO	YDS	AVG
Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	**78**	**3304**	**42.4**
Adam Coles, Connecticut	58	2435	42.0
John Skaggs, Navy	36	1491	41.4
Nick Setta, Notre Dame	26	1064	40.9
DJ Fitzpatrick, Notre Dame	**44**	**1621**	**36.8**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Vontez Duff, Notre Dame	24	260	0	10.8
Jason Tomlinson, Navy	**19**	**146**	**0**	**7.7**
Rayshun Reed, Troy St	20	131	0	6.6

FIELD GOALS

	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Nick Setta, Notre Dame	9	10	90.0	47
Eric Rolfs, Navy	8	10	80.0	45
DJ Fitzpatrick, Notre Dame	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**50**
Matt Nuzie, Connecticut	**11**	**21**	**52.4**	**38**
Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	**6**	**13**	**46.2**	**38**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LB Brandon Hoyte

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Maurice Lloyd, Connecticut	**11**	**96**	**26**	**122**	**11.1**
Courtney Watson, Notre Dame	11	69	48	117	10.6
Alfred Fincher, Connecticut	**12**	**67**	**48**	**115**	**9.6**
Josh Smith, Navy	**10**	**45**	**63**	**108**	**10.8**
Eli Sanders, Navy	13	42	58	100	7.7
Terrance Smith, Connecticut	12	73	25	98	8.2
Lane Jackson, Navy	**13**	**45**	**50**	**95**	**7.3**
Derrick Ansley, Troy St	**12**	**53**	**41**	**94**	**7.8**
Uyi Osunde, Connecticut	12	58	26	84	7.0
Eddie Carthan, Navy	13	43	36	79	6.1
Tyler King, Connecticut	**12**	**47**	**30**	**77**	**6.4**
Justin Tuck, Notre Dame	**12**	**43**	**30**	**73**	**6.1**
Robby Farmer, Troy St	**12**	**45**	**30**	**75**	**6.3**
Bernard Davis, Troy St	**11**	**40**	**28**	**68**	**6.2**
Brandon Hoyte, Notre Dame	**12**	**48**	**26**	**74**	**6.2**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Uyi Osunde, Connecticut	24'	94
Justin Tuck, Notre Dame	**19**	**117**
Eddie Carthan, Navy	17	59
Demarcus Ware, Troy St	**16**	**54**
Courtney Watson, ND	15	70
Tyler King, Connecticut	**14'**	**85**
Maurice Lloyd, Conn	**14'**	**29**
Alfred Fincher, Connecticut	11	27
Sean Mulcahy, Connecticut	9'	36
Neal Oates, Troy St	9	29
Jeremy Chase, Navy	**9**	**38**
Cedric Phillips, Troy St	9	28

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Justin Tuck, Notre Dame	**13'**	**106**
Uyi Osunde, Connecticut	11	60
Tyler King, Connecticut	**8**	**60**
DeMarcus Ware, Troy St	**6**	**40**
Ryan Bushey, Connecticut	5'	43
Hakeem Kashama, Conn	**5**	**40**
Eddie Carthan, Navy	5	30
Derek Curry, Notre Dame	**4'**	**33**
Jeremy Chase, Navy	**4**	**33**
Sean Mulcahy, Connecticut	**4**	**22**
Cedric Phillips, Troy St	**4**	**19**

2003 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Connecticut	9	3	408	300
Navy	8	4	382	245
Troy St	6	6	185	272
Notre Dame	5	7	243	315

2002 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	10	3	290	217
South Florida	9	2	339	204
Connecticut	6	6	373	270
Utah St	4	7	305	432
Troy St	4	8	218	252
Navy	2	10	290	436

2001 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	8	3	387	231
Troy St	7	4	246	269
UCF	6	5	333	204
Notre Dame	5	6	214	215
Utah St	4	7	316	421
Connecticut	2	9	192	370
Navy	0	10	183	344

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Julius Jones, Notre Dame	12	229	1268	5.5	10	105.7
Kyle Eckel, Navy	**13**	**236**	**1249**	**5.3**	**10**	**96.1**
DeWhitt Betterson, Troy St	**12**	**244**	**1161**	**4.8**	**9**	**96.8**
Craig Candeto, Navy	13	271	1112	4.1	16	85.5
Cornell Brockington, Connecticut	**10**	**131**	**643**	**4.9**	**10**	**64.3**
Eric Roberts, Navy	**13**	**69**	**630**	**9.1**	**5**	**48.5**
Tony Lane, Navy	13	48	623	13.0	5	47.9
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	5	89	607	6.8	7	121.4

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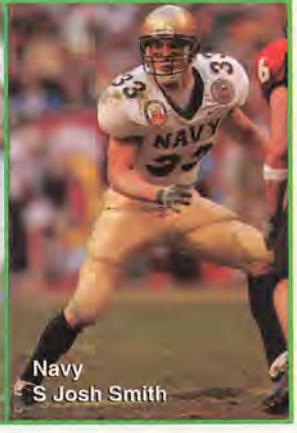
Navy
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Irish have not had a great deal of success with the QB position. From 1997 to 2003 nine QB's were recruited and eight ended up either switching positions or transferring before they completed their career. The latest in that line is Carlyle Holiday (PS#8) who took over as the starting QB in 2001 and maintained the job in 2002 in the first year of the Willingham offense. Holiday is more of an option QB and not a perfect fit for the offense and threw for 1,788 yards (50.2%) with a 10-5 ratio in 2002. Former walk-on Pat Dillingham came off the bench that year for an injured Holiday to throw a short pass which turned into a 60 yard TD for a win against Mich St and started against Stanford hitting 14 of 27 for 129 yards. I expected Chris Olsen (PS#14) to win the starting job in 2003 and he was the MVP of the spring game but when true frosh Brady Quinn moved past him on the depth chart, he opted to transfer to Virginia. Holiday was injured vs Wash St and Quinn saw plenty of action the next two weeks. In his first start against Purdue, he threw 59 passes and his 297 yards were the most by an Irish freshman's first start since 1951. Unfortunately his 4 int's were the most since 1994. Quinn had 350 yards passing against BC and Holiday started seeing time at WR. Quinn went on to easily break Steve Beuerlein's freshman record for passing yards (1,061 in '83) despite being the first ND QB to lose his first two home starts since someone named Joe Montana did it in 1975. He was also the first regular starting Irish QB to finish with a negative ratio since Tony Rice in 1989. For the season Quinn threw for 1,831 yards (47.3%) with a 9-15 ratio. Dillingham did not attempt a pass. This year's true frosh recruits figure to battle for the 2nd string job in David Wolke (PS#44) and Darrin Bragg (PS#145). As long as Quinn stays healthy, I look for much bigger numbers in his second year as starter.

RUNNING BACKS - After leading the team in rushing in 2000 & 2001 Julius Jones (PS#12) missed the 2002 season due to academics. The leading returning rusher, Ryan Grant (PS#25), had 110 yards (3.8) in 2001. Rashon Powers-Neal (PS#36) and Grant each topped 100 yards against Stanford which was the first time that two backs topped 100 in the same game since 1997. Both suffered injuries and Grant had five fumbles vs BC and Navy (losing three) but still maintained his starting job and finished with 1,085 yards (4.2). Powers-Neal finished with 333 (4.3) and Marcus Wilson had 110 (2.8). Last year all three returned along with Jones who got his academics in shape. Surprisingly at FB walk-on Josh Schmidt beat out Nate Schiccatano (PS#25) for the second string job. It took a while for the running game to get going. Grant led the team with 98 yards in the opener but no back topped 50 yards in the next 3 games. In fact vs Purdue, QB Quinn was the leading rusher (25). Jones then broke through with an ND record 262 yard effort against Pitt and then went on a three game tear with 221 vs Navy, 161 vs BYU and 218 vs Stanford. He had a shot at the all-time single season rushing record here but only had 54 yards in the final game to finish with 1,268 yards (5.5). Jones departs as the #2DC of DAL. Grant had 510 yards but only averaged 3.6 ypc and Wilson had 29 (2.1). The new TB candidates to challenge Grant and Wilson are Travis Thomas (PS#22), Jeff Jenkins (6-0 215 So, PS#75) and true frosh Darius Walker (PS#13) and Justin Hoskins (PS#20). Also in the mix at FB is Ashley McConnell (5-11 238 rFr, PS#137). Although there are plenty of VHT's on board, with the loss of their most productive TB, this unit looks weaker.

TB Ryan Grant

RECEIVERS - Last year basically everyone returned to the lineup with the exception of their leading receiver. They then lost starting TE Gary Godsey prior to the season to a torn ACL so just one starter returned in #2 receiver Omar Jenkins. In 2002 Willingham brought in two super frosh, Rhema McKnight (PS#9) and Maurice Stovall (PS#4) and the two combined for 27 rec's in his first year. Last season McKnight led the team with 47 rec's (12.8) but dropped passes were a problem for the unit and it was not as productive as you would expect for one possessing 11 VHT's. This year the only loss is WR Omar Jenkins (12 sts, 36 rec, 9.5). I list the 2 deep below and not listed are TE's John Carlson (6-5 240 rFr, PS#12), Marcus Freeman (6-2 245 So, PS#21) and Jerome Collins (6-4 255 Sr, PS#28WR). Chase Anastasio, Matt Shelton and Stovall are all on Notre Dame's indoor track team with Shelton having the fastest 60m time at 7.19. With the QB position upgraded, I expect solid improvement in the receiving numbers this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - I've commented over the years on how precise the athletic department at ND is as they keep track of the minutes played for the OL, a position that garners few stats. This is a key piece of information. The 2002 OL only paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. While the unit clearly underperformed, it was loaded with talent as four players were picked in the NFL draft including a 1st rounder and they also had to replace two 2nd stringers. The projected starting 5 last year had just 21 starts and 378 minutes of playing time coming into the season. They then lost their lone returning starter RG Sean Milligan to a shoulder injury after three games. You would have expected the unit to struggle mightily but they paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. True frosh Ryan Harris was very impressive starting 8 games and RB Jones ran for 262 yards in Harris' first start. This year the only losses are LT Jim Molinaro (12 sts, #6DC of WAS) and Milligan (2 sts). With 8 of the top 10 returning, this looks like one of the top OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Irish had a formidable rush D allowing just 2.8 ypc with 37 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Justin Tuck, a situational pass rusher as a frosh at 245 lbs bulked up to 260 while keeping the same speed and set a school record with 13.5 sacks. He tore his ACL in the finale last year but should be 100% in the fall. DE Victor Abiamiri became just the 9th frosh DL starter since 1972 living up to his PS#1 billing by starting 7 games. DE Kyle Budinscak started the first 8 but then suffered a leg injury. Overall the Irish D allowed 3.1 ypc while recording 39 sacks. This year they lose NG Cedric Hilliard (9 sts, 27 tkls) and DT Darrell Campbell (12 sts, 25 tkls, 3 sks). Six of the top 8 are back and I list the 2 deep below. Despite the losses this group could be close to last year's fine line.

LINEBACKERS - The Irish appeared to have all 3 starters back at the LB spot heading into last season but Mike Goolsby suffered a collarbone injury and took a medical RS. Brandon Hoyte (PS#29) took his spot. This year they lose ILB Courtney Watson (11 sts, #1 tkl'r, 15.5 tfl, #2DC NO) and Jerome Collins (9 tkls, 1 tfl) who moves to TE. They have 5 of the top 6 back including 2 starters, plus get Goolsby back from injury. I list the 2 deep below which, of course, contains plenty of VHT's and this group should be one of the top LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Notre Dame finished #15 in my pass D rankings in 2002. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm AA CB Shane Walton and SS Jerome Sapp, both of whom were drafted. Returning starting FS Glenn Earl was lost for the season after six games due to injury and numerous members of the secondary missed starts with injuries including Dwight Ellick who took a starting CB job from Jason Beckstrom. The Irish dropped to #45 in my pass D rankings which is much higher than the NCAA's finish (76th). My rankings take into account the strength of opponent played and ND faced some of the nation's top pass attacks. The unit allowed 57.6% with a respectable 16-13 ratio. This year they lose their top CB Vontez Duff (12 sts, 33 tkls, 2 int, #6DC HOU), SS Garron Bible (8 sts, 33 tkls, 2.5 tfl), FS Earl (6 sts, 35 tkls, 2 tfl, #4DC HOU) and CB Beckstrom (3 sts, 22 tkls). They move over two VHT WR's in Ambrose Wooden (PS#8) and Chinedum Ndukwe (PS#32) as well as a VHT RB in Isaiah Gardner (PS#28). Not listed is LaBrose Hedgemon (5-9 183 rFr) and this year's true frosh including VHT Terrall Lambert (4.21 spd). There is a lot of talent and after last year's average finish, I think the group will move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Irish had a #2 finish in my special teams rankings in their 9-3 season in 2000. Ty Willingham's special teams in his final four years at Stanford were just #100, #102, #82 and #112 but he inherited a unit that finished #15 in 2001. They did slip a little to #23 in his debut season but last year had everyone back except the punter including dangerous returnman Vontez Duff. Unfortunately the team lost star K/P Nicholas Setta (PS#1) to injury after he'd hit 9 of 10 FG's with a long of 47 and also avg'd 40.9 per punt. Soph DJ Fitzpatrick (PS#76) was forced to take over all 3 duties. He was solid on FG's hitting 12 of 17 with a long of 50 but mediocre in punting (36.8) and KO's. I list the competitors for Fitzpatrick at both P and K below and there are plenty of VHT's on the team to emerge as return threats to replace Duff. Solid coverman Corey Mays is back and he participated in 227 special teams plays. The Irish finished #60 in my special teams rankings last year and appear poised for a similar finish.

COACHES - Ty Willingham guided ND to its first 10 win season since 1993 in 2002 but last year was atrocious for Irish fans as they finished 5-7 losing by 3 TD's or more 4 times. OC Bill Diedrick and DC Kent Baer both followed Willingham over from Stanford.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Every year I have followed Ty Willingham's teams, they're predictable in one aspect and that is their unpredictably. When forecasted to finish high in the division and/or nation, his teams usually falter. When expectations are low, they are usually outstanding and that has been the case in each of his first two years in South Bend. He inherited a 5-6 team in 2001 and shocked everyone guiding them to a 10-3 record with an outstanding 8-0 start and #4 ranking in the polls. Since that start, however, his teams have gone just 7-9 and suffered many blowout losses. Last year the Irish took on simply the toughest schedule in the country. They had a couple of tough losses like vs Purdue when they had a 346-223 yd edge but vs USC and Florida St in a streak of 7Q's, they were outscored 68-0 at home. The Irish have not finished in the top 10 for 10 straight seasons and haven't won a bowl in 11 years. Dan Devine had two losses by 21+ points and even Gerry Faust had just 3. Holtz had 3 and Davie 4 but in just 2 years Willingham's teams have lost by that amount six times including four 30+ point losses. The Irish return 14 starters this year and QB Quinn should greatly improve upon his 9-15 ratio of last season. The O-line should be much improved and they have some dangerous receivers so I look for the Irish to easily have their best ppg since 2000 on offense. Defensively the Irish yielded 26.3 ppg, their worst since 1999 and despite losing 5 starters, look stronger on that side of the ball. The schedule is difficult once again as 9 of their 11 foes were bowl eligible last season. I doubt the Irish will be ranked at the start of the year which means that expectations will be low. I'll call for the Irish to get back to the plus side of the ledger and a bowl game pulling some surprises along the way as they are my 7th most improved team in the country (pg 19).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRADY QUINN SO. 6-4 220 **PS#12**. Last 9 sts in '03, 1831 yds (47%) 9-15 ratio, 150 rush. Pat Dillingham (6-2 210 Jr) PS#122. Walk-on. 434 yds, 1 st in 2002.
RB Ryan Grant Sr. 6-1 211 **PS#25**. 13 sts, 1085 yds (4.2) in '02. 5 sts LY, 510 yds (3.6). Travis Thomas (6-0 208 rFr) **PS#22**. Marcus Wilson (5-11 201 Jr) PS#95.
FB RASHON POWERS-NEAL JR. 6-2 237 **PS#36DB**. 333 yds (4.3) as rFr. 8 sts LY, 15 yds (3.8). Josh Schmidt (6-1 226 Jr) 1 st, 13 rec (9.6). Nate Schiccatano (6-3 236 So) **PS#25**.
WR Maurice Stovall Jr. 6-5 224 **PS#4**. 1 st as true, 18 rec (17.3). 3 sts LY, 22 rec (19.1). Jeff Samardzija (6-5 208 So) **PS#22**. Chase Anastasio (6-1 202 rFr) **PS#26**.
WR RHEMA McKNIGHT JR. 6-1 208 **PS#9**. 8 sts LY, 47 rec (12.8). **Carlyle Holiday** (6-3 221 Sr) PS#18QB. 26 sts at QB in 3Y, 4343 ttl yds. Matt Shelton (6-0 172 Jr) Track tm.
TE ANTHONY FASANO SO. 6-4 249 **PS#8**. 3 sts, 18 rec. Billy Palmer (6-3 257 Sr) PS#66DL. **Jared Clark** (6-4 244 Sr) **PS#23QB**, 2 sts, 15 rec. **Gary Godsey** (6-6 250 Sr) **PS#7**.
C BOB MORTON SO. 6-4 298 **PS#14**. 11 starts at C as a rFr. Zachery Giles (6-3 285 Jr) **PS#7**, 2nd string in '03, 1 st. Jeff Thompson (6-4 294 Jr) **PS#36DL**.
RG DAN STEVENSON JR. 6-5 293 **PS#19**. 1 st, 82:23 in '02. 10 sts in '03 (6 at RG, 4 at RT). Darin Mitchell (6-3 287 Jr) **PS#80**. 1 st in '03. Chauncey Incarnato is **PS#56**.
LG Jamie Ryan So. 6-5 307 **PS#29**. 3 sts at RG as rFr, 9 games. John Sullivan (6-3 288 rFr) **PS#3**. Dan Santucci (6-4 289 So) PS#104DL. Moved from DL in spring.
RT MARK LEVOIR JR. 6-7 317 **PS#4**. 4 gms, 10:05 min in '02. 12 sts, 311:40 min LY. Scott Raridon (6-6 300 So) PS#20TE. 50 plays on ST's. John Kadous (6-7 310 Fr) **PS#33**.
LT RYAN HARRIS SO. 6-5 285 **PS#18**. 8 sts at RT as **true**, 215:05 min. Brian Mattes (6-5 285 So) **PS#27**. 2nd string LT last year. James Bonelli (6-4 272 So) **PS#17**.
K DJ FITZPATRICK JR. 6-1 195 PS#76. Hit 12 of 17 FG's in '03, long of 50, 2 misses from 50+. Carl Gioia (5-10 180 rFr) PS#47. Bobby Renkes (6-0 188 rFr) PS#33.

DE JUSTIN TUCK JR. 6-5 239 **PS#16TE**. 1 st, 44 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl in '02. 9 sts LY, **school rec 13.5 sks**, 6 tfl, 73 tkls. 4.5 spd. Chris Frome (6-5 268 So) **PS#23OL**. 1 tkl.
NG Greg Pauly Sr. 6-6 295 **PS#4**. 3 sts, 11 tkls in 2002. 2 sts LY, 20 tkls, 2 sks. Trevor Laws (6-0 289 rFr) **PS#13**. Brian Beidatsch (6-2 297 Jr) PS#183, 5 tkls last year.
DT DEREK LANDRI SO. 6-2 281 **PS#5OL**. 1 start as rFr, 13 tkls, 4 tfl. **Kyle Budinscak** (6-4 270 Sr) PS#97. 12 sts in '02, 20 tkls, 6 tfl. 8 sts at DE LY, 17 tkls, 3 sks.
DE Victor Abiamiri So. 6-4 245 **PS#1**. 7 starts as **true**, 22 tkls, 4 tfl. Travis Leitko (6-6 267 So) **PS#16**, 12 tkls, 1 sk. Matt Hasbrook (6-2 281 Sr) Michigan St transfer.
OLB DEREK CURRY SR. 6-3 234 **PS#25**. 12 sts in '02, 34 tkls, 4 sks. 12 sts LY, 66 tkls, 4.5 sks. Anthony Vernaglia is **PS#2TE**. Anthony Salvador (6-2 229 So) had 9 tkls LY.
ILB BRANDON HOYTE JR. 5-11 230 **PS#29**. 3 sts as rFr, 57 tkls, 4 tfl. 10 sts in '03, 74 tkls, 8 tfl. Mitchell Thomas (6-3 229 rFr) **PS#37**. Nick Borseti (6-4 236 rFr) PS#66.
ILB Mike Goolsby Sr. 6-4 248 **PS#4. 13 sts**, 75 tkls, 4 sks, 9 tfl in '02. Med RS LY. Corey Mays (6-1 244 Jr) **PS#22DL**. 1 start, 26 tkls. Joe Brockington (6-1 226 rFr) **PS#36**.
CB DWIGHT ELLICK SR. 5-10 183 3rd in Big East in 200m. 6 sts LY (inj) 21 tkls, 2 pbu. Carlos Campbell (5-11 197 Sr) **PS#18WR**. 12 tkls. Isaiah Gardner (5-11 192 rFr) PS#28RB.
CB Preston Jackson Sr. 5-9 176 PS#69. 7 sts, 53 tkls, 2 int, 3 years. Ambrose Wooden (5-11 188 rFr) **PS#8**. Terrail Lambert (5-10 190 Fr) PS#15, 4.21 speed.
SS Freddie Parish So. 6-0 201 **PS#14**. 6 tkls as **true**. Lionel Bolen (6-0 206 Jr) **PS#41**, 1st, 15 tkls, 2Y. Jake Carney (6-0 186 So). Mike Richardson (5-11 188 So) PS#128QB, 16 tkls.
FS QUENTIN BURRELL SR. 6-0 187 **PS#21**. 9 sts, 58 tkls, 4 int, 2 pbu LY. **Tom Zbikowski** (5-11 202 rFr) **PS#9QB**. 4.3 spd. Chinedum Ndukwe (6-2 219 So) **PS#32WR**, 3 rec as true.
P DJ FITZPATRICK JR. 6-1 195 PS#76. 1 punt in '02. 44 punts in '03, 36.8 avg, also did FG & KO's. Geoffery Price (6-3 194 rFr) PS#30. Bobby Renkes is PS#33.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

TE	Anthony Vernaglia 6-4 220	PS#2
RB	Darius Walker 5-11 200	PS#13
DB	Terrail Lambert 5-10 190	PS#15
RB	Justin Hoskins 6-0 195	PS#20
OL	John Kadous 6-7 310	PS#33
DL	Brandon Nicolas 6-5 275	PS#41
OL	Chauncey Incarnato 6-6 280	PS#56
QB	David Wolke 6-4 205	PS#44
DL	Ronald Talley 6-4 245	PS#75
LB	Maurice Crum 6-1 215	PS#80
WR	Chris Vaughn 6-4 205	PS#84
LB	Abdel Banda 6-2 215	PS#131
DB	Leo Ferrine 6-0 180	PS#149
DL	Justin Brown 6-4 225	PS#198
QB	Darrin Bragg 6-2 185	PS#145
DB	Junior Jabbie 5-11 190	PS#223
DB	Tregg Duerson 5-10 170	PS#278

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2-5	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
0-2	Vs Independent	5-3	Away Underdog
	13-9 Vs Non-Independent		

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

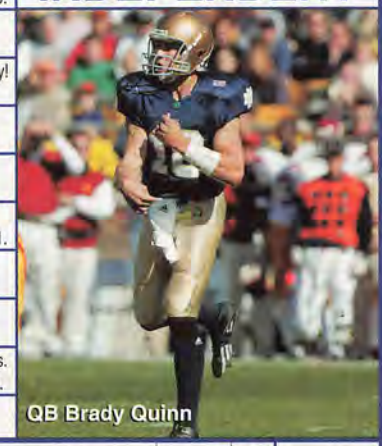
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,20,1)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4								The Irish have gone 10 straight years without a straight up bowl win. Since 1988 ND's 8-5 SU & 9-4 as a home dog (1-3) SU & ATS L/4). ND is only 2-8 ATS on artificial turf the last 6 years.
Sep. 11	Michigan	G						The dog is 7-1 ATS the last 8, 14-3-1 since 1980. The Irish are 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS since 1998 in home openers.
Sep. 18	at Michigan St	G						ND is just 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS the last 8 vs the Spartans. The Irish are 2-7 ATS the last 9 road openers.
Sep. 25	Washington	G						Irish are 17-8-1 SU & 17-9 ATS the last 26 vs the Pac 10. Could apply: ND is 18-9 ATS after a SU win since 2000.
Oct. 2	Purdue	G						ND is 11-0 SU & 8-3 ATS at home vs the Boilermakers since 1980. The Irish are 10-5 ATS in the 2nd of back to back home games the L/15.
Oct. 9	Stanford	G						Notre Dame is 8-3 ATS the last 11 vs Stanford. Last year's ND 50 pt win was the largest margin ever in this series.
Oct. 16	† Navy (E Rutherford, NJ)	A						ND has won 40 in a row SU vs Navy. Largest series streak in NCAA history! Notre Dame is 14-0 SU, but 3-11 ATS in this series since 1990.
Oct. 23	Boston College	G						The Irish are 10-1-1 ATS after sinking Navy since 1992. Notre Dame is 2-4 ATS hosting the Eagles since 1993.
Oct. 30	at BYU	G						The Irish are 3-1 SU & ATS in this series. 1-0 SU & ATS in Provo. Could apply: Notre Dame is 4-2 ATS as an away favorite since 1999.
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	G						ND is 10-6 SU & 9-5-1 ATS vs the SEC (1-3-1 ATS since 1996). Fighting Irish are 9-4 ATS in the 2nd of a 2+ straight road game since '91.
Nov. 13	Pittsburgh	G						The Irish are 8-1 SU & ATS vs the Panthers since 1991. Notre Dame is 1-11 ATS in the last 12 home games before a bye.
Nov. 20								
Nov. 27	at USC	G						Irish are only 2-6 ATS since 1996 in their yearly tussle with the Trojans. The last 2 meetings USC has had 89 pts & 1161 yds of offense vs ND.


QB Brady Quinn

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	9-2	5-7	9-2	5-6	10-2	5-7	50-31
ATS	4-8	5-5-1	4-8	8-3	4-7	9-3	4-8	38-42-1
Home Fav	1-5	2-2-1	2-5	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	13-21-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	5-3
Away Fav	1-3	1-2	0-1	4-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	8-8
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	12-10
Favorite	2-8	3-4-1	2-6	6-2	1-3	5-2	2-4	21-29-1
Dog	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-1	3-4	4-1	2-4	17-13
Grass	3-7	5-3-1	4-7	7-2	4-5	9-3	3-6	35-33-1
Artificial	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-2	3-9
vs Indep	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-5
vs Non-Indep	4-7	4-5-1	4-7	7-3	4-6	9-2	4-7	36-37-1
Off SU Win	1-5	4-4-1	2-3	6-2	2-2	8-2	2-3	25-21-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	0-1	1-5	1-1	2-4	0-1	2-4	9-18

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Julius Jones	229	1341	73	1268	10	5.5
Ryan Grant	**143**	**567**	**57**	**510**	**3**	**3.6**
Marcus Wilson	**14**	**35**	**6**	**29**	**0**	**2.1**
Brady Quinn	**48**	**150**	**125**	**25**	**0**	**0.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brady Quinn	**332**	**157**	**47.3**	**1831**	**9**	**15**
Carlyle Holiday	**75**	**37**	**49.3**	**304**	**1**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rhema McKnight	**47**	**600**	**12.8**	**3**	**38**
Maurice Stovall	**22**	**421**	**19.1**	**3**	**85**
Omar Jenkins	36	344	9.6	1	42
Anthony Fasano	**18**	**169**	**9.4**	**2**	**18**
Jared Clark	**15**	**142**	**9.5**	**0**	**23**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
DJ Fitzpatrick	**44**	**1621**	**36.8**	**6**	**33.0**	**1**	**7**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
DJ Fitzpatrick	**17-18**	**3-4**	**6-7**	**2-3**	**1-3**	**12-17**	**50**
Nicholas Setta	5-5	2-2	5-5	2-3	0-0	9-10	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Courtney Watson	117	3.5	12	3	2
Brandon Hoyte	**74**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Justin Tuck	**73**	**13.5**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Derek Curry	**66**	**4.5**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Quentin Burrell	**58**	**0.5**	**1**	**2**	**4**
Glenn Earl	35	1	1	2	1
Garron Bible	33	0.5	2	0	0
Vontez Duff	33	0	2	4	2
Cedric Hilliard	27	0	2	1	0
Corey Mays	**26**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Darrell Campbell	25	3	4	1	0
Preston Jackson	**24**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Victor Abiamiri	**22**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vontez Duff	24	260	10.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vontez Duff	16	346	21.6	0
Julius Jones	13	243	18.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Orange	+10'	Florida St	26-31	W
97	Independence	+6'	LSU	9-27	L
98	Gator	+2'	Georgia Tech	28-35	L
00	Fiesta	+3'	Oregon St	9-41	L
02	Gator	+1	NC State	6-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	20.3	17	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	+2	2003	8	26.3	17	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4
4*	29.0	20	182	4.2	238	57.8	14.5	-4	1999	6	27.6	21	142	4.0	242	58.0	13.9
7	27.3	20	212	4.6	168	52.9	13.9	+7	1998	7	20.7	21	146	3.6	208	59.0	17.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE					SKS	DEFENSE					SKS	
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	BY	TURN
Washington St	19	45-167	3.7	21-34	149	7	15	31-55	1.8	22-39	274	3	-1
at Michigan	7	25-49	2.0	8-24	91	2	19	54-188	3.5	17-24	251	0	+1
Michigan St	20	37-100	2.7	17-42	202	3	15	39-181	4.6	13-27	119	0	0
at Purdue	18	25-49	2.0	29-62	297	1	13	41-96	2.3	12-24	127	5	-4
at Pittsburgh	14	56-352	6.3	5-17	33	2	9	27-8	0.3	12-30	167	8	+1
USC	16	36-111	3.1	15-34	168	4	29	45-195	4.3	27-36	356	1	0
at Boston Coll	20	34-47	1.4	23-39	350	0	18	53-147	2.8	13-25	199	3	-1
Florida St	15	30-146	4.9	20-52	175	0	18	37-98	2.6	17-31	327	1	0
Navy	24	48-280	5.8	14-27	137	0	14	53-238	4.5	4-5	46	2	+1
BYU	19	50-204	4.1	15-30	156	2	13	26-53	2.0	18-30	250	4	+3
at Stanford	20	50-320	6.4	10-16	192	0	17	35-20	0.6	22-39	231	7	+2
at Syracuse	14	36-62	1.7	18-34	199	3	21	45-247	5.5	17-27	209	3	0
TOTALS	206	472-1887	4.0	195-411	2149	24	201	486-1526	3.1	194-337	2556	37	+2
AVERAGES	17.2	39-157	4.0	16-34	179	2.0	16.8	41-127	3.1	16-28	213	3.1	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kansas	-17	48-13	W
at Michigan	+7'	22-26	W
at Purdue	+4	23-28	L
Michigan St	-6'	13-23	L
Oklahoma	-6	34-30	L
Arizona St	-12'	48-17	W
USC	-8	25-24	L
Navy	-27	28-24	L
at Tennessee	+9'	14-38	L
at Pittsburgh	-9	27-37	L
Boston Coll	-8'	29-31	L
at Stanford	+5'	37-40	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	-3	24-10	W
Nebraska	+13'	24-27 OT	W
Purdue	+6	23-21	W
at Michigan St	+4	21-27	L
Stanford	-11'	20-14	L
† Navy	-20	45-14	W
at W Virginia	-3	42-28	W
Air Force	-13'	34-31 OT	L
Boston Coll	-8'	28-16	W
at Rutgers	-22	45-17	W
at USC	-1	38-21	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+13	10-27	L
Michigan St	-9	10-17	L
at Texas A&M	+3	3-24	L
Pittsburgh	-7	24-7	W
W Virginia	-12	34-24	L
USC	+1	27-16	W
at Boston Coll	+3'	17-21	L
Tennessee	+8	18-28	L
Navy	-27'	34-16	L
at Stanford	+7'	13-17	W
at Purdue	+2'	24-18	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Maryland	-2	22-0	W
Purdue	-5'	24-17	W
Michigan	+5	25-23	W
at Michigan St	+2'	21-17	W
Stanford	-8'	31-7	W
Pittsburgh	-7	14-6	W
at Air Force	+3	21-14	W
at Florida St	+10	34-24	W
Boston Coll	-9	7-14	L
† Navy	-27'	30-23	L
Rutgers	-28	42-0	W
at USC	+11	13-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington St	-6	29-26 OT	L
at Michigan	+10	0-38	L
Michigan St	-11'	16-22	L
at Purdue	+10'	10-23	L
at Pittsburgh	+9	20-14	W
USC	+8	14-45	L
at Boston College	+4	25-27	W
Florida St	+12'	0-37	L
Navy	-8	27-24	L
BYU	-8'	33-14	W
at Stanford	-4'	57-7	W
at Syracuse	-2'	12-38	L

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Brian Madden led the team in both rushing and passing. Craig Candeto (PS#75) saw action in eight games in 2000 and 2001 including two starts and threw for 336 yards (45%) with a 3-3 ratio while rushing for 162. He was a rare HT here and former coach Weatherbie compared him to Chris McCoy. Despite a great spring game in 2002 by Aaron Polanco (231 yards), Candeto won the starting job and threw for 843 yards (49.5%) with a 5-4 ratio and rushed for 908 gross yards in the Mids' 2-10 season. He had six rushing TD's vs Army which tied an NCAA record. Polanco scored three rushing TD's vs BC and when Candeto went down on the fourth play vs ND, Polanco almost guided the team to an upset. Polanco started the next week against UConn in a torrential downpour. Overall Polanco threw for 253 yards (44.7%) with an 0-4 ratio while rushing for 291 in nine games in '02. Last year Candeto, who was a star on the baseball team as well, had a great senior year. He became just the second player in Navy history to have 1,000 yards rushing and passing in the same season (McCoy did it in 1997) and 22nd in NCAA history finishing with 1,140 yards passing (48.9%) with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 1,112 net yards. Polanco had just 20 attempts and 188 net yards rushing in seven games LY. Polanco has 4.5 speed as well as a stronger arm than Candeto but does not quite have full command of the option offense like Candeto did. In their bowl season of 1996 they used a passing QB in Ben Fay and a running QB in McCoy. It's possible they could do that this year with Polanco and Lamar Owens (5-9 185 Jr) who was dubbed the "QB of the future" and is a quick, elusive runner. Also in the mix at QB is Eddie Martin (PS#233) and Ian Townsend (6-0 186 So, PS#238). Candeto had an excellent season last year and this year's group is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Paul Johnson's spread offense uses a FB and two SB's with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. Sometimes in a spread offense the slotbacks are more like receivers, but here they get more rush attempts than receptions, so I'll list them with the RB's. Navy possesses one of the most underrated backs in the country, FB Kyle Eckel who is 240 lbs, benches 415 lbs and has 4.55 speed. He has led the RB's in rushing in each of the last two years with 510 yards (3.5) in eight starts in 2002. Last year he became the first RB to top 1,000 yards rushing here since Napoleon McCallum (1985). Eckel gained 1,249 yards (5.3) despite playing a lot of the season with an injured shoulder and being extremely limited against Rice and Delaware. Prior to 2003, two backup SB's transferred over the summer so the unit appeared thin. However, the starting SB's, Tony Lane and Eric Roberts posted solid seasons and required little relief. The school's career record holder for ypc was Bob Craig (1952-1954) who averaged 5.7 but that record was smashed by Lane who averaged 8.9 ypc. Threatening that mark this year is Roberts who is currently averaging 8.7 ypc and also is the current career leader in rec ypc (24.9). Roberts and Eckel each topped 100 yards vs Rutgers, the first time two Navy RB's topped that total since 1983. The big news for Navy is that both Eckel and Roberts are back. This year they must replace Lane (13 sts, 623 yds, 13.0!, 9 rec) and FB Bronston Carroll (1 st, 87 yds, 4.8). I list the 2 deep below and Johnson brought in some talented freshmen this year (see Top Newcomers). Not listed below are Ronald Kimbrough (5-9 210 So), Matt Hall (5-9 221 So, PS#436), Luke Penrose (5-10 187 Jr) and Ryan Engle (5-9 186 So). This looks like the Midshipmen's best RB corps since 1985.

FB Kyle Eckel

RECEIVERS - This unit does not receive a lot of attention in the option offense, and last year they had to replace one starter who led the WR's in rec with 14. The top returning WR was Lionel Wesley who had six starts and 8 rec. Wesley (13, 10.1) won a starting job along with Amir Jenkins (14, 18.0). True frosh Jason Tomlinson had 3 rec in the opener and 10 for the season and was also a dangerous returnman. I am impressed with Johnson's recruiting as he keeps bringing in IA caliber athletes, so some true frosh may see action immediately. The only loss is WR Andy Michalowicz (1 st). Everyone else is back and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada (6-1185 Fr, PS#349QB), Jordan Reagan (5-11 175 Fr, PS#392), Jake Holland (5-8 162 So), Marc Lawson (6-1 209 So), Bubba Faught (6-5 210 Fr), Mike Brammer (6-0 175 Jr, PS#403) and Dan Gibbon (6-1 203 Jr). This unit is a lot more experienced and has added talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Navy had seven of their top ten OL's back in 2002 and paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 4 backups who combined for 37 starts. They then lost starting C August Roitsch to injury after four games and then his replacement, Shane Todd, went down after six starts forcing 3rd string C Marshall Green into the starting job. Still Navy managed an outstanding 5.5 ypc rushing while allowing 16 sacks. This year they must replace RG/C Shane Todd (10 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT/RG Josh Gooden (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Nick Wilson (13 sts) and backups G Sean Magee (3 sts), T Tucker Bennett (3 games) and 4th string C Dan Peters (1 game). Six players return with starting experience plus Johnson brought former NG Kevin Schwind (4 sts) over to add size and depth. Schwind received a rare redshirt year here after a broken tibia in 2002 and should be back to full strength. This unit is just about as experienced as last year's fine group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - It seems like the Mids try to reinvent the wheel each year on defense. They played a 4-2-5 in 1998, a 3-4 in 1999 & 2000, a 4-3 in 2001 & 2002. The 2002 version allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while the D recorded 20 sacks. Last year it was back to the 3-4. The realigned unit had to replace five players who combined for 38 starts and basically had zero returning starters. Surprisingly the Mids had their best rush D in four years allowing 173 ypg and 4.2 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 16 sacks. The only losses are DE Ralph Henry (4 sts, 17 tkl) and DE Steve Adair (6 tkls). Five of the top six are back, but Schwind moved to the O-line in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and not listed are some HT true frosh (see Newcomers) as well as Ed Kotulski (6-4 244 Jr), Andrew Tattersall (6-4 230 So, PS#473), David Wright (6-3 250 So), Sean Kearney (6-4 242 So), Keith Jackson (6-4 266 So), Adam McLaughlin (6-2 240 Jr) and Jeff Adusei (6-4 221 Sr). The top DL recruit is Keith Lisante (PS#173) who turned down S Carolina. This year is their 2nd year in the new defense, and they are much more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - As I mentioned in the DL writeup, Navy switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 and only had to replace one LB who had 4 starts and one backup LB leaving them with a very experienced unit last year. Almost everyone is back again but they must replace the best defensive player, OLB Eddie Carthan (13 sts, 1st Tm All East, 79 tkls, 19 tfl) and ILB Ben Matthews (4 sts until inj). This is a very experienced group and should be solid, but I'll just call it equal to last year with the loss of their top guy.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Navy finished dead last in my pass D rankings for the 3rd time in four years in 2001. They had 3 starters back in 2002 and still finished a poor #116. FS Josh Smith, who was the all-time leading rusher in Indiana history and scored 449 points as a HS senior (4 pts shy of the national record), led the team in tackles in 2002 and did so once again last year despite missing 3 starts due to injury. Navy had 3 starters returning last season and finally made some decent improvement in the rankings moving up to #81 allowing 61.9% but with a top-notch 13-16 ratio. This year they must replace starting CB Shalimar Brazier (13 sts, 78 tkls, 6 pbu, 2 int) who was on Navy's track team and their fastest player and ROV Eli Sanders (13 sts, 100 tkls, 2 int). Four of the top six are back including solid CB Vaughn Kelley. FS Josh Smith returns for his senior season and will probably have his best tackle total yet as he had just 8 and 10 starts his first two years. Despite the losses, I give Navy a shot at improving in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - There are several troubling droughts for the Navy special teams units as their last KR for a TD was 1997, their last PR TD in 1996, their last punt block in 1999, and they were #78 in my special teams rankings in 2002. Last season basically everyone returned and they rose slightly to #76. Geoff Blumenfeld had 6 TB's on KO's in the first three games which was more than the team had in all of 2002 and they had solid KR defense (17.3). The return game was below average even though true frosh Jason Tomlinson avg'd 7.7 on PR's and has perhaps the best hands on the team. Not only do they lose P John Skaggs (41.4) but also Gunner Shalimar Brazier who downed many punts inside the ten. Blumenfeld took over the PK job early but hit just 3 of 6 with a long of 42 until he was sidelined with a hip injury opening the door for Eric Rolfs who hit 8 of 10 FG's with a long of 45. Unfortunately Rolfs also departs. I see no special teams stars here and it will be tough to move up in the rankings.

COACHES - Paul Johnson enters his third year here after compiling a 62-10 record at Georgia Southern and he was IAA Coach of the Year for four straight years. He serves as his own OC. Their DC is Buddy Green, who surprisingly left NCSt where he held the same post to come here in 2002. Green was also the HC at UT-Chattanooga from 1994-'99 and is an NCSt alumnus. They moved to the 3-4 defense last year and it paid huge dividends as the team went from allowing 36.3 ppg to just 21.8.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Johnson had a great deal of success here as OC under Charlie Weatherbie but from 1998 to 2002 Navy was just 11-45 SU including Johnson's first season at the helm when they were 2-10. After averaging 18.3 ppg in 2001 they have improved to 24.2 and 30.5 the last two seasons and last year stunned everyone with an 8-4 regular season mark and landed their first bowl bid since 1996. Navy had not defeated a team that had finished with a winning record since 1997 but did so last year knocking off Air Force 28-25. Even in their 2-10 season (Navy was -14 in turnovers), they beat Army by 46 points. Last year they clubbed them again by 28. Johnson believes in creating a solid home field edge and after a winless first year here at home, his team went 5-1 last year. The seats were moved closer to the field last season giving them an added edge. They also beat an SEC team for the first time since 1966 and became just the sixth school in NCAA history to go from zero wins to a bowl in two years or less. They faced one of the easiest schedules of all IA foes at #107 last year. The last time Navy had won the CIC Trophy was in 1981 and last year's Trophy win was their sixth. When they beat Air Force, the Falcons were ranked #25 snapping a streak of 35 straight losses to ranked foes with the previous win being in 1985. Notre Dame has barely escaped Navy the last two years with Navy leading them by 8 with 5:00 left in 2002 and getting a partially blocked FG through the uprights for a 27-24 win last year. The 2003 team only had 12 seniors in the 3 deep. This year they have 14 starters back which is a high number for a service academy and the most The Mids have had returning since 1996. They lost 29 lettermen in 2002 but just 15 this last season. Aaron Polanco is bigger, stronger and faster than Craig Candeto was and hopefully he will be able to run the offense as well. Polanco has an excellent RB corps and veteran OL with 5 senior starters. Defensively 8 starters are back. This is clearly the best Navy team since that 1996 unit and even stronger than last year and should be able to maintain their momentum and finish on the plus side of the ledger once again.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Aaron Polanco Sr. 6-0 208 1 st, 2 yrs, 351 pass (43%), 0-5 ratio, 479 rush. Lamar Owens (5-9 185 Jr) 23 yds rush, 180 ret yds 2 yrs. Eddie Martin (6-0 177 So) PS#233.
FB KYLE ECKEL SR. 5-11 240 400 bench, 4.5 spd. 510 (3.5) in '02. 12 sts, **1249 yds** (5.3) LY. Michael Brimage (5-7 206 Sr) 437 rush (5.6). Marvin Dingle (5-11 223 Jr).
SB Frank Divis Sr. 6-0 225 4.42 spd. 82 yds (4.8) 350 bench. Ryan Barry (6-0 212 Sr) PS#426. Byron McCoy (5-9 196 So) PS#178. Marc Nelson (5-8 185 Jr) 2 rec (17.0).
SB ERIC ROBERTS SR. 5-10 194 4.5 spd. 10 sts, 469 yds (8.1) in '02. 13 sts LY, 630 (**9.1**), 20 rec (24.6) LY. Trey Hines (5-9 195 So) PS#366. Track champ HS. 112 yds (8.6) as **true**.
WR AMIR JENKINS SR. 6-1 208 PS#197. 4 sts, 3 rec in '02. 12 sts, 14 rec (18.0) LY. **Jason Tomlinson** (6-2 181 So) PS#390. 10 rec (16.5), 155 return yards as **true**.
WR LIONEL WESLEY SR. 5-11 188 6 sts in '02, 8 rec (14.4). 12 sts LY, 13 rec (10.1). Mick Yokitis (6-2 220 Jr) 1 st, 1 rec. Corey Dryden (6-3 221 Sr). Jeremy McGown (6-0 186 So).
C AUGUST ROITSCH SR. 6-1 270 JV in '01. Last 3 sts at C in '02. 415 bench. First 4 sts LY until inj. Marshall Green (6-1 265 Jr) JV in '02. Last 3 sts at C in '03, 7 games.
RG Matt McLaughlin Sr. 6-6 295 JV in '01 & '02. 2nd string in '03. Kevin Schwind (6-1 280 Sr) PS#377OL. 4 sts, 15 tkls LY. Josh Oates (6-4 289 So) PS#662. **Ben Gabbard PS#162.**
LG DENNIS RAY PHILLIPS SR. 6-4 285 JV in '01 & '02. 13 sts LY (11 at LG, 2 at RG). +12 lbs. Zach Gallion (6-3 295 So) PS#608. Kyle Wright (6-4 292 So). Forest Lehr (6-2 296 So).
RT Casey Hughes Sr. 6-4 252 JV in '01 & '02. 6 of the last 7 starts at RT in '03. Sam Brown (6-3 259 Sr) JV in '01 & '02. 2nd string in '03. Andrew Cole (6-4 231 Jr) **PS#207LB.**
LT Tyson Stahl Sr. 6-4 262 JV in '01 & '02. 11 games, 1 st at RT in '03. Ryan Roeling (6-4 282 So) at Navy prep school in '02. Trevor Bending is PS#391OL.
K Geoff Blumenfeld Sr. 6-0 169 14 of 15 xp's in '02 and 2 of 3 FG's with long of 28. 3 of 6 FG's, long of 42 LY. Ethan Gouge (5-11 169 So). Chase Hobby (5-11 175 So).

DE PIERRE MOSS SR. 6-0 249 4 sts in '02, 17 tkls, 3 tfl. First 8 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 sks, 405 bench. Sean McElhanon (6-1 250 Sr) 11 tkls, 2 tfl L2Y. Larry Cylc (6-2 255 So) PS#142.
NG BABATUNDE AKINGBEMI SR. 6-0 282 605 squat, 440 bench. 9 sts LY, 28 tkls, 4 tfl. Dan Wendolowski (6-2 254 Jr). Evan Beard (6-0 238 Jr) PS#321. 13 tkls, 5 tfl until inj LY.
DE JEFF VANAK SR. 6-1 247 PS#231. 11 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 13 sts LY, 40 tkls, 6 tfl. Adam Horne (5-11 236 Sr) 9 tkls, 2Y. Josh Pridham (6-4 262 Sr).
OLB Reggie Sealey Sr. 6-0 230 6 tkls LY. Jason Monts (6-1 224 Jr) 4.63 spd. Ken Barkovich (5-11 215 Sr) PS#465. Kenny Ray Morrison (6-0 227 Jr). Joe Cylc (5-11 224 So), PS#467.
ILB BOBBY McCLARIN SR. 5-11 225 23 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 8 sts in '03, 60 tkls, 6 tfl, 4 pbu.
Jeremy Chase (6-2 250 Jr) **9 sts,** 99 tkls, 14 tfl, 2Y. TJ Costello (5-10 230 Sr) 12 tkls, 2Y.
ILB LANE JACKSON SR. 5-11 217 PS#361. L/7 sts, 53 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 13 sts LY, 95 tkls, 7 tfl. **Dustin Elliott** (6-0 235 Sr) **5 sts,** 70 tkls, 3Y. Zach Robinson (5-11 230 So).
OLB DAVID MAHONEY SO. 5-10 215 PS#311. 6 sts as **true**, 53 tkls, 4 tfl. Tyler Tidwell (6-1 204 So) 7 tkls as **true**. Tye Adams (6-2 217 So). Jacob Biles (6-0 225 Jr) PS#324DB.
CB Keenan Little So. 6-0 194 **PS#169.** 1 st as **true**, 10 tkls, 1 pbu. Lord Cole (5-10 191 Sr) Sprinter on track tm, 4.4 spd, 1 pbu LY. Jontavius Singleton (5-10 179 Sr) QB in '01 & '02.
CB VAUGHN KELLEY SR. 6-1 180 11 sts in '02, 68 tkls, 4 pbu. 13 sts in '03, 60 tkls, 5 pbu. Hunter Reddick (6-2 191 So) PS#386. 6 games as a true. Quentin Griffin is PS#281.
ROV DuJuan Price So. 6-0 211 3 sts at FS 1 start at OLB as **true**, 34 tkls, 1 int, 1 pbu. Greg Sudderth is **PS#88LB.** Roman Rodriguez (6-0 200 Jr). Jeff Deliz is PS#320.
FS JOSH SMITH SR. 6-2 201 #1 tkl'r w/127 in '02, 2 int, 3 pbu. 10 sts LY (inj **#1 w/108 tkls**, 5 tfl, 4 int, 2 pbu. Clay Carter (6-3 204 So). James Polanco (6-1 202 Jr) TT trans.
P Mick Yokitis Jr. 6-2 220 Punted in HS & at Navy Prep. Eric Shuey (5-10 176 Jr) punted for sprint FB. Tim Washburn (6-0 182 So) PS#117K. Russell Cook (6-2 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Greg Sudderth 6-2 190 PS#88	
OL	Ben Gabbard 6-5 290 PS#162	
DL	Keith Lisante 6-2 220 PS#173	
LB	Jon Alvarado 6-3 228 PS#198	
DB	Quentin Griffin 5-11 175 PS#281	
OL	Trevor Bending 6-4 270 PS#391	
DB	Jeff Deliz 6-0 200 PS#320	
OL	Joshua Lentz 6-2 230 PS#327	
DL	Phil Babich 6-4 220 PS#357	
QB	Kyle Haubold 6-3 195 PS#284	
WR	Jordan Reagan 5-11 175 PS#392	
QB	K-N Kaheaku Enhada 6-1 185 PS#349	
DL	Nathaniel Frazier 6-2 275 PS#638	
OL	Paul Bridgers 6-4 260 PS#771	
QB	Derek Bruce 6-4 220 PS#483	
WR	Bubba Faught 6-5 210 PS#635	
RB	Casey Hebert 6-2 240 PS#751	
RB	Nicholas Jesse 5-11 200 PS#753	
DL	Courey Marshall 6-1 235 PS#825	

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10-15	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
15-7	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
9-5	Off A SU Loss	3-1	Away Favorite
2-1	Vs Independent	6-2	Away Underdog
13-6	Vs Non-Independent		

2003 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

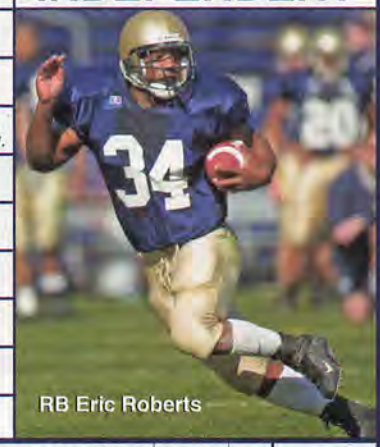
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (24,17,0)
Lost: 15 (8,5,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29, 936

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	Duke	G						Navy is 11-3 ATS the last 14 vs Boston College. The Mids are 16-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1994. Navy has lost 40 straight gms to ND, the longest losing streak in NCAA history.
Sep. 11	Northeastern	G						Navy is 2-4 SU, but 0-5 ATS (1 non-lined) their last 6 home openers. Mids are 0-9 SU & just 1-8 ATS since 1997 vs the ACC.
Sep. 18	at Tulsa	A						Navy is 10-1 in non-lined games since 1993. The Huskies were 8-4 SU & finished last year ranked #19 in Div IAA ball.
Sep. 25	Vanderbilt	G						The Mids are 4-1 ATS vs the WAC since 2000. Navy is 9-0 ATS the game after playing a Div IAA team since 1994.
Oct. 2	at Air Force	G						Mids are 2-9 SU & 5-5-1 ATS vs the SEC since 1982. May Apply: Navy is just 8-13 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Oct. 9								The Mids are 3-9 SU but 8-4 ATS the last 12 against the Falcons. Navy is 1-8 SU but 7-2 ATS before a bye the last 3 years.
Oct. 16	† Notre Dame (E Rutherford, New Jersey)	G						The Mids are 0-14 SU, but 11-3 ATS vs the Irish since 1990. Navy is 18-9 ATS after a bye week since 1994, including 3-0 LY.
Oct. 23	Rice	G						Navy is just 2-4 SU, but 5-1 ATS the last 6 vs the Owls. Last year's 38-6 win was the biggest winning margin in the series history.
Oct. 30	Delaware (HC)	G						LY the Blue Hens were 15-1 & were the Div IAA National Champions. The last 2 non-lined games Navy has lost have been to Delaware.
Nov. 6	at Tulane	A						Navy is 9-2 ATS vs the Green Wave since 1992. The Mids are 11-3 ATS against Conference USA since 1998.
Nov. 13								
Nov. 20	Rutgers	G						Navy is 0-9 SU & 2-7 ATS against current Big East teams since 2000. Mids are a surprising 7-3 ATS the game prior to Army since 1994.
Nov. 27								
Dec. 4	† Army (Philadelphia)	G						Navy is 10-3 ATS the last 13 games in this series. The favorite is 5-2 ATS in this series since 1997.


RB Eric Roberts

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (34,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	5-7	1-10	0-10	2-10	8-4	26-53
ATS	6-3	3-7	9-3	4-7	4-6	6-6	9-1	41-33
Home Fav	3-0	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-2	3-0	7-8
Home Dog	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	1-0	8-11
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	7-3
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	3-0	3-3	2-3	3-2	3-0	19-11
Favorite	4-1	0-2	4-2	0-3	0-0	1-2	5-1	14-11
Dog	2-2	3-5	5-1	4-4	4-6	5-4	4-0	27-22
Grass	5-3	0-7	5-2	3-6	3-4	5-6	8-1	29-29
Artificial	1-0	3-0	4-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-0	12-4
vs Indep	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	6-3
vs Non-Indep	4-3	3-6	8-3	4-6	3-6	5-5	8-1	35-30
Off SU Win	4-1	2-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-1	14-5
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-5	6-1	4-6	4-5	5-5	4-0	26-23

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kyle Eckel	**236**	**1252**	**3**	**1249**	**10**	**5.3**
Craig Candeto	271	1270	158	1112	16	4.1
Eric Roberts	**69**	**652**	**22**	**630**	**5**	**9.1**
Tony Lane	48	635	12	623	5	13.0
Aaron Polanco	**31**	**188**	**15**	**173**	**1**	**5.6**
Michael Brimage	**39**	**150**	**4**	**146**	**1**	**3.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Craig Candeto	131	64	48.9	1140	7	5
Aaron Polanco	**20**	**8**	**40.0**	**98**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Roberts	**20**	**493**	**24.6**	**5**	**86**
Amir Jenkins	**14**	**252**	**18.0**	**1**	**43**
Jason Tomlinson	**10**	**165**	**16.5**	**1**	**47**
Lionel Wesley	**13**	**131**	**10.1**	**0**	**43**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Skaggs	36	1491	41.4	2	34.6	1	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Rolfs	38-39	1-1	4-6	3-3	0-0	8-10	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Smith	**108**	**0**	**5**	**2**	**4**
Eli Sanders	100	0	2	1	2
Lane Jackson	**95**	**1**	**6**	**2**	**1**
Eddie Carthan	79	5	14	2	4
Shalimar Brazier	78	1	5	6	2
Jeremy Chase	**66**	**4**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Bobby McClarin	**60**	**1**	**5**	**4**	**1**
Vaughn Kelley	**60**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**0**
David Mahoney	**53**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Jeff Vanak	**40**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**0**
DuJuan Price	**34**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Pierre Moss	**31**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Ben Mathews	29	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Tomlinson	**19**	**146**	**7.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy McGown	**14**	**316**	**22.6**	**0**
Brian Hampton	**11**	**211**	**19.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Holiday	-5'	BYU	23-16	W
80	Garden	+5'	Houston	0-35	L
81	Liberty	+14'	Ohio St	28-31	W
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38	W
03	Houston	+11'	Texas Tech	14-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	30.5	22	323	5.5	100	46.8	13.9	+7	2003	6	21.8	20	173	4.2	180	61.9	16.2
5	24.2	19	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	-14	2002	8	36.3	22	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6
4	18.3	18	182	3.9	138	43.8	17.4	-6	2001	7	34.4	22	245	4.8	218	67.1	13.5
4*	16.5	18	178	3.6	139	52.3	19.2	-5	2000	6	35.5	22	189	4.3	230	61.1	11.8
6*	27.2	20	292	5.2	98	45.4	14.4	+7	1999	7	25.5	20	152	3.6	209	57.1	14.2
4	23.2	19	261	5.0	114	46.0	16.2	-11	1998	2	34.2	23	217	4.9	246	65.7	13.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
VMI	28	53-370	7.0	11-23	228	0	16	40-131	3.3	16-29	165	2	+1
at TCU	12	54-132	2.4	7-15	75	2	16	45-161	3.6	14-20	173	1	+1
E Michigan	23	65-372	5.7	6-10	92	0	17	22-32	1.5	20-37	239	2	+5
at Rutgers	22	55-373	6.8	5-15	117	3	25	53-249	4.7	15-22	155	1	-1
Air Force	22	65-294	4.5	3-6	32	0	23	61-275	4.5	7-16	87	0	-1
at Vanderbilt	29	65-342	5.3	9-17	160	1	22	31-146	4.7	18-30	227	1	+1
at Rice	22	69-366	5.3	6-10	76	2	14	47-206	4.4	6-14	17	1	+2
Delaware	20	49-180	3.7	11-21	212	2	15	44-188	4.3	15-23	84	2	-2
Tulane	25	58-357	6.2	2-7	57	1	22	35-145	4.1	27-40	214	2	-1
at Notre Dame	14	53-238	4.5	4-5	46	2	24	48-280	5.8	14-27	137	0	-1
C Michigan	28	52-530	10.2	3-6	114	0	29	62-283	4.6	20-28	233	2	+2
† Army	24	67-359	5.4	4-10	55	2	13	30-83	2.8	16-31	115	1	+1
† Texas Tech	17	55-289	5.3	3-13	40	1	30	20-64	3.2	41-53	497	1	0
TOTALS	286	760-4202	5.5	74-158	1304	16	266	538-2243	4.2	229-370	2343	16	+7
AVERAGES	22.0	58-323	5.5	6-12	100	1.2	20.5	41-173	4.2	18-28	180	1.2	0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	+18	14-49	L
at Kent St	-18	48-28	W
Boston Coll	+7	10-14	W
at Rice	+7	17-20	W
at W Virginia	+10	31-28	W
Air Force	+10	14-19	W
Akron	-10	29-35	L
at Notre Dame	+27	24-28	W
at Rutgers	-14	34-7	W
Tulane	-8'	45-21	W
at Hawaii	-3	41-48	L
† Army	-7	19-9	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-10'	6-17	L
at Georgia Tech	+16	13-40	L
at Boston Coll	+19	7-48	L
TCU	+27	0-24	W
at Air Force	+15'	13-27	W
† Notre Dame	+20	14-45	L
Rutgers	-7'	21-28	L
Toledo	+18	14-35	L
at Tulane	+13'	38-50	W
Wake Forest	-2'	26-49	L
† Army	+2	30-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	+17'	26-45	L
Georgia Tech	+25'	7-70	L
Boston Coll	+20	21-38	W
Air Force	+15	18-24	W
Rice	+7	13-21	L
at Rutgers	E	17-23	L
at Toledo	+29	20-21	W
Tulane	+2'	28-42	L
at Notre Dame	+27'	16-34	W
† Army	+1'	17-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	+10'	38-7	W
NC State	+17'	19-65	L
Northwestern	-3	40-49	L
Duke	-2	17-43	L
at Air Force	+22'	7-48	L
Rice	+8	10-17	W
at Boston Coll	+28	21-46	W
at Tulane	+16'	30-51	L
† Notre Dame	+27'	23-30	W
UConn	+4'	0-38	L
at Wake Forest	+27	27-30	W
† Army	-3	58-12	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
VMI	NL	37-10	–
at TCU	+23	3-17	W
E Michigan	-12'	39-7	W
at Rutgers	-1'	27-48	L
Air Force	+14'	28-25	W
at Vanderbilt	+4'	37-27	W
at Rice	-3'	38-6	W
Delaware	NL	17-21	–
Tulane	-10	35-17	W
at Notre Dame	+8	24-27	W
C Michigan	-20	63-34	W
† Army	-21'	34-6	W

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

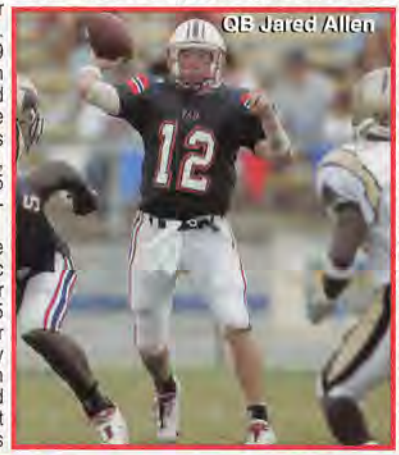
QUARTERBACKS - Jared Allen (PS#162) is already Florida Atlantic's "career passing leader". He has been the starter for all three years of the young Owls football program. In his first season, he threw for 1,185 yards (44.5%) in 10 games including 8 starts and had a 6-7 ratio.

In 2002, he started all 11 games but the team went 2-9. His numbers did improve slightly as he threw for 1,358 yards (50.8%) with a 7-6 ratio. Last season he was 1st Tm AA Independent and he threw for 3,003 yards (63.0%) with a super 24-9 ratio while rushing for 150 yards. He was injured in the 3Q against N Colorado and VHT W Virginia transfer Danny Embick (PS#28) hit 8 of 9 for 132 yards and a TD and guided the win. Embick hit 30 of 37 for 397 yards and an amazing 81.1% with a 4-0 ratio. He was one of the best backups in the country. At W Virginia, he hit 9 of 18 for 137 yards in 2002. Both return and adding depth are Dane Hansen (6-2 195 rFr) and true frosh McKinson Souverain (6-0 173) who threw for 1,725 yards with a 20-4 ratio and 730 yards rushing last year in high school. You may see Embick play more this year and this is a talented, experienced group.

LB Chris Laskowski

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Doug Parker (5-11 210 Sr), who has 4.48 speed, led the team with 572 yards (3.6) while adding 22 rec (10.0). Anthony Jackson (PS#193) rushed for 191 yards (4.5) and was the team's top KR (24.6). Jackson won the starting job in 2002 and Parker quit. Jackson, however, was injured after 5 starts rushing for just 231 yards (3.0) and missed the rest of the year. Bethune-Cookman transfer Daveon Barron started the final six and rushed for 474 yards (3.2). Jackson returned to health after missing the spring and Parker returned to the team so the unit had great depth. Jackson ended up as the teams leading rusher with 779 yards (5.2) and was 2nd Tm IAA Independent. Barron started all 14 games and rushed for 476 yards (4.7) and Parker chipped in 513 yards (3.8). Two players split the FB duties and I list them below. Added to the mix is this year's true frosh and Dominick Walker (5-10 195 rFr), Cedric White (5-9 215 rFr), DeKolan James (5-10 195 Sr) and BJ Manley (5-9 180 rFr). Naturally with everyone back, this unit is stronger in 2004.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 the Owls had an average receiving corps led by Brittney Tellis who had 38 rec (18.5), Larry Taylor (15 rec, 8.2) and Thomas Parker (6-2 199 Sr). Parker had 20 rec in 2001 (20.3) and in 5 starts had 20 (17.6) in 2002. Prior to last season Parker was injured in a car accident and missed the year. They got an upgrade in talent with the addition of Pittsburgh transfer Roosevelt Bynes (PS#189) who in 3 starts had 18 rec at Pitt in 2002 averaging 22.4 ypc. They also got back TE Anthony Crissinger-Hill, who in just 7 games as a true frosh in 2001 had 16 rec (11.9). Those two would lead the team in receptions with TE Crissinger-Hill snagging a "school record" 74 (15.3) and Bynes adding 47 (16.4) with both having 9 TD's. The good news this year is that just about everyone returns and I list the 2 deep below. TE Dantson Dareus (6-5 238 Sr) is said to have NFL ability but missed last year with a torn ACL. The only loss this year is WR Matt Prudenti (13 rec, 11.8). In the mix at WR are Troy Pindell (6-3 182 So) who saw action in 6 games last year as well as this year's signees. Naturally in the 4th year of a program, this figures to be an improved unit.


QB Jared Allen

OFFENSIVE LINE - Keep in mind, FAU played versus IAA competition last year and the O-line paved the way for just 3.2 ypc rushing while the unit allowed 46 sacks. The group is probably the smallest in IA ball with the projected starters averaging just 255 pounds. I would expect them to bulk up over the summer and be bigger by fall but it is still a small unit. It is a very experienced group and as the only losses from last year are backups Josh Blaylock (3 games) and Brian Pare (11 games). They will also likely be without Kenneth Campo (6-5 280 Sr) who had 14 starts last year and 9 combined in the previous two seasons. He is currently appealing the NCAA for another year of eligibility but is doubtful he will receive it. If he does, he would start at tackle. This is still a below average group by IA standards, but can only get stronger and features four senior starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Much like the O-line this is a small group by IA standards with only two members of the 2 deep even topping 250 lbs and the projected starting front wall averages just 246. Last year, against mostly IAA competition, the unit allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 26 sacks, hardly dominating numbers. Now they take a step up in competition. The only loss from last year is DE Arthur Cave (1 st, 4 tkls). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This unit is more experienced than last year's version and stronger, but still has a way to go before becoming a dominating group.

LINEBACKERS - Chris Laskowski has been termed a heat seeking missile by the coaches and was the team MVP in 2002. Last year he recorded 93 tackles, 8 tfl and he is the star of the LB corps. This year 5 of the top 6 LB's return with the only loss being MLB Quentin Swain (14 sts, 104 tkls, 9 tfl). He was the #1 tackler and 1st Tm Independent and will be missed but this unit has plenty of experience and with the return of Laskowski, I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Florida Atlantic was not in my pass D rankings last year but they allowed 224.7 ypg (56.9%) with a solid 20-17 ratio but against a light slate of opposing QB's. The star of the unit was Willie Hughley who was named IAA Independent Defensive POW three times and has been 2nd Tm Independent twice. Basically everyone returns including six players with starting experience. The only losses are SS Taurian Osborne (1 tkl) and CB Lee Pasick (7 tkls, 1 pbu). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Casey McGahee (5-9 150 So) who moved from RB and had 13 tackles as a frosh, David McDowell (5-11 185 Jr) who had 85 total yards in 2002 and was a RB last year, JUCO Rickey Bethel (5-10 180, PS#438) who had six int's in two years at JC and this year's true frosh.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Owls were not included in my special teams rankings last year but would have finished in the top 60. Andy Rosas had a huge improvement punting, taking his net from 30.7 in 2002 up to 37.1 but unfortunately he departs. W Virginia transfer QB Danny Embick and others I list below will battle for that spot. PR Matt Prudenti departs. Top KR man, Anthony Jackson, averaged a nifty 25.9 but that was basically against IAA competition. K Mark Myers was solid hitting 12 of 15 with a long of 53, one season after hitting 9 of 12 with a long of 48. This team has blocked 7 punts the last two years. They will be taking on tougher special teams units this year and with the loss of two of their four key players, may finish in the lower half of the rankings this season.

COACHES - Howard Schnellenberger enters his sixth year with the program and fourth on the football field. He, of course, owns a National Title when he took a Miami, FL program that was struggling and built them into the perennial National Title contenders they are today. He coached at Miami from 1979-1984, and was at Louisville from 1985-'94, helping that program become an annual bowl contender. He had a one year stint at Oklahoma in 1995 and returned to coaching here. His OC is Larry Seiple who was an assistant in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins from 1988-'99 and Tampa Bay from 1985-'86. He was a former punter for the Dolphins. The DC is Kirk Hoza who enters his 4th year and is also the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Florida Atlantic did not decide it would start playing football until 1997 and hired one of the best head coaches around in Howard Schnellenberger. He began to hire his coaches in 1999 and this team played its first "true" football game in 2001. Amazingly they are now a conditional IA team in 2004 and will join the SBC in 2005. Following a 2-9 season in 2002, Schnellenberger coached a remarkable 11-3 year and they advanced deep into the IAA playoffs. Last year they had a 62 yard TD pass on the final play of the game to beat Mid Tenn St in the opener after trailing 19-7 with 6:01 left. They were picked to finish sixth among the Independents in IAA last year. They beat #32 Youngstown St and #23 Illinois St on the road. They beat their other new program from Florida, Florida Int'l, in each of their first two seasons and five of their 8 IAA foes in 2002 were ranked in the IAA top 30. They finished #4 in Div IAA ball last year and were the youngest start-up program to make the IAA playoffs. As you would expect, in just the fourth year playing, practically everyone returns with 10 starters back on offense and 10 on defense. Naturally their schedule gets a lot more difficult although they still have four IAA games scheduled. They now face 7 IA foes as opposed to the 2 they faced in 2002. Despite the step up and the tougher schedule, I expect Florida Atlantic to have a winning record for the second straight year as Schnellenberger is doing an incredible job.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JARED ALLEN SR. 6-3 195 PS#162. 8 sts. 1185 yds (44.5%) in '01. 11 sts in '02, 1358 yds (50.8%). 14 sts LY, 3003 yds (63%), 24-9 ratio. **Danny Embick** (6-1 210 Jr) **PS#28QB**, WV trans.
RB ANTHONY JACKSON SR. 5-8 185 PS#193. #1 LY w/779 yds (5.2). **Daveon Barron** (5-8 165 Jr) 20 sts, 950 yds (3.8) 2 yrs. **Doug Parker** (5-11 210 Sr) 1085 yds (3.7) 2Y.
FB AARON SANCHEZ JR. 5-10 195 7 sts LY. **392 rush yds** (3.9), 11 rec, 2 yrs. Eric Harper (6-4 215 Sr) 11 sts at FB in '02, 33 rush yds, 12 rec (12.2). 7 sts LY, 89 rec yards.
WR LARRY TAYLOR SR. 5-9 170 6 sts in '01 & '02, 37 rec (14.0). 14 sts LY, 27 rec (17.3). Darrion Porter-Isom (6-2 184 Jr) 2 rec LY. Tito Pollice (6-3 185 So) PS#151.
WR ROOSEVELT BYNES SR. 6-1 185 PS#189. 4 sts, 21 rec (23.7) at **Pitt**. 14 sts here LY, 47 rec (16.4). Brittney Tellis (5-9 170 Sr) 11 sts in '02. 69 rec (16.9), 597 return yds, 3Y.
TE ANTHONY CRISSINGER-HILL JR. 6-3 205 7 games as true, 16 rec (11.9). ACL, RS in '02. 14 sts LY, **#1 w/74 rec** (15.3). Ben Coker (6-3 210 Sr) 9 sts in '02. 19 rec (8.0) 3 years.
C GEORGE GUFFEY SR. 6-0 235 6 sts in '02. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm Indp.** Chris Salivar (6-3 270 Jr) PS#508. 1 st, 13 games 2 years. **LS** Dewain Akerblom (6-0 225 So).
RG CHRIS SHEPHERD SR. 6-3 288 6 sts in '02. 11 sts LY. **Kevin Ketchum** (6-5 292 Sr), 5 sts in '02. 3 sts LY. Mike Leshe (6-2 257 Sr) 9 games in 2Y. Mike Fischetti (6-3 310 So).
LG KEVIN FISCHER SR. 6-3 235 PS#102TE. 6 sts in '02. 14 sts in '03. Jarerd Smith (6-2 250 rFr). William McDonald (6-3 270 Sr) 10 games in '01. 4 sts in' 02, 6 games LY.
RT DAVE RICHARDS SR. 6-3 271 8 games in '01. 5 sts in '02. 13 sts at LT, 2nd Team Indp in '03. Antes Perkins (6-4 265 So) 6 games as true. Justin Sobol (6-5 266 Jr).
LT Nello Faulk So. 6-6 245 10 games as true at C. Robert Hunnicutt (6-3 224 Sr) 3 sts at RT in '02. 1 st at LT in '03 (inj). Stetson Wilson (6-5 297 So) 6 games as true.
K MARK MYERS SR. 6-2 185 Hit 2 of 4 FG's in '01. 9 of 12 FG's in '02, long of 48. 12 of 15 FG's in '03, long of 53. 7 of 7 from 40+! Ray Leavitt (6-0 170 Fr).

DE JOHNNIE SLOAN SR. 6-1 240 25 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl in '01. 7 sts in '02, 45 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl. 14 sts LY, 57 tkls, 6 sks, 12 tfl. Dimitri Jacques (6-3 205 Sr) 10 tkls, 3 sks, 2 sts, 3Y.
DT TEDDY STRACHAN SR. 6-2 245 PS#412. 7 tkls, 1 tfl in '01. 10 sts, 31 tkls, 10 tfl in '02. 11 sts LY, 24 tkls, 3 tfl. Mark Chase (6-2 265 Jr) **PS#131**. 15 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 3 tkls, 5 games LY.
DT YRVENS GUERRIER SR. 6-0 265 22 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 11 sts in '02, 15 tkls, 4 tfl, **Def MVP** in '02. 14 sts, 31 tkls, 5 tfl LY, **Def MVP** LY. Brett Konchak (6-3 223 Sr) 9 tkls, 2 sks, 2 years.
DE RAMON RICKARDS SR. 6-2 233 34 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl in '01. 10 sts, 25 tkls, 5 sks, 2 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 30 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl LY. William Gray (6-4 210 Sr) 6 sts, 73 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl 3Y.
SLB TYRONE HIGGINS SR. 6-2 208 56 tkls, 4 tfl in '01. 9 sts, 51 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 14 sts, 74 tkls, 13 tfl LY. Chris McKinley (6-1 190 Sr), 2 sts, 104 tkls, 11 tfl, 3Y. Eric Benson (6-2 222 Sr).
MLB Shomari Earls Jr. 6-2 205 PS#231. 8 tkls as true. 41 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 pbu LY. Jason Pugh (6-2 234 Sr) 2 sts at DT LY, 15 tkls, 3 tfl. Ted Czepiga (6-0 208 Fr) PS#222.
WLB CHRIS LASKOWSKI SR. 5-10 212 39 tkls in '01. 11 sts, 84 tkls, 11 tfl in '02, **Tm MVP**. 14 sts, 93 tkls, 8 tfl, **2nd Tm Ind**. Joe Walker (6-0 220 Sr) 78 tkls 3Y. Kinyuumba Mutakabbir 21 tkls in '01.
CB QUINCY SKINNER SO. 5-10 150 PS#557. 14 sts as rFr, 75 tkls, 5 int, 9 pbu, 4 tfl. Lawrence Gordon (5-11 175 Jr) 28 tkls, 3 tfl. Ertwyn Henry (5-9 175 Jr) 12 tkls, 1 pbu in '03.
CB WILLIE HUGHLEY JR. 5-11 170 PS#211. 1 st, 49 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu in '02, **2nd Tm Indep 2x's**. 13 sts, 78 tkls, 5 int, 7 pbu LY. Christian Amaya (5-11 197 Jr) 3 sts, 20 tkls, 2 pbu.
SS CRAIG ROUNDTREE SR. 5-8 177 26 tkls, 3 pbu in '01. 12 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. 11 sts LY, 64 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. Cameron Rodgers (5-10 174 Sr) 9 sts, 38 tkls, 4 pbu in '02. 3 sts, 34 tkls LY.
FS JERRELL TERRY SR. 5-11 194 1 st, 30 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. 12 starts in '03, 61 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Taheem Acevedo (6-1 195 So) 16 tkls as **true**. 34 return yards.
P Danny Embick Jr. 6-1 210 2 punts at W Virg in '02. #1 punter in spg. Also #2 QB. Mike Brown (6-2 215 Jr). Daniel Kennard, Jamie Malta and Kevin Landers are all walk-ons.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Charles Pierre	5-9 195 PS#213
DB	Steve Williams	5-10 160 PS#254
LB	Ted Czepiga	6-0 208 PS#222
DL	EJ Jones	6-3 225 PS#274
OL	Nick Paris	6-1 310 PS#397
DL	Antonio Hall	6-1 280 PS#343
DB	Rickey Bethel	5-10 180 PS#438JC
RB	Anthony Heard	6-0 200 PS#357
WR	Frantz Simeon	5-9 166 PS#320
QB	McKinson Souverain	6-0 173 PS#266
OL	Brandon Jackson	6-3 245 PS#546
DB	Carldayle Brantley	6-1 172 PS#548
WR	Kyle Langford	6-3 181 PS#415
WR	Darren Coney	6-0 175 PS#642
LB	Andre Clark	6-1 205 PS#695
DL	Vinnie Henderson	6-5 252 PS#831
DL	Jervonte Jackson	6-3 270 PS#832
DL	Kristopher Rush	6-0 200 PS#833
DB	Gregory Joseph	5-10 184 PS#899
DB	Corey Small	5-10 170 PS#900
OL	Jarrett McDonald	6-5 260 PS#1064
OL	Zachary Wichner	6-4 260 PS#1065

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FAU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Hawaii	A						FAU has been in existence just 3 years & last year became the quickest Div IAA program to make it to the playoffs as the Owls finished ranked #4. All of Florida Atlantic's angles pertain to SU records.
Sep. 11	at N Texas	A						FAU will travel over 4900 miles to play their 1st game as a IA member. The Owls are all-time 8-10 in away games but were 6-1 last year.
Sep. 18	at Middle Tenn	A						N Texas is 1 of 2 schools (Hawaii) FAU will face TY, that were in a bowl LY. This will be a conf game for both teams next yr as FAU joins the SBC.
Sept. 25	Illinois St	G						FAU QB Allen's 62 yd TD as time expired on 4th & 9 is why MTSU fell victim to the Owls in 2003 marking the program's 1st IA win in just their 22nd game.
Oct. 2								The Red Birds finished 6-6 LY as a IAA Gateway Conference member. FAU was 2-0 vs the Gateway Conf LY which sent 4 tms to the IAA playoffs.
Oct. 9	at Texas St	A						The Bobcats were 4-8 LY as a Div IAA Southland Conference member. FAU had a 29-17 FD & 456-315 yd edge, winning 27-14 LY vs Texas St.
Oct. 16	at Northern Colorado	G						Bears were 9-2 LY (ranked #20) & TY will play in IAA's new Great West Conference. UNC qualified for the IAA playoffs LY, but are ineligible until the 2007 season.
Oct. 23	UL Monroe	G						First time in history FAU will host a IA program at Lockhart Stadium. This is a designated SBC game for the Indians.
Oct. 30	at Florida A&M	G						The Rattlers were 6-6 LY, but did go a perfect 3-0 in Tallahassee, Fl. Florida A&M was to move up to IA TY, but decided to delay the move up.
Nov. 6	at Troy St	A						FAU only had 8 FD's & 137 yds of offense in their 21-67 loss vs TSU in '02. This is a designated conference game for Troy which joined the SBC TY.
Nov. 13	New Mexico St (HC)	G						This is a designated Sun Belt game for the New Mexico St Aggies. Florida Atlantic is 3-0 in Homecoming games.
Nov. 20	† Fla International	G						First time this new rivalry will be played as IA affiliates (FAU 2-0). Last year FAU needed to beat FIU to make the IAA playoffs.
Nov. 27	Edward Waters	G						The Tigers at Edward Waters College (NAIA) an area startup program in Florida that reinstated football in 2002 after a 35 year layoff.

† Pro Players Stadium

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER (Career 100-77-3)(Div IAA 17-13)
4th Year at Florida Atlantic
Schnellenberger's records AT FLA ATLANTIC

17-18	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,22,1)
Lost: 4 (1,1,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 5,850

INDEPENDENT

Head Coach
Howard Schnellenberger

STADIUM: LOCKHART STADIUM (20,450)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	–	–	4-6	2-9	11-3	17-18
ATS	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Fav	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Favorite					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Grass					0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Artificial	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Florida Atlantic did not have a football program until 2001. Their first 3 years have been in 1AA ball.

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

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OFFENSE - LAST 3 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
11*	28.9	19	128	3.2	244	64.7	12.9	+7	2003	10	21.9	20	145	3.9	225	56.9	16.9
11*	16.0	15	70	1.8	156	48.0	14.1	-7	2002	10	30.8	18	190	4.2	175	57.0	11.8
–	17.7	14	92	2.8	165	45.3	14.5	-3	2001	–	24.5	19	4.5	4.5	158	51.6	15.1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Jackson	151	829	50	779	7	5.2
Doug Parker	134	536	23	513	5	3.8
Daveon Barron	101	504	28	476	1	4.7
Aaron Sanchez	38	140	5	135	4	3.6
Jared Allen	83	150	326	-176	0	-2.1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jared Allen	346	218	63.0	3003	24	9
Danny Embick	37	30	81.1	397	4	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
A Crissinger-Hill	74	1134	15.3	9	73	
Roosevelt Bynes	47	772	16.4	9	62	
Brittney Tellis	29	435	15.0	1	50	
Larry Taylor	27	466	17.3	4	53	
Matt Prudenti	13	153	11.8	2	19	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Rosas	75	2899	38.7	12	37.1	0	22
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mark Myers	48-49	4-4	1-4	6-6	1-1	12-15	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quentin Swain	104	1	8	3	0
Chris Laskowski	93	2	6	2	2
Willie Hughley	78	0	2	7	5
Quincy Skinner	75	0	4	9	5
Tyrone Higgins	74	3	10	1	0
Craig Roundtree	64	1	1	3	1
Jerrell Terry	61	1	1	4	2
Johnnie Sloan	57	6	12	0	0
Chris McKinley	48	1	6	1	0
Shomari Earls	41	1	2	3	1
William Gray	35	5	2	0	0
Cameron Rodgers	34	0	1	1	0
Yrvens Guerrier	31	1	4	2	0
Ramon Rickards	30	5	4	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Matt Prudenti	27	166	6.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Anthony Jackson	18	467	25.9	0	

2003 STATS BY GAME

OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Middle Tenn	11	32-42	1.3	18-29	215	5	18	44-183	4.2	19-35	160	1	-4
Valdosta St	21	40-152	3.8	21-31	277	4	26	24-73	3.0	35-49	381	0	-2
at UCF	23	31-102	3.3	26-40	352	3	24	24-68	2.8	37-52	497	0	+2
at Youngstown St	14	35-48	1.4	19-31	245	5	16	40-158	4.0	12-26	119	5	+1
at Illinois St	16	41-76	1.9	15-26	226	3	18	46-229	5.0	13-39	100	1	0
Texas St	29	56-187	3.3	15-26	269	4	17	23-66	2.9	23-42	249	3	-1
Nicholls St	19	41-225	5.5	14-18	149	0	23	50-272	5.4	10-17	175	2	+5
N Colorado	19	47-108	2.3	19-24	257	5	21	36-173	4.8	12-23	254	2	+2
Gardner-Webb	16	40-128	3.1	15-21	203	3	24	39-163	4.2	26-41	206	2	+1
Siena	28	55-370	6.7	12-13	139	0	5	29-110	3.8	0-6	0	0	+1
†Fla International	20	34-66	1.9	23-33	299	3	23	41-95	2.3	22-35	237	2	0
at Bethune-Cookman	15	38-112	2.9	9-22	204	6	20	29-109	3.8	25-45	291	4	+3
at N Arizona	24	43-120	2.8	21-32	317	5	17	32-124	3.9	23-44	270	4	+1
Colgate	17	21-52	2.5	22-39	266	0	26	63-205	3.3	16-26	207	0	-2
TOTALS	272	554-1788	3.2	249-385	3418	46	278	520-2028	3.9	273-480	3146	26	+7
AVERAGES	19.4	40-128	3.2	18-28	244	3.3	19.9	37-145	3.9	20-34	225	1.9	0.5

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2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Slippery Rock	NL	7-40	–
at Bethune-Cookman	NL	31-28	–
Marist	NL	31-9	–
at Drake	NL	7-31	–
Jacksonville	NL	35-12	–
St Mary's	NL	10-24	–
St Peter's	NL	0-19	–
at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-35	–
E Illinois	NL	10-38	–
Suny-Albany	NL	27-9	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Florida	NL	10-51	–
Bethune-Cookman	NL	17-30	–
at James Madison	NL	13-16	–
at E Kentucky	NL	6-22	–
at Nicholls St	NL	22-33	–
Youngstown St	NL	17-24	–
at Troy St	NL	6-21	–
at Connecticut	NL	14-61	–
Morris Brown	NL	34-13	–
at E Illinois	NL	6-47	–
Fla International	NL	31-21	–

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Middle Tenn	NL	20-19	–
Valdosta St	NL	17-45	–
at UCF	NL	29-33	–
at Youngstown St	NL	13-6	–
at Illinois St	NL	28-10	–
Texas St	NL	27-14	–
Nicholls St	NL	31-23	–
N Colorado	NL	21-19	–
Gardner-Webb	NL	31-26	–
Siena	NL	51-3	–
† Fla International	NL	32-23	–

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - How deep is a team that returns not one, but two players who at one time owned the school's single season record for passing yards? The Golden Panthers have just that but remember, they have only played two years of college football. In 2001 when FIU was preparing for college play, David Tabor (6-1 214 Jr, PS#181) hit 63% of his passes for 545 yards in team scrimmages. He was beat out for the starting job in 2002 by true frosh Jamie Burke (6-3 207 So, PS#84). Burke, in 11 starts, led all IAA freshmen with 14 TD's throwing for 1,652 yards (57.9%) with 11 interceptions and was #16 in IAA ball in pass efficiency. He was the only frosh QB to be nominated for AA. In 2002 Tabor, in relief, threw for 539 yards (47.4%) with a 6-3 ratio. Burke began last year as the starter hitting 18 of 31 for 139 yards in the season opener but was injured and lost for the year. Tabor took over and started game 2 but lost his job to Josh Padrick. Overall Tabor threw for 125 yards (64.7%) with a 2-0 ratio on the year. Padrick, who was an option QB in HS, had a fine year. He hit just 11 of 41 vs Bethune-Cookman but later vs powerhouse Georgia Southern hit 24 of 48 for 370 yards. He threw for 2,493 yard (49.9%) with a 12-12 ratio while also rushing for 126. The good news for FIU is that all three return giving them solid depth against what will be a much tougher schedule than they have faced the last two years.

RUNNING BACKS - FIU's RB corps has been hit hard by injuries in each of its two years of existence. In year one Dravien Jones was supposed to be the feature back and was backed by Minnesota transfer Diamos Demerritt and good sized Tori Robinson (6-0 220 So). Unfortunately Jones was lost for the year with a torn Achilles' tendon. Demerritt tore his ACL and Robinson had ankle problems and rushed for just 126 yards (4.8). Rashod Smith (5-9 189 Sr) who has 4.36 speed and was a transfer from Bryant College, ended up leading the team in rushing with 784 yards (6.0). Jerrid Lundstedt was the #2 rusher with 405 yards (5.0). Lundstedt departed last year but everyone else returned. Jones quit the team prior to the season. Smith played in just six games due to injury and rushed for 278 yards (4.4) while hauling in 15 rec (8.9). Due to an irregular heartbeat, Robinson did not play. Demerritt had 309 yards (4.9) but missed one game due to a suspension and 3 more due to injuries. Adam Gorman (6-0 203 Jr) was a backup FB at the start of the year but took over and led the team with 736 yards (5.5) rushing for a season high 187 against Holy Cross. Smith, Demerritt and Gorman all return this season as do the FB's I list below. Not listed is Chris Harzinski (6-2 215 rFr, a Fla Atlantic trans). The only loss is RB OJ Price (77 yds, 4.5) and hopefully this position can stay healthy and is in the best shape of the three years of the program.

RB Adam Gorman

RECEIVERS - In the program's first year Cory McKinney (PS#118), a transfer from UConn, led the team with 42 rec and a super 21.2 ypc earning IAA 1st Tm Independent honors and he has 4.55 speed. Harold Leath (PS#292DB) who is 6-3 with 4.4 speed, is a W Virginia transfer that had 34 rec (16.4) here in 2002 and was 2nd Tm IAA Independent. TE Joseph Struyf, despite playing in just seven games due to injury, was 3rd on the team with 14 rec (13.1). All three returned last year and had fine seasons. Leath led the team with 42 rec and a solid 17.6 ypc while McKinney's numbers dropped a little with 41 (15.3). Chandler Williams was #3 on the team with 29 (15.9) as a true frosh and Struyf nearly doubled his reception total from 2002 with 25 (10.5). I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are WR's Julius Eppinger (5-9 157 Jr) who had 13 rec in 2002 but played in just one game last year with 7 rec and 74 yards vs Fla Atl, Chris Patullo (6-1 165 So, 1 st, 4 rec as a true), Robert Kirklin (6-0 182 So), Kenneth Robinson (5-10 156 So, PS#451), Dan Landrau (6-2 200 Jr), Stephon Walker (5-11 170 So), Joserr West (6-3 190 rFr) and TE's Patrick Dillion (6-1 246 So) and James Williams (6-3 218 So). This has the makings of a pretty good receiving corps and figures to be even stronger in 2004.

DE Damian Haye

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 FIU had a young OL, as no one older than a rFr was on the final 2 deep, with 3 true frosh holding down starting spots. That youthful group paved the way for just 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 48 sacks. Naturally they had a veteran group heading into last year and that unit paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while they cut their sacks allowed almost in half (28). Keep in mind they were taking on IAA DL's. This year basically everyone returns with six different players starting five or more games. I list the 2 deep below and they also add in USF transfer David Bailey. After showing solid improvement in their 2nd year, they should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - As you would expect, this unit gets bigger, stronger and faster in each year of the program. In 2003 the D allowed a respectable 4.4 ypc rushing while recording 21 sacks but that was vs IAA competition. This year basically everyone returns with the exception of DE Edwin Pierre (8 tkls). No less than 8 players return with starting experience and 10 have recorded 23 or more tackles in a season while here. Not listed below is Shaun Dudney (6-1 237 Jr, PS#382LB) who has 54 tackles in the last 2 years and Audric Adger (6-3 200 rFr). Auburn transfer DE Mike Sherill missed the spring due to academics while Minnesota transfer DT Damian Haye was out with a knee injury but both should return in the fall and this has the makings of a pretty decent D-line.

LINEBACKERS - FIU had a young LB corps last year with 2 true frosh and a soph starting. Naturally everyone returns this year and I list the 2 deep below and there are also a couple of HT's contending for time here. MLB Lance Preston was simply the team's Def POY and 2nd Tm IAA Independent and leads an improving LB corps. Not listed below are Greg Marsh (6-0 195 Jr), Kevin Akinbiyi (6-2 215 Jr, St Peters transfer) and true frosh Brandon Hart (6-1 220, Grandson of '49 Heisman winner Leon).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Naturally FIU had an inexperienced secondary last year and allowed 58.8% (172.8 ypg) with a 14-11 ratio vs Div IAA QB's. This year basically everyone is back including their star, SS John Haritan, who I list as my 1st Tm Independent this year and FS Nick Turnbull who just missed making my list. While this is their first year facing a full slate of IA QB's, seven players return with starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below are SS James Knapp (6-0 207 Jr, 5 tkls), FS Matt Bass (6-0 185 So, PS#431, Minnesota transfer), Demerritt Rucker (6-0 200 So) and Cory Fleming (6-0 172 So, 4 tkls). You can look for the secondary to be stronger once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FIU would have finished in the upper half of my special teams rankings last season but keep in mind they faced IAA special teams opponents and now will be taking a step up in terms of competition. Punter Doug Jones, who originally signed at Arizona and is a VHT (PS#5) enters his 3rd season. He surprisingly struggled in his first year here averaging just 34.7 with a net of 33.2. He improved in 2003 to 36.4 with a net of 34.0 and should have a fine senior season. Kicker Adam Moss came over from Malaysia and did not fare well in his first year of American football. He has an extremely strong leg but hit just 3 of 9 FG's with a long of 33 in 2002. Against Elon College, he two missed xp's and a FG and FIU lost by one. Last year he was perhaps the most improved kicker in the country hitting 14 of 22 FG's with a long of 47 and two of his misses were from 50+ showing his strong leg. Greg Moss has 4.46 speed and returned both a punt and a KO for a TD last year and returns for his senior season. The team blocked two punts in its inaugural year but did not get any last season. This looks like a surprisingly good special teams unit and even with the step up in competition, they should be able to crack the Top 40 in my special teams rankings this year.

COACHES - Don Strock enters his third year as HC here after being the QB coach at Baltimore for 3 years. He also spent time coaching in the WFL and AFL. Strock, of course, was a longtime NFL QB playing for Miami as well as Cleveland where he helped tutor Bernie Kosar toward the end of his career. His OC is Greg Briner who was the OC for NY/NJ in the XFL and had stints at Oregon, Georgia, Navy and was the OC at Marshall in 1992. He also spent time with the Colts as the QB coach. Bernard "Tiger" Clark is the first DC here in FIU's short history and is also the LB coach. He was a member of the 1987-88 Miami (FL) National Champ Hurricanes and spent 2 years with the Orlando Predators. He also had stints at James Madison University and was the special teams and LB coach at Liberty the last 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FIU was just 2-10 in 2003 but was only outscored by 5.9 ppg in their final full year of Div IAA ball. FIU is one of two conditional teams this year taking the step up from IAA which means they will have increased scholarships. They are by far the youngest team playing in IA ball as they just started playing football in 2002. They had a very respectable opening year going 5-6 vs all IAA teams. Last year they played two IA teams and ten IAA teams. This young program only lost to perennial IAA power Georgia Southern, 37-35 on the road and led Florida Atlantic by 17 points but lost to them for the second straight year. FIU has yet to bag a road win going 0-11 away from home. As you would expect with a young program, basically everyone returns from last year's squad and there is some talent on the unit and I am impressed with the quality of the defensive front 7 and the receiving corps. FIU has an advantage in facing IAA teams this year as they have more scholarship players at their disposal and should fair well in those games and only take on three IA opponents. With that said, I give FIU a shot at actually claiming a winning record as they build toward their first year in the SBC next season. They are my 6th most improved team in the country (see page 19) and should be on the plus side of the ledger.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JAMIE BURKE SO. 6-3 207 PS#84. 11 sts as true, 1652 yds (58%), 14-11 ratio in '02. 1 gm til inj LY. **Josh Padrick** (6-3 190 So) **10 sts** LY, 2493 yds (50%) 12-12 ratio, 126 rush.
RB ADAM GORMAN JR. 6-0 203 6 sts, Off MVP, 736 rush (5.5) LY. **Diamos Demerritt** (6-0 197 Jr) **Minny** trans. 4 sts, 309 (4.9) here LY. **Rashod Smith** 1062 yds (5.8) 2Y.
HB ASTON WILSON JR. 6-0 219 555 squat. Sprinter in HS. 9 sts LY, 52 all-purp yds. Marcus Jones II (6-1 222 So) 23 yds as true. Chidi Nwadike (6-0 197 So) 43 yds as true.
WR CORY McKINNEY JR. 6-3 219 PS#118. UConn trans. 10 sts, 42 rec (21.2) here in '02, **1st Tm Ind.** 12 sts, 41 rec (15.3) LY. Andre Rollins (6-4 222 Jr) PS#333. 5 rec (10.8).
WR HAROLD LEATH SR. 6-3 199 PS#292DB. W Virg trans. 11 sts, 34 rec (16.4) here in '02. **2nd Tm Ind**, 11 sts, 42 rec (17.6) LY. Chandler Williams (6-0 162 So) 2 sts as true, 29 rec (15.9).
TE JOSEPH STRUYF JR. 6-3 231 4 sts as true (inj) 14 rec. 4.69 spd. 390 bench. 12 sts, 25 rec (10.5). Samuel Smith (6-3 252 So) 1 st, 9 rec LY. Dannon Monroe (6-4 224 Sr) 2 sts in '02.
C VICTOR CERNIUS JR. 6-4 278 PS#301. 11 sts (6 at G, 5 at C), 571 snaps as true. 12 sts LY, 755 snaps w/ no penalties. Mike Alvarez (6-2 281 So) PS#217. 2 games as true.
RG JOHNATHAN TAYLOR SO. 6-3 321 Started 7 games as **true** frosh. Missed spg in '04 (inj). Josh Alexander (6-1 280 Jr) PS#142DL. 2 sts, 25 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 4 tkls last year.
LG ED WENGER JR. 6-1 254 11 sts in '02, 561 snaps, 79% grade, 600 squat. 10 sts in '03, 592 snaps, 81% grade. Ronny Silva (6-2 308 So) DL in 2003.
RT PATRICK MULLEN JR. 6-8 328 49 snaps, 2 gms in '02. 8 sts in '03 until injury. Timothy Dierks (6-4 250 Jr) 9 sts in '02. 5 sts in '03. David Bailey (6-5 285 So) **USF trans.**
LT JOHN SHANAHAN JR. 6-6 291 PS#337. 11 sts in '02, 550 snaps. 9 sts in '03, 616 snaps (#2 on OL). Paul Luna (6-5 272 So) PS#584DL. Chris Munoz (6-2 277 Jr).
K ADAM MOSS JR. 6-1 193 Strong leg, from Malaysia. Only 3 of 9, long 33 in first year. 14 of 22 FG's, long of 47, **2nd Team Indep** in 2003. Chris Patullo (6-1 165 So).

DE TERRENCE ALLEN JR. 6-4 238 1 st, 19 tkls, 3 tfl true. 9 sts LY, 23 tkls, 5 tfl. Dane Ireson (6-3 236 Jr) 9 sts at LB, 31 tkls in '02. Inj after 3 gms LY. Matt Berrios (6-4 226 rFr).
DT NICK CARRENO JR. 6-3 278 PS#508OL. 11 sts, 31 tkls, 4 tfl. 8 sts LY, 37 tkls, 4 tfl. Pedro Farias (6-1 305 Jr) 32 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Bench 435 squat 500+. Audric Adger (6-3 299 rFr).
DT DAMIAN HAYE JR. 6-2 270 PS#155. **Minny** trans. 8 sts, 25 tkls, 1 sk here LY. **Brandon Higdon** (6-2 292 Jr) **16 sts**, 44 tkls, 5 sks, 7 tfl, 2Y. Ira Turner (6-2 270 Sr) 25 tkls, 2Y.
DE MIKE SHERILL SO. 6-1 246 PS#249LB. **Auburn trans.** 11 sts here, 84 tkls, 6 tfl, **1st Tm Ind**. Daunte Foster (6-4 247 Sr) 7 sts, 84 tkls, 8 sks, 12 tfl, 2Y. **1st Tm Ind** in '02.
SLB ANTWAN BARNES SO. 6-1 216 PS#147. 12 sts as true, 57 tkls, 3 sks, 8 tfl. **Kyle Salas** (6-1 225 Jr) **10 sts** 44 tkls as true. 23 tkls LY (inj) 405 bench. James Black (6-2 201 So).
MLB LANCE PRESTON JR. 6-1 232 11 sts as true, 65 tkls, 6 tfl. 12 sts LY, **Def POY**, 96 tkls, 8 tfl. Gerrod Bodie (5-11 206 Jr) PS#283DL. 74 tkls, 5 tfl, 2Y. Mike Gulla (6-2 242 So) PS#193.
WLB ALEXANDER BOSTIC SO. 6-2 202 9 sts, 43 tkls, 1 tfl as **true**. Keyonvis Bouie (6-0 213 So) PS#158. 27 tkls, 4 tfl as true. Johnathan Sturrup (5-10 198 Sr) 3 sts, 51 tkls, 2 yrs.
CB EVERETT BAKER JR. 6-0 173 3 sts, 22 tkls as true. 11 sts LY, 67 tkls. 4 tfl, 3 pbu. **Kevin Timothee** (6-1 188 Jr) **4.33 spd**. 2 sts, 27 tkls, 5 pbu, 2Y. Zach Davis (5-11 179 So).
CB GREG MOSS SR. 5-7 167 9 sts in '02, 44 tkls, 4 pbu. 7 sts LY, 37 tkls, **944 ret yds**. Randy Arnold (5-10 171 Jr) PS#252RB. 35 tkls, 2Y. Diamond Hemingway (5-11 175 So).
SS JOHN HARITAN JR. 6-0 190 8 sts as true, 86 tkls, 5 pbu, 7 tfl, **2x 1st Tm Ind**. 11 sts LY, 117 tkls, 7 tfl, 3 pbu, 2 int. Matt Castillo (6-1 186 Jr) 4 sts, 30 tkls, 3 pbu last year.
FS NICK TURNBULL JR. 6-3 215 PS#293. 11 sts, **1st Tm Ind** in '02, 75 tkls, 5 int, 10 pbu. 10 sts in '03, 61 tkls, 4 int, 6 pbu. Chris Smith (6-0 194 So) 2 sts, 23 tkls, 1 tfl as true.
P DOUG JONES SR. 5-9 199 **PS#5!** Orig at Arizona. 58 punts in '02, 34.7 avg net of 33.2. 58 punts in '03, 36.4 avg net 34.0. Chris Patullo 37.0 avg in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Tad McConahie	6-3 305 PS#176
QB	Tavares Kendrick	6-3 218 PS#186
DL	Sabas Whittaker	6-2 270 PS#292
QB	Mike Chapman	6-2 195 PS#241
DB	Lionell Singleton	5-10 180 PS#450
OL	Dustin Gibson	6-4 265 PS#565
RB	Julian Reams	5-11 183 PS#450
RB	J.J. Bass	6-0 190 PS#488
TE	Moses Hinton	6-5 260 PS#223
WR	Schneider Julian	5-9 178 PS#643
WR	Julius Mincey	6-1 165 PS#644
LB	Brandon Hart	6-1 220 PS#696
RB	Ben West	5-10 185 PS#756
DL	Myron Acoff	6-3 235 PS#834
DL	Michael Frazier	6-3 225 PS#835
DL	Alfonza Johnson	6-2 225 PS#836
DL	Venson Jones	6-3 235 PS#837
DL	Jerry Legranvil	6-4 315 PS#838
DL	Michael Martin	6-3 235 PS#839
DL	Jarvis Penerton	6-5 251 PS#840
DB	Cormart Franklin	6-1 180 PS#901
DB	Malik Houston-Jones	6-1 185 PS#902

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7-16	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 11

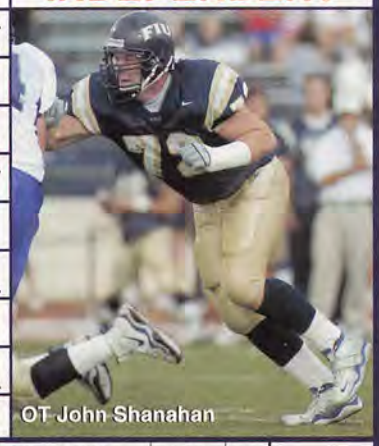
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 65 (34,29,2)
Lost: 8 (4,4,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 7,073

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#119

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FIU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								HC Don Strock was a AA QB at Virginia Tech, then he spent 17 years in the NFL as a QB for Miami, Cleveland & Indianapolis. All of Florida International angles pertain to SU records.
Sep. 2	Jacksonville (Thur)	A						FIU is 2-0 against the Dolphins winning by an avg score of 47-9. Fla Int'l is 3-1 on Thursday night games outscoring opps on avg 34-14.
Sep. 11	at Youngstown St	A						Florida International is 0-11 away from FIU Stadium. FIU was just 2-10 in '03 but was only outscored by an avg of 5.9 ppg in their final full yr of IAA.
Sep. 18								
Sep. 25	W Kentucky	A						Florida International is 0-2 after a bye week. Hilltoppers manhandled the Panthers 56-7 in their 1st meeting.
Oct. 2	Louisiana-Lft	A						Florida International will be a Sun Belt member next season. The Golden Panthers are 0-2 against Div IA teams.
Oct. 9	at Stephen F. Austin	A						SFA had 2 RB's LY top 100+ yds rushing, as they totalled 337 yds on the ground vs FIU. The Lumberjacks finished 7-4 LY as a Southland Conference member.
Oct. 16	at UL Monroe	G						Florida International is 0-2 in their 2nd straight away game. This is a designated Sun Belt Conference game for the Indians.
Oct. 23	McNeese St (HC)	A						McNeese St Cowboys finished 10-2 last season ranked #7 in IAA. Florida Int'l is 1-1 in Homecoming games beating Holy Cross last year.
Oct. 30	at New Mexico St	G						This will be the farthest West the Golden Panthers will have ever traveled. Florida International is 0-6 on grass.
Nov. 6								
Nov. 13	Georgia Southern	A						The Golden Panthers are 1-4 in November. Georgia Southern Eagles have been Div IAA National Champs 6 times.
Nov. 20	† Florida Atlantic	G						The winner of this "new" rivalry wins the Don Shula Trophy. Florida International is 0-2 vs Florida Atlantic.
Nov. 27	Florida A&M	A						Florida International has dropped their last 2 season finales. The Rattlers of Florida A&M finished 6-6 as MEAC members last season.
	†Pro Player Stadium							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STADIUM: FIU STADIUM (12,673)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	–	–	–	5-6	2-10	7-16
ATS	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Fav	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	–				–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	–				–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Favorite	–				–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	–				–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Grass	–				–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Artificial	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0

Florida International did not have a football program until 2002. Their first 2 years have been in IAA ball.

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adam Gorman	133	763	27	736	8	5.5
Diamos Demerritt	63	321	12	309	2	4.9
Rashod Smith	63	303	25	278	3	4.4
Josh Padrick	48	126	193	-67	1	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Padrick	367	183	49.9	2493	12	12
Jamie Burke	31	18	58.1	139	0	0
David Tabor	17	11	64.7	125	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Harold Leath	42	741	17.6	3	60	
Cory McKinney	41	628	15.3	5	55	
Chandler Williams	29	460	15.9	2	49	
Joseph Struyf	25	262	10.5	0	28	
Adam Gorman	22	234	10.6	1	46	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Doug Jones	58	2113	36.4	11	34.0	0	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Adam Moss	28-32	2-4	7-9	5-7	0-2	14-22	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Haritan	117	1	6	3	2
Lance Preston	96	4	4	2	0
Mike Sherill	84	0	6	0	0
Everett Baker	67	1	3	3	0
Nick Turnbull	61	0	2	6	4
Antwan Barnes	57	3	8	2	0
Alexander Bostic	43	0	1	0	1
Daunte Foster	41	2	4	1	0
Gerrod Bodie	37	2	2	0	1
Nick Carreno	37	0	4	0	0
Greg Moss	37	0	2	0	2
Pedro Farias	32	1	2	1	0
Matt Castillo	30	0	1	3	1
Keyonvis Bouie	27	1	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Greg Moss	24	303	12.6	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Greg Moss	24	641	26.7	1	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 2 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	22.5	19	118	3.9	230	51.1	15.5	-5	2003	10	28.4	22	228	4.4	173	58.8	14.1
0	21.9	14	106	3.2	199	55.0	13.9	+2	2002	0	20.7	20	216	4.4	117	55.7	16.1

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	OFFENSE				2003 STATS BY GAME		DEFENSE					
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Indiana St	14	23-59	2.6	21-35	173	3	19	51-264	5.2	10-13	102	2	0
at Maine	15	28-94	3.4	19-34	209	3	19	50-189	3.8	15-26	121	3	-1
Bethune-Cookman	16	24-38	1.6	11-41	143	2	19	48-162	3.4	11-25	141	2	-3
Carson Newman	16	27-90	3.3	16-33	216	4	28	72-416	5.8	6-9	109	2	0
at GA Southern	21	20-88	4.4	25-50	373	0	29	75-394	5.3	5-8	150	4	-1
Stephen F. Austin	15	26-59	2.3	18-42	249	4	25	59-337	5.7	5-11	88	1	0
at Troy St	12	23-59	2.6	17-32	212	3	21	52-204	3.9	12-22	220	2	+1
Holy Cross	21	36-248	6.9	12-19	159	0	26	41-140	3.4	28-45	272	1	0
Jacksonville	33	58-391	6.7	12-16	251	0	16	41-147	3.6	13-22	156	0	-1
at Louisiana-Lft	23	26-94	3.6	19-41	211	4	24	50-236	4.7	21-37	207	0	-1
at Gardner-Webb	17	31-102	3.3	20-37	324	3	23	45-176	3.9	21-38	208	1	1
† Florida Atlantic	23	41-95	2.3	22-35	237	2	20	34-66	1.9	23-33	299	3	0
TOTALS	226	363-1417	3.9	212-415	2757	28	269	618-2731	4.4	170-289	2073	21	-5
AVERAGES	18.8	30-118	3.9	18-35	230	2.3	22	52-228	4.4	14-24	173	1.8	-0.4

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2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
St Peter's	NL	27-3	–
at Elon	NL	22-23	–
Butler	NL	42-0	–
† Bethune-Cookman	NL	0-31	–
Georgetown	NL	27-2	–
at W Kentucky	NL	7-56	–
Maine	NL	7-33	–
Gardner-Webb	NL	14-17	–
Jacksonville	NL	39-6	–
Albany	NL	35-26	–
at Florida Atlantic	NL	21-31	–

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana St	NL	10-13	–
at Maine	NL	14-24	–
Bethune-Cookman	NL	14-24	–
Carson-Newman	NL	33-55	–
at GA Southern	NL	35-37	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	13-35	–
at Troy St	NL	10-21	–
Holy Cross	NL	34-23	–
Jacksonville	NL	55-12	–
at Louisiana-Lft	NL	10-43	–
at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-22(OT)	–
† Florida Atlantic	NL	23-32	–

MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Charlie Frye, Akron	Stan Hill, Marshall	Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	Joshua Cribbs, Kent St
RB	Alex Haynes, UCF	PJ Pope, Bowling Green	Jerry Seymour, C Michigan	Mike Smith, Miami
RB	Earl Charles, Marshall	Anthony Sherrell, E Michigan	Trinity Dawson, Toledo	AJ Harris, N Illinois
WR	Josh Davis, Marshall	Lance Moore, Toledo	Cole Magner, B Green	Darrell Dowery, Kent St
WR	Martin Nance, Miami	Tavaris Capers, UCF	Greg Jennings, W Michigan	Steve Odom, Toledo
TE	Andrew Clarke, Toledo	Tyson DeVree, W Michigan	Chris Holmes, Toledo	Tory Humphrey, C Michigan
C	Scott Mruczkowski, BG	David Odenthal, Toledo	Eric Ghiaciuc, C Michigan	Todd Londot, Miami
G	Mark Ottney, W Michigan	Chad Bandiera, Kent St	Aaron Conley, Akron	Nate Bunce, Miami
G	Dan Veenstra, UCF	Rob Warren, Bowling Green	Toby Bullock, Marshall	Mike Piccirillo, Akron
T	Jake VerStraete, N Illinois	Adam Kieft, C Michigan	Tom Kaleita, E Michigan	Zachary Love, Buffalo
T	Nick Kaczur, Toledo	Dennis Thompson, Ohio	Nate Griffin, Marshall	Doug Free, N Illinois
DL	Jamus Martin, Marshall	Devon Parks, Bowling Green	Daniel Muir, Kent	Dwayne LeFall, Akron
DL	Jack Gitler, W Michigan	Travis Moore, N Illinois	Sagan Atuatasi, Buffalo	Reggie Hayes, Marshall
DL	Chase Blackburn, Akron	Jonathan Goddard, Marshall	Martin Wilson, N Illinois	Josh Stephens, UCF
DL	Mitchell Crossley, BG	Dan Bazuin, C Michigan	Tranaine Sills, Miami	Kevin Carberry, Ohio
LB	Brian Atkinson, N Illinois	John Busing, Miami	Michael Broussard, Toledo	Dennis Chukwuemeka, Ohio
LB	Terna Nande, Miami	Jovon Burkes, Bowling Green	Kevin Atkins, Marshall	Donta Smith, Ball St
LB	Paul Tithof, W Michigan	Anthony Jordan, Toledo	Diontre Earl, Akron	Antonio King, Kent St
CB	Darrell Hunter, Miami	Rob Lee, N Illinois	Antonio Malone, Toledo	Ron Ellis, UCF
CB	Rovel Hamilton, UCF	Keon Newsom, Bowling Green	Willie Smith, Marshall	Alphonso Hodge, Miami
SS	Atari Bigby, UCF	Matt Pusateri, Miami	James King, C Michigan	Rob Stover, Ohio
FS	Patrick Body, Toledo	Peter Sands, UCF	Lionel Hickenbottom, N Ill	Shannon Davis, Kent St
K	Travis Mayle, Kent St	Andrew Wellock, E Michigan	Matt Prater, UCF	Jason Swiger, Akron
P	Matt Prater, UCF	Adam Anderson, W Michigan	Billy Sullivan, Akron	Joshua Brazen, Kent St
KR	Luther Huggins, UCF	Greg Jennings, W Michigan	Jamie Goodwin, Akron	Antonio King, Kent St
PR	Ryne Robinson, Miami	Lance Moore, Toledo	Dan Sheldon, N Illinois	Dion Byrum, Ohio

N Illinois
OT Jake VerStraete

Bowling Green
OL Scott Mruczkowski

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 MAC FORECAST

MAC EAST - 1. MARSHALL - This is Marshall's final year in the MAC. Last year was a rare off year for them as they stumbled to 6-2 in the league, 8-4 overall thanks in part to a QB injury. They did not make a bowl for the first time in 7 years. Marshall does have some tough early games at (Ohio St, Georgia) but in MAC play, get both Miami and UCF at home. The Miami game will be the first significant conference game for a young, opposing QB. I look for them to rebound to the top of the East and they are my pick to win the MAC Title.

2. MIAMI, OH - Everything went right for Miami last year. They had star QB Ben Roethlisberger back and he lived up to his advanced billing with a huge season. Miami suffered very few injuries throughout the year and also benefitted from +20 in turnovers and finished #10 in the country. Three of my sets of power ratings call Miami the best team in the MAC. Even though Roethlisberger departs and they face a loaded Marshall team on the road, I am still calling for another very successful season and a 2nd place finish.

3. UCF - Anything that could go wrong, went wrong for UCF last year which was my pick for first in the East. They amazingly lost 19 players from spring through November including star QB Ryan Schneider and numerous starters. The team also suffered from -22 in turnovers with head coach Kruczek getting the ax with two games left to play. This is a very talented team which has six of my 1st Tm MAC players TY and 11 on the first 4 teams. O'Leary will install a brand-new attitude and offense which perfectly fits mobile QB Moffitt (PS#28). If not for the schedule and being bitten by UCF LY, I would have called them higher in the standings. They face both Miami and Marshall on the road and draw NI from the West, plus have a demanding non-conf slate. Still, UCF should move into the upper half of the East and figure to be TY's surprise team, especially off a 3-7 season.

4. KENT ST - Kent has a couple of major question marks this year and the biggest is QB Josh Cribbs. With him they have an explosive, dynamic offense and one capable of guiding Kent to a winning season, especially with the fact they pull EM and CM out of the MAC West. If Cribbs is not around, they will struggle to top .500. Another major question mark is the home game vs crosstown rival Akron. It's impossible for me to know Cribbs' status prior to his writing but I will peg Kent fourth.

5. AKRON - Akron has just 12 returning starters from last year but the most important, QB Charlie Frye is back. Frye will lead a potent offense and Akron has an excellent shot at escaping the lower half of the East should he stay healthy. Last year's Zips' team finished 7-5 but could have easily had a much better record (see Phil's Forecast on Akron page). A key game to the Zips' season is when they travel across the city to face Kent and should they end up with a win there, they would have an excellent shot at moving up to fourth.

6. OHIO - Last year Ohio and Buffalo were each 1-7 but they were markedly different teams. Buffalo was outgained by 150.7 ypg in MAC play while Ohio was outgained by just 20.6 ypg. Ohio draws a much tougher schedule than Buffalo as they pull Toledo and BG from the West while the Bulls have EM and CM. Still, OU gets to host Buffalo and Akron and has a plethora of returning starters (18). How quickly they adapt to the new passing offense will be a key but I see the Bobcats escaping the basement from which they've resided for 2 of the last 3 years.

7. BUFFALO - The Bulls are very experienced once again but have just two players on my All MAC team which runs four deep. Last year Buffalo was outgained by 150.7 ypg in league play, the worst in the league. The Bulls draw EM and CM out of the West but have just two MAC wins in three years and most of the teams in the East are much improved this year. It may be one more year before the Bulls escape the cellar.

MAC WEST - 1. N ILLINOIS - NI does not have the most athletically talented team in the MAC West but they do have the best defense and schedule. Last year BG took home the West Title by hosting both Toledo and NI and this year NI has that benefit. Also, Toledo pulls Miami OH from the East while BG faces Marshall and they are the top two teams in the East. I expect Novak to find a capable replacement for Michael "The Burner" Turner. NI has a veteran O-line and QB and rate as the favorite for a second straight year to take home their first ever MAC Title.

2. TOLEDO - The Rockets have the most potent offense in the MAC and it will be interesting to see what Amstutz does with a veteran, experienced QB (something he's lacked the last 2 years). Toledo has 7 players on either my 1st or 2nd Tm MAC, and 13 overall on my top 4 teams in the most in the league. The major question with Toledo is the D-line as the last time they lost all 4 starters up front was 2002 and they allowed 4.2 ypc rushing that season. The schedule is also difficult as they pull Miami from the East and have to travel to NI. They do get to host BG and it will be an 11th consecutive winning year for the Rockets.

3. BOWLING GREEN - BG has my #2 rated offense despite the loss of Josh Harris and #4 rated defense in the MAC. They outgained league foes by 144 ypg and are very talented once again. Last season BG got to host both Toledo and NI and naturally this year they face both on the road. They also draw a very tough matchup from the East in Marshall. BG has the talent to repeat as MAC West champs but will need to prosper on the road.

4. W MICHIGAN - WM has an outstanding record of 12-2 vs its instate rivals, EM and CM. Those two losses have been by a combined six points. That could be a key factor for them this year. It appears that the MAC West has 3 top teams and then a bottom 4 but WM could change all of that if they upset NI on Oct 23rd. They have a very tough non-div schedule pulling the top two teams in the East (Miami and Marshall) and that will make it difficult for Darnell to get the team back to the plus side of the ledger.

5. E MICHIGAN - The Eagles have a new head coach, Jeff Genyak, who has never been a coordinator or head man. The key to this pick is EM's schedule. They pull Buffalo and Kent St from the East and host CM. This is a veteran squad with the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (9) and the highest amount of seniors (27). New coaches have a great deal of success when the team does well early and they have 3 winnable home games in the first five games.

6. C MICHIGAN - Brian Kelly is in his first year as head man and inherits a veteran team, much like Genyak has above. He has 17 starters back and they lose just 15 lettermen. CM was outgained by 140.1 ypg last year, the second worst in the MAC but draw Buffalo and Kent out of the East, avoiding the powerhouses. The key to CM this year will be improvement on the defensive side of the ball where they have 9 starters back after being the weakest in the NCAA on defense last season. Keep in mind the team was 2-1 before losing their starting QB and CM has a great shot at escaping the basement this year.

7. BALL ST - Last year Brady Hoke opened 3-1 in MAC play and hopes for similar success this year. I like Hoke and the job he's doing plus the competitiveness he brings to the squad. Unfortunately, his team loses the league high 21 lettermen and has just 12 starters back. Unlike CM and EM, Ball St does not get to play Buffalo. They do get two of the West's bottom 4 teams at home. This looks like a rebuilding year for the Cardinals and while they could easily surprise and win two or even three MAC games, it may be next year before they start to make some noise.

MAC Notes: It was a great year for the MAC and they actually finished with two teams in the final Top 25 with Miami being ranked #10 AP while Bowling Green was #23. More positives included N Illinois defeating two ranked teams in Maryland and Alabama, the latter on the road; Miami blasting Colo St; Marshall beating Kan St; Toledo topping Pitt and BG upsetting Purdue. It featured the first MAC matchup of Top 25 teams since 1973 when then #12 N Illinois battled #23 BG. Three different teams were ranked in the Top 25 last year in NI (high ranking #12), Miami (high ranking #10) and BG (high ranking #15) and at the start of November all three were in the Top 25 at the same time. The MAC had 7 draft picks overall giving them 16 picks in the last two seasons. Ben Roethlisberger and Jason Babin became the first players out of the MAC to be drafted in the first round in the same season and the MAC now has six 1st round DC's since 1998. Unfortunately Marshall and UCF have opted to leave for CUSA and there have been rumors about Miami and Toledo. Hopefully they will stay in this up and coming league. The MAC had a 7-22 record vs BCS conferences which is very solid and as an example, the WAC managed just 4 wins vs BCS conference foes while the SBC had 1. Once again the MAC did exceptional in bowls giving the league a super 8-2 SU mark in their last 10 bowl games. While the league loses some top-notch talent, they do have three 1,000 yard rushers returning, the top four receivers in the conference and four QB's who make my list of top QB's on the All American pages. For the second time Marshall did not win the MAC Title last year but it was the strongest the league has been. This year, surprisingly, UCF leads the conf in 1st Tm All-MAC players with six and Toledo leads in overall players with 13 while UCF and Miami tie with 11 and Marshall 10. I rated the MAC the 9th best conference in football this and last year which are both highs in the rankings for them.

2003 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
7	Miami	46.8	1	501.6	1	172.8	6	4.5	4	328.9	1	67.8	3	10.7	1	10.0	2	8.0	2
32	Bowling Green	30.8	6	498.3	2	229.9	1	5.2	2	268.4	5	65.9	4	16.2	10	15.0	8	12.0	3
48	Akron	32.1	5	453.4	4	130.9	12	3.6	10	322.5	2	64.7	5	14.1	6	11.0	3	18.0	7
54	Toledo	35.0	3	491.1	3	219.6	2	5.2	1	271.5	3	72.0	1	14.0	5	9.0	1	0.0	1
57	Marshall	28.8	7	446.0	5	212.4	3	4.9	3	233.6	8	68.6	2	15.5	9	23.0	13	15.0	5
74	N Illinois	35.1	2	400.0	7	177.0	5	4.1	6	223.0	9	57.1	9	11.4	2	13.0	6	19.0	9
80	Kent St	32.6	4	429.9	6	165.4	8	4.1	5	264.5	6	50.0	13	13.2	3	15.0	8	19.0	9
89	W Michigan	26.4	8	355.6	9	84.3	14	2.9	14	271.4	4	59.2	6	13.5	4	18.0	12	24.0	13
101	C Michigan	19.3	11	333.4	11	169.8	7	4.0	7	163.6	11	50.4	12	17.3	13	12.0	4	17.0	6
103	Ball St	21.6	10	368.6	8	132.5	11	3.6	8	236.1	7	58.6	7	17.0	11	17.0	11	14.0	4
108	Ohio	24.0	9	340.4	10	182.5	4	3.5	11	157.9	12	46.8	14	14.2	7	15.0	8	20.0	12
110	C Florida	16.4	14	283.0	13	111.9	13	3.3	13	171.1	10	57.6	8	17.3	12	23.0	13	19.0	9
113	Buffalo	17.3	13	303.3	12	162.9	9	3.6	9	140.4	13	54.8	10	17.6	14	12.0	4	18.0	7
116	E Michigan	18.1	12	261.6	14	136.1	10	3.3	12	125.5	14	51.2	11	14.4	8	13.0	6	27.0	14

2003 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
47	Miami	15.5	1	305.1	2	90.0	1	2.8	1	215.1	5	49.6	1	19.7	1	24.0	1	22.0	2
57	Marshall	21.3	3	263.5	1	138.5	3	3.7	3	125.0	1	54.3	4	12.4	12	8.0	14	20.0	5
64	Bowling Green	20.6	2	354.3	3	144.9	5	4.0	8	209.4	4	51.7	2	17.2	2	13.0	9	21.0	4
73	N Illinois	24.5	5	380.4	6	149.8	6	3.7	5	230.6	7	57.5	5	15.5	4	24.0	1	19.0	7
79	Ohio	30.5	9	361.0	4	128.1	2	3.3	2	232.9	9	51.8	3	11.8	14	16.0	5	27.0	1
86	Toledo	23.6	4	383.1	8	142.8	4	3.7	4	240.4	11	63.2	11	16.2	3	16.0	5	8.0	14
93	Ball St	31.1	12	382.5	7	190.1	11	4.5	13	192.4	3	62.9	10	12.3	13	10.0	10	10.0	12
94	C Florida	27.6	7	366.5	5	178.0	9	3.9	6	188.5	2	64.0	12	13.3	8	9.0	12	11.0	11
99	W Michigan	27.5	6	419.4	11	182.1	10	3.9	7	237.3	10	62.2	9	15.3	6	21.0	3	20.0	5
105	Akron	30.8	10	406.8	10	174.8	8	4.4	10	232.0	8	60.9	7	13.2	9	14.0	7	16.0	8
106	E Michigan	30.0	8	386.9	9	169.1	7	4.3	9	217.8	6	61.5	8	12.9	10	10.0	10	15.0	9
112	Kent St	34.3	13	475.1	14	191.3	12	4.5	12	283.9	14	69.9	14	13.9	7	18.0	4	10.0	12
115	Buffalo	36.1	14	454.0	12	194.5	13	4.9	14	259.5	12	57.5	6	12.6	11	14.0	7	12.0	10
117	C Michigan	30.8	10	473.5	13	213.9	14	4.5	11	259.6	13	65.8	13	15.4	5	9.0	12	22.0	2

2003 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	W	L	Conference PF	PA	W	L	All Games PF	PA
Miami	8	0	374	124	13	1	602	272
Marshall	6	2	230	170	8	4	350	278
Akron	5	3	257	246	7	5	435	353
Kent State	4	4	261	274	5	7	321	396
UCF	2	6	131	221	3	9	224	373
Ohio	1	7	191	244	2	10	263	372
Buffalo	1	7	138	289	1	11	177	455

WEST	W	L	Conference PF	PA	W	L	All Games PF	PA
Bowling Green	7	1	246	165	11	3	470	304
Toledo	6	2	280	189	8	4	389	285
Northern Illinois	6	2	281	196	10	2	386	258
Western Michigan	4	4	211	220	5	7	331	370
Ball State	3	5	173	249	4	8	261	386
Eastern Michigan	2	6	145	240	3	9	205	371
Central Michigan	1	7	154	246	3	9	277	428

Coach of the Year: Terry Hoeppner, Miami (OH)
MAC TITLE GAME: Miami (OH) 49 Bowling Green 27

2002 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	W	L	Conf PF	PA	W	L	All Games PF	PA
Marshall	7	1	275	184	11	2	457	315
UCF	6	2	271	187	7	5	391	315
Miami	5	3	295	216	7	5	384	325
Ohio	4	4	260	245	4	8	299	374
Akron	3	5	212	209	4	8	325	379
Kent St	1	7	93	269	3	9	202	424
Buffalo	0	8	134	303	1	11	214	416
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Toledo	7	1	303	173	9	5	495	378
N Illinois	7	1	280	167	8	4	375	298
B Green	6	2	352	224	9	3	490	304
Ball St	4	4	218	220	6	6	278	333
W Michigan	3	5	219	220	4	8	303	330
C Michigan	2	6	172	272	4	8	267	384
E Michigan	1	7	193	388	3	9	286	566

Coach of the Year: Joe Novak, N Illinois
MAC TITLE GAME: Marshall 49 Toledo 45

2001 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	W	L	Conf PF	PA	W	L	All Games PF	PA
Marshall	8	1	361	215	10	2	448	308
B Green	5	3	228	137	8	3	333	215
Miami	6	2	215	168	7	5	319	309
Kent St	5	3	196	179	6	5	248	281
Akron	4	4	236	242	4	7	281	360
Buffalo	1	7	127	216	3	8	205	286
Ohio	1	7	160	245	1	10	198	323
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Toledo	6	2	292	247	9	2	384	281
N Illinois	4	3	195	204	6	5	303	292
Ball St	4	3	199	191	5	6	268	296
W Michigan	4	4	208	190	5	6	277	266
C Michigan	2	6	178	257	3	8	251	346
E Michigan	1	6	164	254	2	9	197	356

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Bowling Green
MAC TITLE GAME: Toledo 41 Marshall 36

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Luther Huggins, UCF	26	653	0	25.1
Jamie Goodwin, Akron	37	853	1	23.1
Lance Moore, Toledo	21	456	0	21.7
Greg Jennings, W Mich	31	669	0	21.6
Randee Drew, N Illinois	27	581	0	21.5
Antonio King, Kent St	25	534	0	21.4
Dave Dawson, Buffalo	28	578	0	20.6
Jerry Seymour, C Mich	16	330	0	20.6
Larry Bostic, Ball St	28	565	0	20.2
Tyrone Walker, W Mich	15	301	0	20.1

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ryne Robinson, Miami	38	654	3	17.2
Matt Cherry, Akron	23	305	2	13.3
Lance Moore, Toledo	17	219	1	12.9
Kendrick Mosley, W Michigan	38	429	0	11.3
Trumaine Riley, E Michigan	15	156	0	10.4
Charles Sharon, Bowling Green	31	274	0	8.8
PJ Fleck, N Illinois	23	191	0	8.3
Tavaris Capers, UCF	17	133	1	7.8
Jon Drager, Kent St	20	143	0	7.2
Tremel Guillory, Marshall	30	212	0	7.1

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Matt Prater, UCF	12	58	2781	47.9
Adam Anderson, W Mich	12	72	3162	43.9
Brandon Hannum, Toledo	12	44	1916	43.5
Brian Brandt, C Mich	12	71	3058	43.1
Billy Sullivan, Akron	12	41	1731	42.2
Mike Wafzig, Miami	13	32	1316	41.1
Joshua Brazen, Kent St	12	66	2665	40.4
David Rysko, E Mich	12	81	3260	40.2
Nate Fry, Bowling Green	14	49	1971	40.2

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
David Lusky, E Michigan	12	66	87	153	12.8
Justin Beriault, Ball St	12	71	74	145	12.1
James King, C Michigan	12	100	43	143	11.9
Anthony Jordan, Toledo	12	77	61	138	11.5
Lorenzo Scott, Ball St	12	61	77	138	11.5
Brock Dodrill, Toledo	12	81	54	135	11.2
Anthony Tyus, C Michigan	12	70	59	129	10.8
Eric Mahl, Kent St	12	57	69	126	10.5
Atari Bigby, UCF	11	80	32	112	10.2
Matt Pusateri, Miami	14	89	52	141	10.1
Dennis Chukwuemeka, Ohio	10	69	31	100	10.0

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Dallas Pelz, Buffalo	11	14	17	82.4	50
Andrew Wellock, E Mich	12	14	17	82.4	43
Steve Azar, N Illinois	12	21	26	80.8	52
Matt Prater, UCF	12	10	13	76.9	46
Jason Swiger, Akron	11	14	20	70.0	53
Brian Jackson, Ball St	11	11	16	68.8	43
Shaun Suisham, B Green	14	16	24	66.7	47
Travis Mayle, Kent St	12	16	24	66.7	46
Greg DiMarino, Ohio	12	8	12	66.7	40
Jared Parseghian, Miami	11	6	9	66.7	29
Robert Menchinger, W Mich	12	8	15	53.3	41

2003 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	495	342	69.1	10	4486	9.1	37	165.8
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	**389**	**277**	**71.2**	**7**	**3210**	**8.3**	**29**	**161.5**
Jon Drach, W Michigan	176	118	67.0	6	1499	8.5	13	156.1
Charlie Frye, Akron	**421**	**273**	**64.8**	**9**	**3549**	**8.4**	**22**	**148.6**
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	494	325	65.8	12	3813	7.7	27	143.8
Josh Haldi, N Illinois	**336**	**199**	**59.2**	**9**	**2544**	**7.6**	**25**	**142.0**
Talmadge Hill, Ball St	253	154	60.9	6	1691	6.7	13	129.2
Graham Gochneaur, Mar	**183**	**121**	**66.1**	**10**	**1163**	**6.4**	**7**	**121.2**
Derrick Vickers, C Michigan	215	118	54.9	7	1345	6.3	11	117.8
Joshua Cribbs, Kent St	**364**	**178**	**48.9**	**9**	**2424**	**6.7**	**14**	**112.6**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Martin Nance, Miami	**14**	**90**	**1498**	**11**	**107.0**	**6.4**	**16.6**
Lance Moore, Toledo	**12**	**103**	**1194**	**9**	**99.5**	**8.6**	**11.6**
Dante Ridgeway, Ball St	**12**	**89**	**1075**	**10**	**89.6**	**7.4**	**12.1**
Greg Jennings, W Mich	**12**	**56**	**1050**	**14**	**87.5**	**4.7**	**18.8**
PJ Fleck, N Illinois	12	77	1028	6	85.7	6.4	13.4
Kendrick Mosley, W Mich	12	77	1019	6	84.9	6.4	13.2
Cole Magner, BGSU	**14**	**99**	**1138**	**10**	**81.3**	**7.1**	**11.5**
Darius Watts, Marshall	12	74	968	11	80.7	6.2	13.1
Matt Cherry, Akron	12	66	904	4	75.3	5.5	13.7
Steve Odom, Toledo	**12**	**62**	**838**	**6**	**69.8**	**5.2**	**13.5**
Josh Davis, Marshall	**12**	**66**	**823**	**6**	**68.6**	**5.5**	**12.5**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Michael Turner, N Illinois	12	310	1648	5.3	14	137.3
Anthony Sherrell, E Michigan	**12**	**338**	**1531**	**4.5**	**12**	**127.6**
Jerry Seymour, C Michigan	**9**	**205**	**1117**	**5.4**	**8**	**124.1**
Earl Charles, Marshall	**12**	**205**	**1039**	**5.1**	**12**	**86.6**
Trinity Dawson, Toledo	**12**	**199**	**999**	**5.0**	**10**	**83.2**
Bobby Hendry, Akron	12	231	981	4.2	14	81.8
Calvin Murray, Miami	14	186	1030	5.5	12	73.6
Terrence Jackson, C Michigan	11	199	803	4.0	8	73.0
Franklin Wallace, Marshall	10	132	729	5.5	6	72.9
PJ Pope, Bowling Green	**14**	**191**	**1005**	**5.3**	**10**	**71.8**

SACKS

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Jason Babin, W Michigan	15	71	Jonathan Goddard, Marshall	7	41
Phil Smith, Miami	10	63	Reggie Hayes, Marshall	7	38
Mitchell Crossley, BGSU	**9**	**50**	**Dwayne LeFall, Akron**	**7**	**37**
Will Stanley, Miami	9	49	**Jack Gitler, W Mich**	**7**	**37**
Jamus Martin, Marshall	**7**	**47**	James King, C Mich	6	57

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Josh Harris, Bowling Green	14	215	830	494	3813	4643	331.6
Ben Roethlisberger, Miami	14	67	111	495	4486	4597	328.4
Charlie Frye, Akron	**12**	**111**	**288**	**421**	**3549**	**3837**	**319.8**
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	**12**	**91**	**504**	**389**	**3210**	**3714**	**309.5**
Joshua Cribbs, Kent St	**12**	**161**	**701**	**364**	**2424**	**3125**	**260.4**
Josh Haldi, N Illinois	**12**	**75**	**-65**	**336**	**2544**	**2479**	**206.6**
Talmadge Hill, Ball St	12	90	268	253	1691	1959	163.2
Jon Drach, W Michigan	10	42	30	176	1499	1529	152.9
Michael Turner, N Illinois	12	310	1648	0	0	1648	137.3
Graham Gochneaur, Marshall	**11**	**54**	**264**	**183**	**1163**	**1427**	**129.7**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Jason Babin, W Mich	33	117
Phil Smith, Miami	24	93
Terna Nande, Miami	**20**	**70**
Jack Gitler, W Mich	**20**	**67**
Jonathan Goddard, Mar	**20**	**62**
Lorenzo Scott, Ball St	19	59
Antoine Poe, UCF	16	55
Vinson Reynolds, N Illinois	16	53
Scott Robinson, W Mich	**16**	**52**
Rob Stover, Ohio	15	56

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Herd had a couple of special QB's in Byron Leftwich and Chad Pennington both 1st round DC's & starters in the NFL. Leftwich departed in 2002 after throwing for 4,268 yards (67%) with a 30-10 ratio. Stan Hill started two games in 2003 and Pruett compared him favorably to Leftwich and Pennington. It would have been a much different season for the Herd had Hill stayed healthy all year. While he does not have a cannon like Leftwich did, he does have excellent touch. Despite starting the year with a 5 int game against Hofstra (2 tipped) he finished with a pass eff of 165.93 which would have put him #2 in the NCAA. Hill threw for 1,767 yards (69.6%) with a 15-7 ratio including a 27 of 32 for 392 yards with 5 TD's vs Kent. Hill was injured against Tennessee and missed the 4Q of that game and then was reinjured against WM and missed the final four. Graham Gochneaur did a serviceable job in his place completing 66% for 1,163 yards but only had a 7-10 ratio. He guided the team to their upset of Kan St on the road but only threw for 106 yards in that outing which was the lowest passing total for Marshall since 1995. Pruett got conservative in the last few games not throwing the ball down the field with as much abandon and Gochneaur did not top 200 yards passing in any of his final four starts. Adam Black (6-6 219 So, PS#324) has been bothered by inner ear problems and missed 2003 and this spring. Jimmy Skinner (6-3 175 So, PS#84) appeared in six games (2 passes). The Herd are very deep at this position as all 4 players return and they also have Fresno St transfer Tim Bessolo (6-3 215 rFr, PS#101). As long as Hill stays healthy, I look for significant improvement as 2003's 245 ypg passing was their lowest total since moving to Div IA.

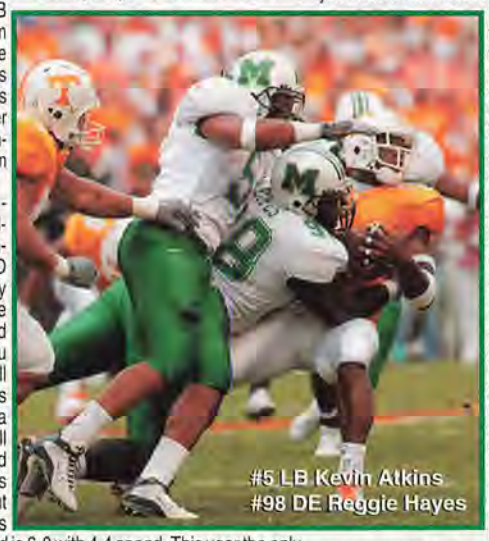
RUNNING BACKS - Butchie Wallace benched 425 lbs and had 4.48 speed but was often injured. He led the team in rushing in 2000 with 633 yards (5.3) and in 2001 (882, 5.2). He was the #2 rusher in 2002 (614, 4.8) and he began last year as the starter. He rushed for 341 yards in the first five games but broke a bone in his right hand and finished with 729 yards (5.5). When healthy, he and JUCO transfer Earl Charles formed a potent combo. Charles (PS#70JC) was 2nd Team MAC, rushing for 1,039 yards (5.1) and also snagged 26 rec's. He became Marshall's first 1,000 yard rusher since Doug Chatman in 1998 and only the 7th player in MU history. Pruett called last year's RB's the best group of RB's since he's been at Marshall. They appear to be in good shape although they must replace Wallace. Contending for time will be James "Tank" Tunstalle (PS#76) who was recruited by Notre Dame and Fla St, Pitt transfer James Johnson (6-2 225 Jr, PS#193) who did not see action last year, Marcus Fitzgerald (5-10 195 Fr, PS#91) who did not enroll until Jan. '04, Michael West (5-9 197 So, PS#373) and Donte Newsome (5-11 205 Jr, PS#156) who had 15 tkls at LB. I look for Charles to top last year's rushing totals but with the loss of Wallace it will be tough to top last year's team rushing numbers. Keep in mind the team had 210 yards rushing vs Kansas St, the same D that allowed Oklahoma just 83.

RECEIVERS - Marshall has always had some great receivers including their most famous alumni, Randy Moss. In 2002 three WR's basically had 1,000 yards receiving and the top 2 returned in Josh Davis and Darius Watts. Watts, a 4 year starter, leaves as the MAC's all-time career leader in rec's and yards. Pruett said prior to the year that the team had four of the fastest receivers since he'd been here. One of the starting WR's, Brad Bates, walked off the field during the game vs Kent and was suspended for the rest of the season. JUCO Jason Schroeder (18 rec) took his place starting the last 8. They took the redshirt off true frosh WR Hiram Moore (PS#67) who had 5 rec's (19.2). The other 1,000 yard receiver returning was Josh Davis and he had a solid year with 66 rec's (12.5) despite the injured QB position. Davis has a shot at eclipsing Watts' numbers this year. Beside losing Watts (#2DC of DEN) and Schroeder, they also must replace super TE Jason Rader (PS#6) who had 30 rec's in each of the last two years and was a Georgia transfer. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. There is talent here and Davis figures to be one of the top WR's this season but overall this unit is weaker with the loss of Watts and Rader.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Marshall averaged just 3.9 ypc rushing but the O-line allowed just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including an NFL DC and a 2nd Tm MAC player. Surprisingly the numbers improved as Marshall averaged 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. This year three starters depart again. Gone are C Joey Stepp (12 sts), LG Luke Salmons (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LT Nate McPeek (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 4 yr st'r) and backup RG Nathan Leslie. They do get a Miami, OH transfer whom I plug in at C but only three players return with starting experience. Pruett usually molds a solid group but I'll call them down a few notches in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Herd had just one starter return to the front wall and allowed 4.8 ypc, the worst total under Pruett. In 2002 they had six of the top eight back and improved to 4.2 ypc rushing allowed while recording 29 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had back their excellent DE combo of Jonathan Goddard and Jamus Martin who combined for 33 tfl in 2002. Both had even stronger seasons in 2003 with Martin earning 1st Tm MAC honors and Marshall allowed just 4.0 ypc rushing while once again recording 29 sacks. This year they must replace NT Toriano Brown (11 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 4.5 sks), DE Maurice McKinney (39 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Paul Sinclair (1 st, 38 tkls, 5 tfl). They do get back Marcus Hairston who was alternating as the 3rd DE until an injury as well as DT Reggie Hayes. I list the 2 deep below and this front continues to get more experienced and should be one of the best DL's in the MAC.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Marshall had to replace their #1 tackler but did have 5 of their top 6 LB's back. Returning starter JT Rembert was injured vs Toledo and missed a good portion of the season. This year they lose WLB Charles Tynes (2nd Tm MAC, 78 tkls, 5 tfl). Once again 5 of the top 6 LB's return including 3 players with 11 or more career starts. I look for continued improvement from this unit in 2004.



DEFENSIVE BACKS - With a veteran secondary in 2002 Marshall finished #45 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 3rd round DC and as you would expect, they fell to #62 in the rankings allowing 53.6% with a 15-7 ratio. That was still a respectable finish and the star of the group was CB Willie Smith, a shut down corner that was the Defensive MVP and is 6-0 with 4.4 speed. This year the only loss is ROV Gladstone Coke (12 sts, 55 tkls, 8.5 tfl) and I list the 2 deep below. This unit is more experienced in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bob Pruett is a fine coach and generally with a solid HC, special teams is a strength. The Herd ranked in my Top 25 in special teams rankings in both '98 and '99 and #41 and #39 the next two years but dropped down to #83 in 2002. Last year the team had to replace an outstanding punter/kicker in Curtis Head and struggled. The Herd finished a very poor #107 with a net punting of 29.2 and hit just 1 of 5 FG's from 40+. Top KR Earl Charles was solid (23.2) but he is now the feature RB and may see less time there. Top PR Tremel Guillory (6.5), a JUCO transfer, is back. The lone bright spot was probably true frosh Ian O'Conner (PS#99) who handled the KO's and has a strong leg but did hurt his hamstring midseason and was not 100% the rest of the year. At the beginning of the season Klint Rose was the starting P with Ben Lewis the pooch punter but Lewis took over in the second half of the year. LS Jeff Mullins dislocated his finger and had a bad snap vs Kent St. I just can't envision Pruett allowing this unit to slip and the Herd's special teams should improve in the rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Bob Pruett has done a tremendous job here. He was Florida's DC in 1994 and 1995 and came here in 1996. He has won five straight bowl games and owns five MAC Titles in seven years. Pruett is an alumnus as he played ball here from 1962-'64. His OC is Mark McHale who has been the OL coach the last three years and his DC is Bill Wilt who was the DL coach two years ago before being promoted to DC.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 Marshall was ranked in both preseason polls for the first time in school history and if QB Byron Leftwich did not get injured, they would likely have gone undefeated in MAC play. They still had an exceptional year at 7-1 and 11-2 overall. Marshall rarely returns a lot of starters and had the fewest amount of returning starters in the MAC in both 2000 and 2001. The 2002 Leftwich-led team outgained MAC foes by an average of 171.9 ypg. Last year the defense was much more experienced but allowed 23.2 ppg although only 330 ypg. Marshall, thanks to QB injuries once again, stumbled to 6-2 in the league, 8-4 overall, did not play in the MAC Title game and missed the postseason for the first time in seven years. Pruett said prior to the season that the 2003 bunch was the most athletic with the most team speed since he's been there and they beat #6 Kansas St on the road for their first win over a major ranked opponent. They were -19 in turnovers and lost QB Stan Hill for a good portion of the season. Hill, when healthy, is one of the top QB's in the country. Marshall has now had 20 straight winning seasons and going into 2003 Pruett had the best record (.862) of all active coaches of 5+ years. Marshall has 8 starters back on defense and that is one of the keys to their success this season. Pruett compared this year's defense to the 1999 version and that unit allowed just 10.5 ppg and 286 ypg as Marshall went undefeated. Coupled with NFL caliber RB's and receivers and QB Hill, the only question mark revolves around the O-line which has just two starters returning. Marshall does have some tough early games at Ohio St and Georgia but in MAC play, get both Miami and UCF at home. The Miami game will be the first significant conference game for a young, opposing QB. Marshall outgained league foes by 182.5 ypg last year, the second best in the league and should greatly improve the -19 in turnovers. With a healthy Stan Hill, I call for them to win the MAC Title.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB STAN HILL SR. 6-3 210 PS#130. 2 sts, 536 pass in '02. 5 sts LY, 1767 pass (69.6%) 15-7 ratio. Graham Gochneaur (6-4 218 Sr) JC. 7 sts, 1163 pass, 334 rush LY,
RB EARL CHARLES SR. 6-1 215 PS#70JC. 5 sts here, **2nd Tm MAC**, 1039 yds (5.1), 26 rec (7.8). "Tank" Tunstalle (6-1 218 So) PS#76. 153 yds (4.0). Marcus Fitzgerald PS#91 LY.
WR Hiram Moore So. 6-0 185 PS#67WR. 5 rec (19.2) as true. Nate Manns (6-3 222 Jr) 1 rec in '02. Mandell Smith (6-3 190 Jr) JC. Clarence Stanfield (6-1 190 Sr) 2 rec.
WR Brad Bates Sr. 5-11 171 PS#284. 1 start in 6 games susp LY. 12 rec (6.4). Tremel Guillory (5-10 185 Sr) PS#221JUCO. 7 rec LY. Kyle Echols is (5-10 183 rFr).
WR JOSH DAVIS SR. 6-1 185 13 sts, **1st Tm MAC** in '01, 87 rec (12.0). 10 sts, 75 rec (15.9) in '02. 11 sts LY, 66 rec (12.5). Wilbur Hargrove (5-10 172 Sr) 145 all-purp yds LY.
TE Jeff Mullins Jr. 6-3 253 PS#127. 1 rec in '02. 3 sts LY, 8 rec (6.6). Brian Shope (6-5 225 rFr) **PS#39**. Joe Deifel (6-3 231 Sr) 2 sts, 3 rec, 2Y. Matt Morris (6-3 216 So).
C Zac Elcess Jr. 6-5 285 PS#356. 2nd string at Miami, Ohio in 01 but RS. 3 sts at RG in '02. Transfer '03. Jesse Saito (6-2 299 Sr) PS#129TE. 5 games as rFr.
RG TOBY BULLOCK JR. 6-4 335 PS#73TE. 2nd string as rFr, 3 games & lettered. 12 sts at RG in '03. Nate Howard (6-4 275 rFr) PS#201. Almost played as a true Fr.
LG John Inman rFr. 6-5 310 PS#179OL. Chose Marshall over S Carolina. Ryan Baynes (6-2 324 Jr) PS#295DL. 2nd string in both '01 and '03. Added 19 pounds.
RT NATE GRIFFIN SR. 6-5 334 PS#315. #3 RT as rFr. 2nd string in '02, 3 games. 12 sts at RT in '03, added 29 lbs. Ryan Nolan (6-4 315 So) added 25 pounds.
LT Seth Cook So. 6-4 298 PS#223OL. 2nd string as rFr and played in five games. Surprise of the spring. Added 18 lbs. David Ziegler (6-5 280 rFr) was PS#247OL.
K NICK KELLY JR. 6-0 215 PS#54K. 12 of 18 FG's as senior in high school. Hit 4 of 7 FG's here LY, long of 43. Ian O'Connor (6-2 185 So) did KO's as true.

DE JONATHAN GODDARD SR. 6-0 246 12 sts, 68 tkls, 14 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 68 tkls, 6.5 sks, 14 tfl! Marcus Hairston (6-3 236 Sr) 2 sts, 49 tkls, 2Y. Damarcus Thomas (6-4 241 Jr) 31 tkls in 2Y.
DT REGGIE HAYES SR. 6-3 288 PS#98TE. 4.6 spd. 42 tkls, 2 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 57 tkls, 5.5 sks, 9 tfl. Roger Garrett (6-1 265 So) 9 tkls, 2 tfl as true. Byron Tinker (6-4 235 rFr).
NT Jamaal Whyce Sr. 6-2 280 PS#126. At Auburn and Arkansas. 9 games here until inj, 25 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Nate Howard (6-4 275 rFr) PS#201OL. Adrian Davis (6-3 249 So) PS#130.
DE JAMUS MARTIN SR. 6-2 224 12 sts, 100 tkls, 19 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 80 tkls, 6.5 sks, 9 tfl, **1st TM MAC** LY. Gavin Herscher (6-2 234 So) PS#296. Kingsley Clark (6-4 227 Sr) PS#370.
ILB DIONTE' WILSON SR. 6-2 221 PS#226. 5 sts, 52 tkls, 7 tfl in '02. 8 sts, 70 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Ashley McNeely (6-1 224 Jr) 12 tkls 2Y. Scott Wilks (6-2 189 Jr). Garrett Morrison (6-0 194 Sr).
MLB KEVIN ATKINS SR. 6-3 245 PS#170. 47 tkls in '01 & '02. 11 sts LY, 100 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Matt Couch (6-2 234 So) 7 tkls as true. Carlos Morgan (5-10 237 Jr). David Belcher (6-1 220 So).
WLB JT Rembert Sr. 6-1 235 PS#296. 8 sts in '02, 72 tkls, 4 tfl. 5 sts in '03 (inj) 33 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Dennis Thornton (5-11 205 Jr) 21 tkls. Peyton Harris (6-2 220 So) PS#194.
CB ROBERTO TERRELL SR. 5-8 175 1 st, 34 tkls as rFr. 13 sts, 54 tkls, 15 pbu in '02. 11 sts, 51 tkls, 3 pbu LY. James Houston is PS#85. Ivan Clark (5-9 180 So). Jimmy Tyson (5-7 175 Sr).
CB WILLIE SMITH JR. 6-0 194 4.4 spd. 1 st in '02, 28 tkls, 4 pbu. **Def MVP** in '03, 12 sts. 54 tkls, 1 int, 14 pbu. Renaldo Williams (5-9 184 Sr) 1 st, 44 tkls, 5 pbu in 3 years.
SS Geremy Rodamer rFr. 6-0 190 PS#68RB. 48 TD's as a senior in HS. Chris Royal (5-10 176 Jr) 19 tkls, 412 ret yds 2Y. Craig Chisholm (5-10 185 Sr) 4 tkls, JC orig at UTEP.
FS CURTIS KEYES SO. 6-0 187 L/7 sts at FS. 48 tkls, 1 int, 9 pbu. Moriah Anderson (6-2 188 Sr) PS#130QB. 5 sts, 62 career tkls. Lonnie McCowan (6-0 195 Jr) JC 15 tkls, 1 st '03.
P KLINT ROSE SO. 6-2 206 39.5 average as punter in high school. 22 punts here as rFr, 38.5 average. Ian O'Connor (6-2 185 So) is PS#99. Nick Kelly (6-1 215 Jr) PS#54.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	James Houston 6-2 183 PS#85
TE	Joe Bragg 6-4 254 PS#38
TE	Matt Parkhurst 6-3 245 PS#45
WR	Jon Moravec 6-0 190 PS#145
DL	Bilal El-Amin 6-3 240 PS#181
DE	Floyd Wright 6-0 271 PS#271
RB	Deondrea Lindsey 5-11 180 PS#211
LB	Maurice Kitchens 6-3 225 PS#211
RB	Antonio Leath 5-7 170 PS#229
DB	Phillip Gamble 5-11 190 PS#282
WR	Jermaine Filer 6-3 190 PS#230
DB	Demone Goins 6-3 210 PS#289
OL	Doug Legursky 6-3 308 PS#373
DL	Jeff Bush 6-3 225 PS#347
WR	Emanuel Spann 5-11 170 PS#288
LB	Jason Kaminski 6-3 225 PS#386
WR	Mandell Smith 6-3 190 PS#398
RB	Marcus Fitzgerald 5-10 195 PS#423
DB	Ian Hoskins 6-2 190 PS#505
DL	Blake Merritt 6-4 265 PS#510
DB	Sam Walker 6-1 185 PS#543

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 4	Troy St	A						
Sep. 11	at Ohio St	G						
Sep. 18	at Georgia	G						
Sep. 25								
Sep. 29	Miami, Oh (Wed)	A						
Oct. 9	at Ohio	A						
Oct. 16	at Kent St	A						
Oct. 23	Buffalo	A						
Oct. 30	UCF	A						
Nov. 5	at Akron (Fri)	A						
Nov. 13	at Bowling Green	G						
Nov. 20	W Michigan	A						
Nov. 27								

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Herd are 98-6 SU at home since Marshall Stadium opened in 1991.
Marshall University Stadium was renamed Joan C. Edwards Stadium Nov 28, 2003.
Marshall is 8-13-1 ATS the last 22 games as a double digit favorite.

MU is 2-6 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 4 years.
Marshall is 3-1 SU, but have not covered their 2 lined games vs Troy St.

Thundering Herd are 2-7 ATS since 1999 as an away dog.
Marshall is 3-8 ATS on grass the last 4 years.

Including bowls, since 1997, Marshall is 1-3 SU and 2-2 ATS vs SEC tms.
The Thundering Herd is 2-4 ATS prior to a bye.

Thundering Herd are 1-4 ATS the last 2 years after a bye.
Marshall is 1-5 ATS in their last 6 MAC openers.

MU is 2-1 SU, but 0-3 ATS w/each tm scoring 82 pts the L/3 trips to Athens.
Marshall is19-6 SU, but 9-16 ATS since 1998 in MAC road games.

Marshall has outscored KSU 279-127 avg of 22 ppg as MAC opps L7Y.
The home team is 2-5 ATS since Marshall joined the MAC in 1997.

MU is 8-0 SU & 5-2 ATS at home the week after a 2 or more B2B AG's.
Marshall is 4-0 SU, but just 1-3 ATS the last 4 years vs Buffalo.

In their only 2 games ('02 & '03) MU has a 47-24 FD & 875-568 yd edge over UCF.
Not including MAC Title gms: MU is 4-1 SU, but 0-3-1 ATS in their 2nd straight HG S/'99.

MU is 2-3 SU & 0-3 ATS, including '02 DD upset loss, their 5 trips to Akron.
Marshall is 20-4 SU & 14-8 ATS the last 7 years in November.

The home team is 4-1 SU & ATS since 1997 in this series.
Thundering Herd are 5-2 SU & 4-3 ATS in their away finales the L7Y.

The visitor is 4-1 ATS their L/5 series meetings (including MAC Title gms).
Excluding MAC Title gms, MU is 7-0 SU & 5-0 ATS in home finales S/'97.

BOB PRUETT (Career 88-17)

9th Year at Marshall

Pruett's records AT MARSHALL

88-17	Straight Up	20-12-2	Home Favorite
40-34-2	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
8-6	Off A SU Loss	13-15	Away Favorite
32-28-2	Vs Conference	5-7	Away Underdog
	8-6 Vs Non-Conference		

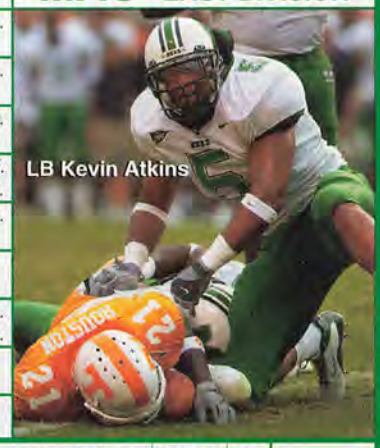
2003 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (17,24,3)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,837

MAC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,016)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-1	12-0	7-5	10-2	10-2	8-4	68-16
ATS	10-1	4-6	8-3	3-8	4-5-1	4-6-1	6-5	39-34-2
Home Fav	5-0	3-2	4-2	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	2-2	19-12-2
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	3-1	0-4	4-1	0-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	13-15
Away Dog	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-1	0-1	2-1	5-7
Favorite	8-1	3-6	8-3	2-4	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-4	32-27-2
Dog	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-4	0-1	1-1	2-1	7-7
Grass	1-1	1-2	4-0	0-3	1-2	0-2	2-1	9-11
Artificial	9-0	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-3-1	4-4-1	4-4	30-23-2
vs Conf	8-1	3-6	6-3	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	4-4	32-28-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	7-6
Off SU Win	7-1	3-5	7-3	1-5	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-3	29-26-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	1-1	2-2	8-6

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Earl Charles	205	1096	57	1039	12	5.1
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Darius Watts	11	103	3	100	0	9.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Stan Hill	191	133	69.6	1767	15	7
Graham Gochneaur	183	121	66.1	1163	7	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darius Watts	74	968	13.1	11	54
Josh Davis	66	823	12.5	6	79
Jason Schroeder	18	330	18.3	2	50
Jason Rader	30	233	7.8	3	16
Earl Charles	26	204	7.8	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Klint Rose	22	848	38.5	1	28.9	1	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Lewis	42-44	1-3	3-4	0-1	0-0	4-8	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Atkins	100	0.5	7	3	0
Jamus Martin	80	6.5	9	1	0
Charlie Tynes	78	1	4	2	1
Dionte Wilson	70	1	3	2	0
Jonathan Goddard	68	6.5	14	3	0
Reggie Hayes	57	5.5	9	2	0
Gladstone Coke	55	2.5	6	2	3
Willie Smith	54	0	0	14	1
Roberto Terrell	51	1	3	3	1
Curtis Keyes	48	0	1	9	1
Toriano Brown	47	4.5	3	1	0
Paul Sinclair	39	0	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tremel Guillory	30	194	6.5	0
Chris Royal	12	164	13.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Earl Charles	13	302	23.2	0
Chris Royal	7	131	18.7	0

THE HERD

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Motor City	+3	Louisville	48-29	W
99	Motor City	-3	BYU	21-3	W
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati	25-14	W
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61	W
02	GMAC	-2'	Louisville	38-15	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	29.2	23	195	4.7	245	67.6	15.1	-19	2003	6	23.2	15	152	4.0	177	53.6	14.2
9*	35.2	25	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	-7	2002	6	24.2	18	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6
6*	39.4	27	149	4.4	367	65.6	13.1	+4	2001	4	28.4	23	226	4.8	196	51.6	14.9
5	28.2	20	113	3.6	293	60.4	14.4	+5	2000	6	22.8	20	169	4.0	181	55.4	15.3
9*	35.6	22	141	4.1	316	66.6	12.8	+16	1999	10	10.5	18	92	2.5	194	52.5	27.2
7*	31.2	24	148	3.9	301	64.8	14.4	+12	1998	5	18.2	18	124	3.0	203	54.4	17.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Hofstra	34	50-261	5.2	26-38	347	0	12	27-116	4.3	15-31	125	4	-4
at Tennessee	22	31-88	2.8	23-34	294	6	22	40-223	5.6	21-33	235	2	0
Toledo	27	42-139	3.3	31-39	289	1	19	47-269	5.7	10-20	147	2	-5
at Kansas St	16	45-210	4.7	16-24	106	2	18	39-128	3.3	14-26	241	2	+3
at Troy St	18	27-98	3.6	33-52	319	1	13	48-254	5.3	6-17	95	1	-3
Kent St	28	41-212	5.2	27-32	392	0	19	38-88	2.3	16-32	348	5	-2
at Buffalo	22	32-94	2.9	26-42	292	5	15	44-139	3.2	15-23	140	1	-1
at W Michigan	23	42-222	5.2	21-27	326	1	13	29-47	1.6	17-30	155	4	-1
Akron	28	52-374	7.2	15-25	199	2	18	29-141	4.9	20-38	250	1	-1
at Miami, Oh	11	28-126	4.5	14-25	113	0	21	44-212	4.8	18-30	282	2	-5
at UCF	20	47-225	4.8	16-24	139	3	6	32-111	3.5	7-13	59	2	-1
Ohio	24	58-290	5.0	7-15	119	3	8	40-101	2.5	4-11	52	3	+1
TOTALS	273	495-2339	4.7	255-377	2935	24	184	457-1829	4.0	163-304	2129	29	-19
AVERAGES	22.8	41-195	4.7	21-31	245	2.0	15.3	38-152	4.0	14-25	177	2.4	-1.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-2'	13-10	W
Liberty	NL	63-3	–
Bowling Green	-22	35-16	L
Temple	-28	34-0	W
at Miami, Oh	-4	32-14	W
Toledo	-23	38-13	W
at Buffalo	-44	59-3	W
N Illinois	-26	41-9	W
at Kent St	-34	28-16	L
at W Michigan	-11'	31-17	W
Ohio	-25'	34-3	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SW Missouri St	NL	63-7	–
at Michigan St	+8	24-34	L
at N Carolina	+3	15-20	L
Buffalo	-43'	47-14	L
W Michigan	-6'	10-30	L
at Toledo	+7	0-42	L
Kent St	-21	34-12	W
at Akron	-4	31-28	L
at Bowling Green	-8'	20-13	L
Miami, Oh	-5'	51-31	W
at Ohio	+3	28-38	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+31	14-49	L
Massachusetts	NL	49-20	–
Bowling Green	-5	37-31	W
at N Illinois	-1	37-15	W
at Buffalo	-25	34-14	L
C Michigan	-23'	42-21	L
Akron	-17	50-33	T
at Kent St	-13	42-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-3	27-21	W
Ohio	-24'	42-18	L
Youngstown St	NL	38-24	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	50-17	–
at Virginia Tech	+11	21-47	L
UCF	-11	26-21	L
at Kent St	-14	42-21	W
Buffalo	-31	66-21	W
Troy St	-20	24-7	L
at C Michigan	-20'	23-18	L
at Akron	-17'	20-34	L
Miami, Oh	+2'	36-34	W
at Ohio	-15	24-21	L
Ball St	-15	38-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Hofstra	NL	45-21	–
at Tennessee	+19'	24-34	W
Toledo	-5'	17-24	L
at Kansas St	+19'	27-20	W
at Troy St	-12'	24-33	L
Kent St	-20	49-33	L
at Buffalo	-29	26-16	L
at W Michigan	-8'	41-21	W
Akron	-14	42-24	W
at Miami, Oh	+12'	6-45	L
at UCF	-11'	21-7	W
Ohio	-17	28-0	W

MIAMI, OH REDHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Miami had to replace Mike Bath who finished his career as the school's all-time passing leader. Ben Roethlisberger (PS#74) turned down a scholarship offer from Ohio St and would have had a higher PS# but only played QB for one year in HS. In his frosh season he threw for 3,105 yards (63.3%) with a 25-13 ratio and was the MAC Frosh of the Year. He bulked up from 205 lbs as a frosh to 242 lbs in 2002 and threw for 3,238 yards (63.3%) with a 22-11 ratio and also was the MAC East Special Teams POW with 3 punts inside the 10 yard line vs Toledo. Last season he simply set MAC records for yards, completions and total offense having a phenomenal year with 4,486 yards (69.1%) with a 37-10 ratio and was the #1DC of PIT. Josh Betts (PS#127) hit 7 of 17 passes in 2002 for 93 yards with a 3-2 ratio. Last year he played in nine games throwing for 263 yards (52.8%) with a 1-1 ratio and figures to be the starter. Mike Kokal (6-1 191 rFr) was PS#136 is also back. This year's only QB signee, Jared Elliott (6-5 210, PS#152) also could contend. No matter who wins the job, losing the top QB in the NCAA will result in quite a dropoff in stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2000 Miami had a 1,000 yard rusher for six straight years. In 2001 the top rusher only had 587 yards. In 2002 Luke Clemens led the team with 1,009 yards (4.5) and he returned last year as did #2 rusher Calvin Murray (253, 3.7). Clemens, however, injured his knee against N'wstrn and missed the rest of the year after rushing for just 28 yards. Mike Smith, who rushed for 232 yards (5.7) in 2002 quit the team in the spring but decided to return in the fall and rushed for 802 yards (4.6). Murray led the team and topped the magical 1,000 yard barrier with 1,030 (5.5) thanks to 227 yards earned in the MAC Title game and bowl. This year Murray departs but Smith is back as are a couple of quality rFr in Brandon Murphy (5-8 180, PS#106) and Cory Jones (5-10 175, PS#159) Clemens could possibly return if granted a sixth year. When the team uses a FB, they go with Andy Capper (6-2 257 Sr) who benches 400 lbs and Adam Ciborowski (6-0 223 Sr) who had 234 yards (4.8). Also in the mix at RB is Jimmy Murray (6-2 216 So, PS#462, 37 yds), Akim Lannaman (6-2 217 rFr, PS#230) and this year's true frosh. Despite the loss of Murray, I look for the team to rely on the running game and for the stats to possibly improve after the team went from averaging just 3.4 ypc to 4.3 last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2001 three receivers topped 500 yards and another had 421 and all four were back in 2002 plus they added Purdue transfer, Andre Henderson (PS#52). They spread it around even more in 2002 and just one WR topped 500 yards and he departed last season as did #4 receiver and starter Eddie Tillitz. TE Matt Brandt was drafted by the CFL but opted to stick around in 2003 and was #3 on the team with 35 rec (13.9). Henderson quit the team over the summer and then they lost 2002's #3 rec, Korey Kirkpatrick, to a knee injury on the opening KO against N'wstrn. Two players stepped to the forefront. Martin Nance who is 6-5 but has 4.4 speed had 90 rec (16.6) destroying the school record for rec in a season which was held by Jay Hall and his 1,498 yards topped Trevor Gaylor's school record of 1,028 set in 1999. The leading returnee, Michael Larkin also broke Hall's record with 67 rec (12.4) and he is the school's career leader for receptions. Those two are both back as is Ryan Busing who in his first year as a starter had 28 rec (13.8). They lose Brandt (8 sts) as well as WR Jamie Cooper (PS#128, 2 rec) and WR Calvin Blackmon (3 rec, 12.0). Kirkpatrick has received a 6th year of eligibility and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are Jeff Schroeder (5-11 186 So, 14 tkls), Josh Williams (6-1 220 Jr, PS#131, 4 rec), Patrick O'Bryan (6-1 185 rFr, PS#290) and this year's true frosh including TE Dave DiFranco who could break into the rotation. Even with the loss of an outstanding TE, with the top receivers back, this unit is more talented and experienced but with a new QB the numbers won't match up.

LB Terna Nande

OFFENSIVE LINE - Miami's O-line had bucked conventional wisdom for years as experienced OL's saw the ypc drop and the sacks rise and inexperienced OL's saw the ypc improve and cut down on the sacks. This happened in every year from 1998 to 2002. That experienced 2002 group paved the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing while allowing 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter and for once an experienced O-line improved on the statistics as they paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they must replace RT Jacob Bell (14 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 2 yr st'r, #5DC TEN), LT Ben Herrell (2nd Tm MAC, 13 sts, 3 yr st'r), LG Frank Smith (14 sts, 3 yr st'r), 2nd stringers Dan Kosta and Joe Serina and 3rd stringer Scott Sagehorn. Three players return with 7 or more starts but this group is clearly less experienced and will be down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 24 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters and the DL's who departed accounted for 17 of the team's 24 sacks. The rather inexperienced defensive front was still part of an improving Miami defense which allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks. This year they are strong on the inside with 3 players returning who each started at least 9 games. They do have to replace their sack specialists, however, in DE Phil Smith (14 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 74 tkls, 9.5 sks, 14 tfl) and DE Will Stanley (48 tkls, 8 sks, 3 tfl, 14 sts) but six of the top eight return. Not listed below are Bill Lautar (6-2 237 Jr, 3 tkls), Frank Gray (5-11 274 So) and Josh Brink (6-5 230 rFr). While this unit actually has a little more experience than 2003, I'll call it a notch or two weaker with the loss of its top sackmen.

LINEBACKERS - Last season Miami had to replace 1st Tm MAC OLB Matt Robillard who had 12 starts, 99 tackles and 10 tfl. They did return Terna Nande who had 9 starts as a true frosh and Terrell Jones who was 1st Tm MAC in 2002 so they were in pretty good shape. This year they must replace MLB Jones (14 sts, 115 tkls, 8 tfl) but do have 5 of the top 6 LB's returning including MLB Derek Rehage who was not a starter but was the #7 tackler (57) and added 6 tfl in his second year since moving from FB. John Busing, in his first year as a starter, was #4 tackler and Nande earned 2nd Tm MAC honors as the #3 tackler. Not listed below are Bryan Tyson (6-1 206 Jr, 6 tkls) who may move to CB, Danny Rehage (6-2 229 rFr) and Ryan Brittain (6-3 234 rFr). This group is even more experienced than last year's fine unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami was just #89 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace one starter and their FS who started the last five games. Three players returned with 7 or more starts and Darrell Hunter (6-1 206, Jr, PS#225) who is the fastest player in program history with 4.29 speed did an excellent job in his first year starting at CB. Miami rose to #33 in the pass D rankings allowing 52.4% with 22-21 ratio. The great news for Miami is that everyone is back with the exception of CB Ryan Sprague (26 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu) but he was a returning '02 starter that lost his job. This should be one of the MAC's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Miami finished #61 in my special teams rankings in 1999 and when Hoeppner took over he assigned his longtime assistant, Ron Johnson (his right hand man), to special teams and after not having a PR TD since 1974, Miami had two in 2000 and moved up to #25 in the rankings. The next two years they surprisingly slipped to #67 and #87. Last year they showed big-time improvement. Ryne Robinson returned three punts for TD's including two against Buffalo which tied the MAC school record set by Eddie Tillitz in 2000. Kicker Jared Parseghian, who was a perfect 14 of 14 on FG's and had a school record 17 straight FG's in 2002, was suspended for three games and hit just 6 of 9 with a long of 29. When he was out Todd Soderquist who has a booming leg for KO's the last two years, hit 4 of 6 FG's with a long of 31 but one of his missed FG's was returned 78 yards for a TD by Cincinnati. KR's were below average as the team actually averaged more on PR's (16.3) than they did on KR's (15.6). P Mike Wafzig has had nets of 32.8, 34.2 and 34.4 in his three years and should have his best season as a senior. The team blocked two punts and finished #16 in my special teams rankings and with basically everyone back are a Top 20 contender again.

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, John Pont, Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory among those who have coached here. When Randy Walker moved on to Northwestern in 1999 Terry Hoeppner took over and continued the streak of winning seasons which has now reached 10 straight years. Last year Miami had a new DC Pat Narduzzi and this year must replace him and will do so with co-DC's Brian George and Joe Palcic. The OC is Shane Montgomery who enters his 4th year after being a UT-Chattanooga assistant from 1993-2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I may be dating myself but I remember watching Miami in the early '70's when they finished #15, #10 and #12 in the final polls compiling a 3 year record of 32-1-1 and winning 3 straight Tangerine Bowls, all over teams that are now in the SEC. Miami last went to a bowl in 1996 and had 16 straight years without a MAC Title, despite the fact that they had 9 straight winning seasons heading into 2003. The 2002 version snapped Toledo's 17 game home win streak and upset ACC member N Carolina. Last year they returned star QB Ben Roethlisberger who led the most prolific offense in the MAC. Roethlisberger's season did not get off to a great start with 4 int's vs Iowa but everything else went perfect for Miami as they remained fairly healthy, were a remarkable +20 in turnovers and outgained MAC opponents by an average 196.5 ypg (the best in the conference). They entered the Top 25 for the first time since 1976 and got their first MAC East Title with a 45-6 thrashing of Marshall. It was their first undefeated MAC season since 1977 and tied for the most consecutive wins since 1972-1973 as after that loss to Iowa, the Redhawks won their final 13 games. They were #11 in the final BCS rankings and coach Hoeppner was named the MAC Coach of the Year, the first here since Dick Crum in 1974. Miami finished #10 in the final AP poll. Despite the loss of Roethlisberger, Miami should still have a potent offense this year and I rate their D #2 in the MAC with 8 returning starters. I use 7 different sets of power ratings at the start of the year and 3 of them call for Miami not only to be the most talented in the MAC East, but the most talented in the MAC overall, with all 3 calling for a second consecutive clean sweep of conference play. I side with the other power ratings which show Miami coming back down to Earth, especially after their great fortune in injury and turnovers last year. Still, it will be another highly successful season for the Redhawks despite the loss of their star QB.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Josh Betts Jr. 6-3 225 PS#127. 14 games in 2 years, 356 pass (49%). 4-3 ratio, 35 rush. Mike Kokal (6-2 191 rFr) PS#136. Jared Elliott is PS#152.

RB Mike Smith Sr. 6-0 205 PS#299DB. 1 st, 802 yds LY. Brandon Murphy (5-8 180 rFr) PS#106. Cory Jones (5-10 175 rFr) PS#159. Austin Sykes (6-0 220 rFr) PS#117.

WR RJ CORBIN SO. 5-11 201 PS#248. 7 sts as true, 35 rec (10.2). **Ryan Busing** (6-3 200 So) PS#214QB. 9 sts, 28 rec (13.8). Darren Paige (6-1 180 So) PS#243.

WR MARTIN NANCE JR. 6-5 210 **2nd Tm MAC**, 13 sts, MU rec 90 rec, 1498 yds (16.6). Korey Kirkpatrick (6-1 200 Sr) 3 sts, 26 rec (14.4) in '02. Inj'd LY. Andrew Dunn (5-11 186 So).

WR MICHAEL LARKIN SR. 5-8 163 37 rec (18.2) in '01. 4 sts, 39 rec (11.2) in '02. 14 sts, 67 rec (12.4) LY. Ryne Robinson (5-10 165 Sr) PS#198. 28 rec (16.7) as true.

TE Dan Tyler Jr. 6-4 244 3 sts, 15 rec (10.5) LY. Tyler Vogel (6-3 251 Jr) PS#223LB. 20 games, 2 rec, 22 yds 2Y. Jeremy Thompson (6-4 230 Sr) 1 rec in 3 years.

C TODD LONDOT JR. 6-7 300 **2nd Tm MAC**. 8 sts as rFr at C. All 14 starts at C LY. Steve Kosky (6-4 270 So). **LS** Dave McClain (6-2 226 Jr) 1 letter.

RG Nate Bunce Jr. 6-6 321 2nd string in '02. First 8 sts at RT LY, then 2nd string. Pete Walters (6-5 315 rFr) PS#614. Matt McKeown (6-4 250 Fr) is PS#617.

LG David Rehker Sr. 6-5 275 PS#180. 10 games as rFr. 4 sts at C in '02. Steve Meister (6-3 286 rFr) PS#609. Jon Pereiro is PS#313 (6-3 275 Fr).

RT Charlie Norden rFr. 6-5 250 PS#221. RS in '03. Ryan Meyer (6-5 278 Jr) PS#505. 2nd string last year. Allen Beneker (6-5 279 So) walk-on.

LT MARK KRACIUM JR. 6-5 295 2nd string LT in '02. Last 7 sts at T in '03. Chris Fessel (6-5 275 Jr) 2nd string in '03. Branden Armstrong (6-7 245) is PS#118.

K JARED PARSEGHIAN SR. 5-10 195 6 of 10 FG's, long of 42 in '01. **1st Tm MAC** in '02, 14 of 14 FG's, L/41. Only 6 of 9 LY, L/29. Todd Soderquist (6-2 201 Jr) 4 of 6 FG's, L/31.

DE Tranaine Sills So. 6-1 244 PS#417. 9 tkls, **6 sks** as true. Craig Mester (6-3 286 rFr) PS#518. Lamont Bender (6-0 230 So). Ryan Redman is PS#104TE (6-4 270 Fr).

DT WILL RUEFF SR. 6-4 276 PS#150. 8 sts, 36 tkls, 5 tfl in '01 & '02. 9 sts LY, 30 tkls, 3 tfl. John Glavin (5-11 260 Jr) 9 sts, 55 tkls, 11 tfl LY. MJ Johnson (6-3 261 Jr) PS#238.

DT LARRY BURT SR. 6-4 315 30 tkls, 4 tfl in '01 & '02. 10 sts in '03, 35 tkls, 5 tfl. Otto Linwood (6-1 313 rFr) PS#231. Mike Barz (6-4 264 Jr) PS#218DB. 6 tkls, 1 sk LY.

DE Jarrod Rich Jr. 6-3 257 PS#291LB. 31 tkls, 2 years. Jerome Bennett (6-2 246 rFr) PS#271LB. Ben Huddle is PS#354. Seth Painter (6-2 237 So) PS#450.

OLB JOHN BUSING JR. 6-3 219 PS#216DB. 17 tkls as true. 14 sts LY, 101 tkls, 14 tfl, 5 int, 8 pbu. Clayton Mullins PS#239. In for spring. Justin Davis (6-5 229 rFr) PS#331WR.

MLB Derek Rehage Jr. 6-1 235 39 tkls, 1 st in '02. 57 tkls, 6 tfl in '03. David Hutzelman (6-2 225 Jr) 20 tkls, 1 sk LY. Matt Vogele (6-1 241 So) PS#183, 1 tkl LY.

OLB TERNA NANDE JR. 6-1 230 PS#325DB. 9 sts as true, 49 tkls, 5 tfl. 14 sts LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 109 tkls, 5.5 sks, 15 tfl, 4 int, 3 pbu. Dontae Wright (6-3 206 Jr) 29 tkls LY.

CB ALPHONSO HODGE SR. 5-11 206 14 sts, 47 tkls, 9 pbu LY. Ryan Redd (5-10 182 Jr) 1 st, 41 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu LY. Jerrid Gaines (5-11 187 So) PS#184. 17 tkls, 1 pbu as true.

CB DARRELL HUNTER JR. 6-1 206 **4.29 speed**. 43 ttl yds as true. DB LY, 13 sts, 43 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu. Frank Wiwo (6-3 170 So) 10 tkls, 6 pbu. Marcus Tate (5-10 141 So) 9 tkls.

SS MATT PUSATERI SR. 5-11 210 PS#176. 11 sts, 122 tkls as rFr, 12 sts, 124 tkls, 9 pbu in '02. 14 sts, 141 tkls, 3 int, 12 pbu LY. Van Monroe (6-2 203 Sr). Sherman Smith (5-11 195 Sr).

FS STEVE BURKE JR. 6-0 188 14 starts in 2003, 100 tkls, 2 tfl, 10 pbu. Joey Card (6-1 196 So) PS#244. 29 tkls, 2 pbu last year. Tersee Nande (6-2 215 rFr).

P MIKE WAFZIG SR. 6-4 242 59 punts in '01, 38.6 avg, 32.8 net. 40 punts in '02, 41.7 avg, net of 34.2. 32 punts in '03, 41.1 avg and net of 34.4. Only punter on spring roster.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Branden Armstrong	6-7 245 PS#118
TE	Dave DiFranco	6-4 255 PS#33
RB	Jimmy Calhoun	6-0 195 PS#131
RB	Joe Coniglio	6-2 220 PS#145
QB	Jared Elliott	6-5 210 PS#152
WR	Dave Koval	5-11 177 PS#178
DL	Chris Shula	5-11 198 PS#237
OL	Jon Pereiro	6-3 275 PS#313
DB	Bryan Roland	5-10 185 PS#266
LB	Clayton Mullins	6-1 215 PS#239
WR	Pat Shepard	6-4 215 PS#271
DB	Sean McVay	5-10 175 PS#343
DL	James Case	6-2 242 PS#350
DL	Ben Huddle	6-4 240 PS#354
TE	Tom Crabtree	6-5 210 PS#103
TE	Ryan Redman	6-4 270 PS#104
RB	Robbie Wilson	6-0 195 PS#348
RB	Nick DeBartolo	6-1 235 PS#420
DL	Chris Hudson	6-2 215 PS#493

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 28	Indiana St	A						MU is 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS as an away favorite the last 2 years. RedHawks are 10-5 ATS the last 4 years vs non-conference teams. Miami is 14-3 ATS the last 17 games as a home dog.
Sep. 4	at Michigan	A						The Sycamores were 3-9 last year as IAA Gateway Conference members. ISU was 0-2 LY vs IA opps (Ball St & Indiana) being outscored 64-10.
Sep. 11	at Cincinnati	A						Miami is 7-2 ATS their last 9 road openers. The RedHawks are 3-9 SU & 7-3-2 ATS since 1994 vs the Big 10.
Sep. 18	Ohio	A						The home team is 2-5 ATS since 1997 in this instate rival. The dog has covered 7 of the last 10 meetings.
Sep. 25								MU is 9-1 SU & 8-2 ATS their last 10 games with instate opponent, Ohio. The RedHawks are 15-5 ATS as a DD conference home favorite since '95.
Sep. 29	at Marshall (Wed)	A						
Oct. 9	Kent St	A						RedHawks are 11-2 SU & 9-4 ATS in MAC road games the last 3 years. Miami is 1-5 SU & ATS the last 6 years vs Marshall.
Oct. 16	at Buffalo	G						RedHawks have been dominant in this series all-time 41-10 SU but... Miami has dropped 4 of the last 5 meetings ATS.
Oct. 23	UCF (HC)	A						RedHawks are 2-7 ATS since 1996 as a MAC AF of 19 or more pts. The last 2 years Miami has outscored Buffalo 108-3.
Oct. 30								They have combined for 97 FD's, 1889 yds of offense & 156 pts while the visitor is 2-0 SU & ATS in their only 2 meetings ('02 & '03).
Nov. 3	Toledo (Wed)	A						
Nov. 13	at W Michigan	A						Miami is 10-2 SU & 9-3 ATS their last 12 home finales. The home team is 2-5 ATS the last 7 meetings in this series.
Nov. 20	at Akron	A						MU has visited Kalamazoo 3 times since '90 & have gone 0-3 SU & ATS. Miami is 3-7 ATS their last 10 November away games.
Nov. 27								The visitor is 2-9 SU & 2-8-1 ATS in this series since 1993. RedHawks are 3-3 SU & 1-5 ATS in road finales the last 6 years.

TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 40-20)
6th Year at Miami, Oh

Hoeppner's records AT MIAMI, OH

40-20	Straight Up	9-9-1	Home Favorite
32-26-1	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
9-8-1	Off A SU Loss	10-9	Away Favorite
21-19-1	Vs Conference	10-6	Away Underdog
		11-7	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (13-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (18,24,4)
Lost: 13 (6,5,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,132

MAC - EAST DIVISION

WR Ryne Robinson

STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (30,012)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	10-1	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-5	12-1	57-24
ATS	8-3	6-5	3-7-1	6-5	7-5	7-5	9-4	46-34-1
Home Fav	3-1	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-1	15-11-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	4-2
Away Fav	2-1	2-3	2-3	1-2	1-1	2-1	4-2	14-13
Away Dog	2-1	1-1	0-1	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	13-8
Favorite	5-2	5-4	3-5-1	3-3	2-3	3-4	8-3	29-24-1
Dog	3-1	1-1	0-2	3-2	5-2	4-1	1-1	17-10
Grass	6-2	4-2	3-4-1	5-2	6-4	4-4	5-1	33-19-1
Artificial	2-1	2-3	0-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	4-3	13-15
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-2	31-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	15-9
Off SU Win	5-2	5-4	0-6	2-3	4-3	5-2	8-3	29-23
Off SU Loss	2-1	0-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-0	11-10-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Calvin Murray	186	1056	26	1030	12	5.5
Mike Smith	175	849	47	802	17	4.6
Adam Ciborowski	49	254	20	234	2	4.8
Ben Roethlisberger	67	285	174	111	3	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Roethlisberger	495	342	69.1	4486	37	10
Josh Betts	36	19	52.8	263	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Martin Nance	90	1498	16.6	11	61
Michael Larkin	67	832	12.4	11	41
Matt Brandt	35	485	13.9	7	28
RJ Corbin	35	357	10.2	2	33
Ryne Robinson	28	468	16.7	2	53
Ryan Busing	28	386	13.8	1	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Wafzig	32	1316	41.1	2	34.4	1	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Parseghian	61-62	6-7	0-1	0-1	0-0	6-9	29

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Pusateri	141	0	3	12	3
Terrell Jones	115	3.5	4	3	0
Terna Nande	109	5.5	15	3	4
John Busing	101	1	13	8	5
Steve Burke	100	0	2	10	0
Phil Smith	74	9.5	14	6	0
Derek Rehage	57	3	3	1	1
John Glavin	55	2.5	9	0	1
Will Stanley	48	8	3	2	0
Alphonso Hodge	47	1	0	9	0
Darrell Hunter	43	0	0	10	4
Ryan Redd	41	0	3	5	2
Larry Burt	35	1	4	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryne Robinson	38	654	17.2	3

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell Hunter	12	198	16.5	0
Alphonso Hodge	6	103	17.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
73	Tangerine	NL	Florida	16-7	–
74	Tangerine	NL	Georgia	21-10	–
75	Tangerine	NL	S Carolina	20-7	–
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37	–
03	GMAC	-14	Louisville	49-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	43.0	26	160	4.3	341	67.9	11.6	+20	2003	7	19.4	17	112	3.4	230	52.4	17.6
6*	32.0	23	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	+7	2002	7	27.1	21	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2
6	26.6	21	134	3.6	265	62.8	15.0	-1	2001	6	25.8	19	142	3.8	208	53.4	13.6
4*	24.7	20	155	4.2	232	48.8	15.7	-14	2000	7	26.0	21	213	4.6	192	53.6	15.6
10*	30.5	19	147	3.5	255	46.5	13.2	+9	1999	6	24.0	20	169	3.5	206	48.2	15.6
5	28.8	19	226	4.6	143	51.6	12.8	+9	1998	6	12.9	17	149	3.5	151	47.7	23.2

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Iowa	22	29-54	1.9	27-42	250	4	17	40-232	5.8	12-19	129	1	-3
at Northwestern	25	38-147	3.9	29-41	368	0	17	27-41	1.5	22-44	273	3	+1
at Colorado St	27	39-206	5.3	29-40	330	2	14	29-39	1.3	17-28	349	3	+1
Cincinnati	25	38-98	2.6	31-49	377	3	15	33-152	4.6	17-40	226	3	+1
Akron	31	42-184	4.4	31-47	369	2	19	20-47	2.4	23-44	258	2	+3
Buffalo	27	38-223	5.9	21-31	264	0	11	41-158	3.9	11-23	86	3	0
at Ball St	25	40-168	4.2	25-35	235	1	10	31-29	0.9	12-30	153	3	+4
at Kent St	36	47-239	5.1	28-44	409	0	18	24-68	2.8	19-38	349	1	+2
Bowling Green	20	36-126	3.5	20-29	250	1	20	37-183	4.9	20-35	160	5	+1
Marshall	21	44-212	4.8	18-30	282	2	11	28-126	4.5	14-25	113	0	+5
at Ohio	28	34-123	3.6	22-35	372	2	21	45-87	1.9	14-31	247	4	-3
at UCF	30	29-107	3.7	35-44	450	0	19	28-22	0.8	23-48	355	4	+2
at Bowling Green	25	31-136	4.4	26-35	440	0	23	35-142	4.1	30-49	260	1	+3
† Louisville	28	33-221	6.7	21-33	376	2	22	38-237	6.2	18-27	255	3	+3
TOTALS	370	518-2244	4.3	363-535	4772	19	237	456-1563	3.4	252-481	3213	36	+20
AVERAGES	26.4	37-160	4.3	26-38	341	1.4	16.9	33-112	3.4	18-34	230	2.6	1.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	-4	28-3	W
at W Virginia	+3'	27-43	L
E Michigan	-24'	35-14	L
at C Michigan	-19	24-16	L
Marshall	+4	14-32	L
at Bowling Green	-7	45-31	W
at Kent St	-24	17-10	L
Cincinnati	-4	42-52	L
Akron	-9	32-23	T
at Ohio	-5	28-40	L
Buffalo	-33	43-0	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	33-30	W
at E Michigan	-10	34-17	W
at Ohio St	+23	16-27	W
Kent St	-23	45-14	W
at Akron	-5	20-37	L
Ball St	-28	10-15	L
Bowling Green	-13'	24-10	W
at Cincinnati	+5	15-45	L
Ohio	+5'	27-24	W
at Marshall	+5'	31-51	L
at Buffalo	-21	17-16	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+24'	13-31	W
at Iowa	+15	19-44	L
Cincinnati	+2'	21-14	W
at Ball St	-6'	28-20	W
Buffalo	-25	31-14	L
Akron	-8'	30-27	L
at Ohio	+7	36-24	W
W Michigan	-3	25-11	W
at Bowling Green	+4	24-21	W
Marshall	+3	21-27	L
at Hawaii	+7'	51-52	W
at Kent St	-4'	20-24	L

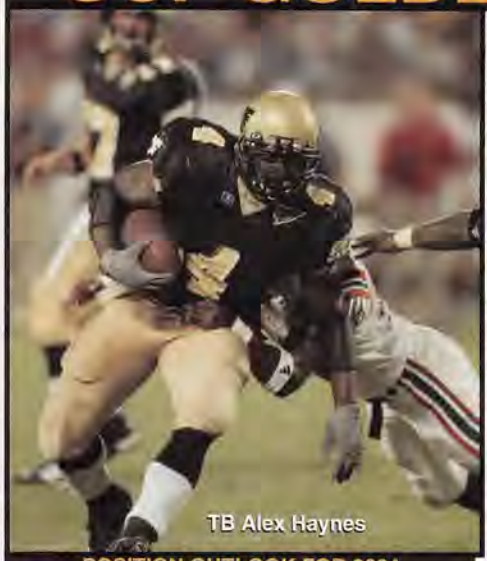
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Carolina	+7	27-21	W
Iowa	+5'	24-29	W
at LSU	+13	7-33	L
Kent St	-11	27-20	L
at Akron	-10	48-31	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	31-26	W
N Illinois	-8	41-48	L
at Buffalo	-16'	49-0	W
at Toledo	+3'	27-13	W
Ohio	-16'	38-20	W
at Marshall	-2'	34-36	L
UCF	-3'	31-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+10	3-21	L
at Northwestern	-3	44-14	W
at Colorado St	+6'	41-21	W
Cincinnati	-7	42-37	L
Akron	-16'	45-20	W
Buffalo	-36	59-3	W
at Ball St	-16	49-3	W
at Kent St	-22	38-30	L
Bowling Green	-7	33-10	W
Marshall	-12'	45-6	W
at Ohio	-23'	49-31	L
at UCF	-24	56-21	W

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS


TB Alex Haynes

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Daunte Culpepper who was the school's all-time leader in many categories. Ryan Schneider (PS#48) started the final 7 games as a redshirt frosh in 2000 and by the time his career wrapped up, he finished 2nd to Culpepper in completions, attempts, yards and TD's. He also finished with 10,976 yards which is #12 in the NCAA. More was expected from Schneider last year but he suffered an ankle injury after the Virginia Tech game. He still broke his own school record the next week with 497 yards passing vs Florida Atlantic. He separated his shoulder vs Kent and would miss two games. Jon Rivera (PS#60), more of an option running QB, took over and rushed for 89 yards against Buffalo but threw for just 59, the first time under Kruczek that a QB had run for more than he had passed. Schneider returned but then was suspended for the rest of the season before the E Mich contest. They took the redshirt off of Steven Moffett (PS#28) and he started the last three games as a true frosh. He threw for just 168 yards while rushing for 165. Rivera threw for 292 yards in the season finale against Miami (OH) and finished with 475 pass and 153 rush. Brandon Sumner (6-3 220 Jr) was PS#11 and originally signed at Georgia Tech (ironically with O'Leary). He hit just 1 of 4 passes last year for 14 yards. Gerry Connell (6-0 215 So) was PS#188 and played in one game. I like the talent at this position and while Schneider is gone after throwing for 1,949 yards (69%) with a 13-15 ratio, he did miss 5 games and this unit is in better shape than they were at the end of 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - UCF had PS#1JC Terrance Williams on hand but Alex Haynes (PS#50) turned out to be the feature back in 2001 rushing for 690 yards (4.9) in 7 starts as a true frosh despite injuries. His four 100 yard games were more than UCF had their previous three years combined. In 2002 they added Keith Williams (5-9 200 Jr, PS#135) who has 4.42 speed and chose UCF over Miami and Florida St. Haynes had 268 yards in the first 3 games but then was injured and missed one game. Williams also missed 5 games. Despite the injury, Haynes still rushed for 1,038 yards (5.1). Last year Haynes was able to start 10 games but was once again banged up and rushed for just 774 yards (4.2). At the start of the year, perhaps to motivate Haynes, it was mentioned that Dontavius Wilcox (PS#173) could take over the starting role. Wilcox rushed for 176 yards (3.8). Williams played in just 1 game due to injuries. I list the FB's below. Basically everyone is back and with O'Leary's emphasis on the running game I look for much improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - UCF had to replace a pair of 1,000 yard receivers last year as well as their starting TE. They then lost their projected starting TE Michael Gaines (PS#18) to academic ineligibility and backup TE Brian Miller left the team. WR Andre Sumpter (6-0 180 So) was counted on for depth but tore a knee ligament and missed the season. The young WR corps had its share of problems during the season including six dropped passes vs WV. Two of the top five receivers turned out to be RB's and the leading man, Tavaris Capers (PS#63), only averaged 8.7 ypc. I list the 3 deep below and seven players have starting experience. Not listed are WR's Sergiori Joachim (6-5 195 rFr, PS#434) and Ryan Terry (5-10 175 rFr, PS#366). This year UCF loses Gaines (#7DC of CAR) and Al Peterson (PS#172) who moves to CB. Walk-on WR Da'Bar Fluellen (2 sts, 5 rec) could return for a sixth year. This unit looks a lot more experienced than it was heading into last season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UCF's O-line was nicknamed "The Moat" and did a great job protecting QB Ryan Schneider. They allowed 8 sacks in the first two games but just seven over the last ten. The team did average just 3.9 ypc rushing. Last year they had just two starters returning and lost two projected starters prior to the season. They paved the way for just 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks. This year they lose LG David Ashkinaz (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Kyle Watkins (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Norman Lewis (1 st). Three starters are back this year plus a JUCO they signed last year who was injured but should be available. Not much went right last season and with O'Leary's OL background, I see this unit putting up better numbers in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UCF allowed 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm MAC DE who was drafted by the NFL but had three starters returning. Starting DE Rashad Jeanty opted to turn pro in Canada and another returning starter, DT DeMarcus Johnson, was suspended for the season after nine games. Overall UCF allowed 4.2 ypc while recording just 15 sacks. This year they lose NG Larry Brown (12 sts, 33 tkls, 6 tfl), DE Brent Bolar (9 sts, 40 tkls, 6 tfl), DT DeMarcus Johnson (3 sts, 26 tkls) and NG Roy Williams (49 tkls, 4 tfl). I list the 2 deep below and it is possible that some of this year's frosh could earn playing time including Keith Shologan who does not have a high PS# but was a 4 time Canadian National heavyweight wrestling champ. This group actually has a little more experience than it did heading into last season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year it appeared that 4 of the top 6 LB's would return including 2 starters but they lost VHT Chad Mascoe (PS#4) prior to the season due to academics. Just one starter was back in Stanford Rhule who after recording 127 tackles and 10 tfl in 2002, missed the spring with an ACL injury and was not his normal self. Antoine Poe (PS#89) turned out to be the best LB with 111 tackles and 16 tfl last year. He departs as does Chad Breeden (4 tkls). Everyone else returns including five players with starting experience. Not listed below is Goodson Ohaegbulam (6-0 235 So, 7 tkls) and Randy Dozier (6-2 200 rFr, PS#404DB). Hopefully Rhule will return to his 2002's form and this unit has more experience even with the loss of their top LB.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF had a CB drafted in the 2nd round in 2002 and 4th round in 2003. Last year they had 3 starters returning from a 2002 unit that finished #67 in my pass D rankings. Not much went right for UCF and they finished #113 in my pass D rankings allowing 65.4% with a poor 19-5 ratio (0 int by CB's). This year they must replace CB Omar Laurence (8 sts, 56 tkls, 6 pbu) and FS Patrick Holland (1 st, 27 tkls). I like both starting CB's as they are HT's and the safeties are very experienced plus there is some solid talent in the mix including backup SS Renford Parkes (PS#77). Not listed below are this year's true frosh as well as Troy Washington (5-10 200 rFr, PS#250), Trae Gomes (5-10 170 rFr), Damani Fagan (6-1 200 Sr, PS#260) and Sheldon Shakespeare (5-11 160 rFr). I look for UCF to make some major strides in the pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UCF's special teams finished #40 in 2002 thanks in part to the presence of K Matt Prater (PS#43) who was also recruited by Ohio St. Prater hit 14 of 21 FG's with a long of 53 in 2002. Last year they had to replace their P, PR and KR and I thought the unit would be down a few notches. Prater had some outstanding games punting including a school record 55.7 average against Virginia Tech. He broke his own record vs Ohio with a 57.6 average. On the year he led the NCAA in punting with a 47.9 average! He was the key to UCF finishing #13 in my special teams rankings. They got a solid year from KR Luther Huggins (25.1) and top PR Travaris Capers (7.8). Prater's FG kicking was not hurt by taking on the additional punting duties as he hit 10 of 13 with a long of 46. Their coach, Joe Robinson, called his special teams unit the "Wild Knights". They did burn the redshirt on JUCO Scott Sevin for a couple punts against Ohio. The good news is that everyone is back. It would be tough for Prater to match last year's outstanding net of 41.9, but keep in mind he did not even take over the punting position until about a week before the season started. I rate them the #10 special teams unit this year!

COACHES - George O'Leary was on top of the world after leading Georgia Tech to a 52-33 record and five bowl appearances in 7 years. He took the head coaching job at Notre Dame but then a resume snafu knocked him out of that job and the past two seasons he's been on the Minnesota Vikings coaching staff spending 2003 as the DC. His OC is Tim Salem who was the OC at E Michigan last year. He was also the QB coach at Ohio St from 1997-2000 and OC at Purdue for three years. The DC is Lance Thompson who was a TE coach at LSU last year and DL coach there in 2002. He was the DL coach for O'Leary at Georgia Tech in 2001 and the DL coach at Alabama in 1999 and 2000.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Things appeared solid for former Head Coach Mike Kruczek heading into last year and he received a 3 year contract extension in April. I pegged the Knights as my pick to win the MAC East and with the talent they had on hand at the time of my writing, they could easily have done so. Unfortunately, there was a drastic departure of talent from the roster for a myriad of reasons and by the time November rolled around, 19 scholarship players were off the roster, including star QB Ryan Schneider, 3 star defensive starters and numerous other players. At the end of the season suspensions were rampant and Kruczek was let go with Alan Gooch coaching the last 2 games. It was their team's worst record since 1984 which was also the last time UCF fired a coach midseason. UCF entered the MAC two years ago talking big and bold about not only winning, but dominating the conference. O'Leary steps into a tremendous situation. Many of last year's key losses will return and if you look at my All-MAC team you will see six UCF players on the first team, the most in the conference. QB Moffett is the perfect fit for O'Leary's option-style offense. Last year's team, beside the defections and injuries, was also -22 in turnovers (see pg 312). The offense averaged just 18.7 ppg and will be vastly improved. Defensively seven starters are back and the team's 31.1 ppg allowed was their worst since 1985. With the talent they have on defense, especially in the secondary, you can look for huge improvements on that side of the ball. UCF draws NI from the West and must face East powers Miami and Marshall on the road as well as a tough non-conf slate with Wisconsin, WV and Penn St. Despite that schedule, I will call for UCF to achieve a winning record in MAC play as O'Leary inherits a talented, underachieving team that was snakebit last season and will be an instant success. UCF is my 12th most improved team in the country (see pg 19).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Steven Moffett So. 6-3 200 **PS#28.** 3 sts as **true**, 168 yds (51%) 2-2 ratio, 165 rush. Jon Rivera (6-2 190 Sr) PS#60. 2 sts, 475 pass (44%) 1-2 ratio, 153 rush last year.
RB ALEX HAYNES SR. 5-10 225 **PS#50.** 7 sts, 690 (4.9) as rFr. 11 sts in '02, 1038 yds (5.1). 10 sts LY, 774 yds (4.2), 32 rec (8.2). Dontavius Wilcox (5-9 210 So) PS#173. 176 (3.8) LY.
FB WILLIE "DEE" BROWN SR. 5-11 235 PS#125WR. 53 rush (5.9) as true. 170 yds (4.7), 12 rec (13.9) in '02. 8 sts, 255 ttl yds LY. Evandall Williams (6-0 240 So) PS#349.
WR TAVARIS CAPERS SR. 5-8 170 PS#63. 43 rec (10.6) in '02. 11 sts LY, 67 rec (8.7). Brandon Marshall (6-4 220 Jr) PS#198. 7 sts, 28 rec (13.5). Chris Narsesian (6-0 195 rFr) PS#97.
WR LUTHER HUGGINS SR. 5-9 190 35 rec (7.9) in '01 & '02. 10 sts LY, 26 rec (14.4), 26 KR (25.1). Mike Walker (6-2 190 So) PS#113DB. 1 st as true, 21 rec. Brooks Turner (5-11 190 So).
TE DARCY JOHNSON JR. 6-5 245 PS#67. 1 rec in '02. 8 sts LY, 14 rec (17.0). Harvey Joiner (6-4 280 Sr) PS#398JC. 1 st, 3 rec (16.0) here LY. Mike Merritt (6-3 265 rFr) PS#56.
C CEDRIC GAGNE-MARCOUX SO. 6-2 280 PS#491OL. Scout Tm POY in '02. 9 sts at C as rFr (susp 3). Aaron Bern (6-4 290 rFr) PS#425. Max Reeves (6-2 240 Sr) is the LS.
RG DAN VEENSTRA SO. 6-5 290 PS#124. 11 sts as rFr at RG. Brad Williams (6-5 280 rFr) PS#310OL. Physical run blocker. Kyle Smith (6-3 295 Fr). Ryan Karhut (6-4 280 Fr).
LG Adam Toeniskoetter Jr. 6-3 290 PS#355JUCO. 2 yr starter at JUCO. 1 games here in '03 but inj'd & redshirted. Dominic Ignelzi is PS#306. Mike Lavoie (6-5 293 Fr) PS#327.
RT Sean Gilhuly So. 6-5 310 1 start at RG as rFr. Moved to RT. Adam Butcher (6-4 305 Jr) 2nd string in '02. 3 sts at C in '03. LJ Anderson (6-4 300 Fr) PS#217.
LT LARRY PEOPLES SO. 6-5 290 PS#331OL. 11 sts at LT as rFr. Seth Ulsh (6-4 300 So) 1 game as rFr but then injured. Kyle Storey is PS#261. Carlo Rossi is PS#341.
K MATT PRATER JR. 5-10 170 PS#43. 84% KO's TB's in HS, 14 of 18 FG's. Hit 14 of 21 FG's as true, L/53. Hit 10 of 13 FG's in '03, L/46, 4 of 4 from 40+. Handled KO's.

DE PAUL CARRINGTON JR. 6-7 250 PS#379LB. 13 tkls as rFr, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. 10 sts in '03, 50 tkls, 2 sks, 5 tfl. Chris Welsh (6-4 245 So) PS#394. 15 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 4.65 speed.
DT FRISNER NELSON JR. 6-2 290 1 year of HS football. 15 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. 9 sts LY, 38 tkls, 2 sks, 6 tfl. Dennis King (6-2 250 rFr) PS#55TE. Solid on scout team last year.
DT Ben Brinson Jr. 6-4 275 PS#131DL in 2000. 32 tkls, 3 sks at JUCO in '01. Scout Tm here in '02. 2 tkls LY, shoulder injury. Marcus Hubbard (6-3 290 rFr) PS#367.
DE Josh Stephens Sr. 6-1 255 PS#417. 67 tkls, 12 sks at JC in '02. 4 sts here in '03, 33 tkls, 2 sks, 1 tfl. Trenton Jordan (6-4 240 Sr) 1 st, 7 tkls in '03. Russell Phillips is PS#280.
SLB GERREN BRAY SR. 5-11 225 44 tkls, 4 tfl in '01 & '02. 11 sts LY, 59 tkls, 4 tfl, 1 int. James Cook (6-3 210 Jr) PS#198QB. 1 st, 22 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Brian Goins (6-0 220 rFr) PS#174.
MLB CRAIG HARVEY SR. 6-0 255 PS#245JC LY but late clearance. 5 sts, 43 tkls, 6 tfl. **Stanford Rhule** (5-9 240 Sr) **11 sts, 127 tkls, 10 tfl in '02!** ACL. 6 sts, 62 tkls, 5 tfl LY.
WLB Tywin Kalandyk So. 6-0 215 PS#96. 19 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. Lemec Bernard (6-0 220 Jr) 29 tkls in 02. 15 tkls LY, 1 tfl. Ronnell Sandy (6-0 210 So) PS#245. 1 st ,14 tkls last year.
CB Ron Ellis So. 5-11 190 PS#120. 4.4 speed. 3 sts as true, 23 tkls, 1 pbu. Anthony Willis (6-0 195 Jr) 1 st, 21 tkls, 1 pbu in '03. Rashard Johnson (5-11 190 Sr). Inj'd LY.
CB ROVEL HAMILTON SR. 5-11 185 **PS#82.** 2 tkls at Maryland in '00. 29 tkls here in '02. 12 sts LY, 41 tkls, **11 pbu.** Al Peterson (6-0 195 Jr) PS#172WR. 2 sts at WR, 12 rec (9.1) LY.
SS ATARI BIGBY SR. 5-11 210 PS#376. **1st Tm MAC.** 1 st, 38 tkls in '01, 11 sts, 104 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 11 sts LY. 112 tkls, 5 tfl. Renford Parkes (5-11 200 rFr) 2 gms as true. RS (inj).
FS PETER SANDS SR. 6-3 230 12 sts in '02, 119 tkls, 3 int, 12 sts LY, 113 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Travonti Johnson (6-2 185 So) 15 tkls. Alphonzo Hopkins (5-10 155 Sr) 79 tkls, 2 pbu, 3Y.
P MATT PRATER JR. 5-10 170 PS#43. **#1 in NCAA** w/47.9 avg on 58 punts LY with a net of 41.9! 2nd Tm MAC. **Scott Sevin** (6-0 200 Sr) 40.7 avg at JC. 9 punts, 39.6 here LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Kyle Israel 6-3 230 PS#110	
DB	Jason Venson 5-11 195 PS#163	
OL	LJ Anderson 5-4 300 PS#217	
OL	Kyle Storey 6-6 280 PS#261	
OL	Dominic Ignelzi 6-4 310 PS#306	
OL	Mike Lavoie 6-5 293 PS#327	
DL	Keith Shologan 6-2 275 PS#267	
RB	Jared Spivey 6-2 200 PS#250	
OL	Carlo Rossi 6-6 285 PS#341	
DL	Russell Phillips 6-3 245 PS#280	
DB	Sha'reff Rashad 6-1 180 PS#328	
DL	Josh Sitton 6-5 295 PS#334	
RB	Curtis Francis 6-0 185 PS#323	
DB	Johnell Neal 5-10 180 PS#380	
DB	Augustus Ashley 5-11 190 PS#461	

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Knights are 8-1 SU & 2-1 ATS since 1995 in home openers. UCF is 0-3 SU & ATS vs Syracuse ('01, '02 & '03). Golden Knights are 12-0 in non-lined games since 1997.
Sep. 4	at Wisconsin	A						Knights are 1-14 SU but 11-4 ATS as 11+ pt road dogs. UCF is 1-6 SU, but 6-1 ATS their last 7 road openers.
Sep. 11	West Virginia	G						Golden Knights are 1-5 SU & ATS as a home dog! UCF is 0-7 SU & 1-6 ATS facing Big East teams the last 4 years.
Sep. 18	at Penn St	G						Knights almost pulled off a huge upset in '02 losing 27-24 (+13'). UCF is 0-6 ATS their last 6 lined games prior to a bye week.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	at Buffalo	G						UCF is 6-2 SU & 4-1 ATS the last 8 games after a bye. UCF was 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS in 2002 but 0-4 SU & ATS in 2003 in MAC AG's.
Oct. 9	N Illinois	G						This will be the 1st time they will meet as MAC opponents (0-2 ATS vs NI). UCF is 5-3 SU & 2-6 ATS in conference home games the last 2 years.
Oct. 16	Akron	G						The home team is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS the last 4 years. UCF is 2-4 SU & 1-3 ATS all-time vs Akron.
Oct. 23	at Miami, Oh	A						Coming into 2004: UCF was 6-3 ATS on art turf from '98-'02, but 1-5 ATS LY. The Knights are 6-3 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ game road trip.
Oct. 30	at Marshall	A						UCF is 4-10 SU & 2-12 ATS in their 2nd of B2B away games since '97. These 2 teams will leave the MAC for CUSA next year.
Nov. 6	Ohio (HC)	G						Golden Knights are 3-6 ATS the last 5 years in November home games. UCF is 9-0 SU & 4-2 ATS in Homecoming games since 1995.
Nov. 13	at Ball St	G						First game as MAC members & 1st line game in Muncie between these schools. UCF has dropped 3 of their last 4 ATS road finales.
Nov. 23	Kent St (Tues)	G						This series has averaged 64 ppg w/the home team going 3-0 ATS. The Knights are just 1-4 ATS in their last 5 home finales.
Nov. 27								

GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 52-33)

1st Year at UCF

O'Leary's records AT UCF

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

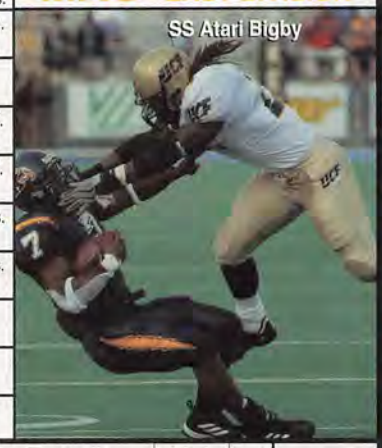
2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (19,22,4)
Lost: 14 (5,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,225

MAC - EAST DIVISION


SS Atari Bigby

STADIUM: FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL (70,188)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-2	4-7	7-4	6-5	7-5	3-9	41-38
ATS	5-4	5-4	4-5	4-4	6-4	6-5	2-9	32-35
Home Fav	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	10-8
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	1-5
Away Fav	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	7-8
Away Dog	3-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-1	1-4	14-14
Favorite	2-2	3-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	3-4	1-3	17-16
Dog	3-2	2-1	2-4	2-2	2-3	3-1	1-6	15-19
Grass	4-3	4-4	3-5	3-2	5-3	4-5	1-4	24-26
Artificial	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-5	8-9
vs MAC	1-1	1-3	1-1	1-2	1-0	5-3	1-7	11-17
vs Non-MAC	4-3	4-1	3-4	3-2	5-4	1-2	1-2	21-18
Off SU Win	1-2	4-2	0-3	3-4	1-3	3-3	1-2	13-19
Off SU Loss	3-2	0-2	4-1	0-0	4-1	2-2	1-6	14-14

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alex Haynes	183	832	58	774	5	4.2
Dontavius Wilcox	46	201	25	176	4	3.8
Jon Rivera	42	153	70	83	0	2.0
Steven Moffett	34	165	85	80	1	2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Schneider	281	194	69.0	1949	13	15
Jon Rivera	75	33	44.0	475	1	2
Steven Moffett	41	21	51.2	168	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tavaris Capers	67	585	8.7	7	30
Brandon Marshall	28	377	13.5	2	44
Luther Huggins	26	375	14.4	2	61
Mike Walker	21	337	16.0	0	63
Alex Haynes	32	264	8.2	0	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Prater	58	2781	47.9	4	41.9	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Prater	23-24	3-3	3-6	4-4	0-0	10-13	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Peter Sands	113	1	1	6	2
Atari Bigby	112	1	4	5	0
Antoine Poe	111	3	13	1	2
Stanford Rhule	62	0	5	0	0
Gerren Bray	59	0	4	1	1
Omar Laurence	56	0	1	6	0
Paul Carrington	50	2	5	0	0
Roy Williams	49	1	3	0	0
Craig Harvey	43	0	6	0	0
Rovel Hamilton	41	0	0	11	0
Brent Bolar	40	2	4	0	0
Frisner Nelson	38	2	6	0	0
Josh Stephens	33	2	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tavaris Capers	17	133	7.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Luther Huggins	26	653	25.1	0
Gabby Torres	12	197	16.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	18.7	17	98	3.3	222	61.6	17.1	-22	2003	6	31.1	22	192	4.2	211	65.4	13.0
7*	32.6	22	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	-6	2002	2	26.3	20	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5
4*	30.3	21	101	3.3	308	56.5	13.5	-2	2001	6	18.5	17	129	3.5	178	55.6	16.6
7*	30.3	20	79	2.8	295	60.0	12.4	-2	2000	6	20.1	20	131	3.1	193	54.0	16.1
3	25.2	23	130	3.9	287	56.8	16.6	-2	1999	7	28.9	20	119	3.5	255	58.6	12.9
10*	35.7	25	145	4.2	343	73.5	13.7	-6	1998	5	19.0	19	142	3.9	180	54.7	17.0

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Virginia Tech	16	19-76	4.0	24-36	259	3	36	43-152	3.5	29-38	380	0	-1
Fla Atlantic	24	24-68	2.8	37-52	497	0	23	31-102	3.3	26-40	352	3	-2
at Syracuse	23	23-92	4.0	33-49	284	0	22	52-318	6.1	13-20	133	0	-5
at Kent St	17	23-68	3.0	27-40	235	2	18	56-121	2.2	16-23	141	4	-7
Buffalo	22	55-298	5.4	6-14	59	0	13	39-178	4.6	12-26	93	2	0
at Ohio	8	22-(-6)	-0.3	8-24	104	6	20	63-246	3.9	6-6	144	0	-1
at Akron	15	20-58	2.9	25-34	259	2	30	47-197	4.2	27-38	307	1	-3
C Michigan	28	47-209	4.4	26-33	252	1	20	41-198	4.8	10-24	118	1	-1
at W Virginia	14	20-44	2.2	27-45	253	0	19	57-303	5.3	10-17	161	0	0
at E Michigan	12	47-135	2.9	7-18	46	2	13	47-152	3.2	8-18	116	1	-1
Marshall	6	32-111	3.5	7-13	59	2	20	47-225	4.8	16-24	139	3	+1
Miami, Oh	19	28-22	0.8	23-48	355	4	30	29-107	3.7	35-44	450	0	-2
TOTALS	204	360-1175	3.3	250-406	2662	22	264	552-2299	4.2	208-318	2534	15	-22
AVERAGES	17.0	30-98	3.3	21-34	222	1.8	22.0	46-192	4.2	17-27	211	1.3	-1.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+17	13-47	L
at Florida	+36	27-58	W
at Georgia Tech	+29'	10-41	L
at Georgia	+27'	23-24	W
E Illinois	NL	31-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	28-0	–
Louisiana Tech	+5'	35-46	L
E Michigan	-8	31-6	W
at Auburn	+10'	10-28	L
at Middle Tenn	-14	39-14	W
Bowling Green	-11	30-33	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+15'	17-21	W
Northwestern St	NL	19-7	–
at Akron	-2'	24-35	L
William & Mary	NL	52-7	–
at E Michigan	-5'	31-10	W
at N Illinois	+4	20-40	L
E Kentucky	NL	34-3	–
UL Monroe	-31	55-0	W
at Alabama	+18'	40-38	W
at Louisiana Tech	-6'	20-16	L
Virginia Tech	+12	21-42	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	+16	13-21	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-21	L
at Tulane	-5'	36-29	W
at Virginia Tech	+24'	14-46	L
UAB	+2	24-7	W
Liberty	NL	63-0	–
UL Monroe	-31'	38-6	W
at Utah St	-5	27-30	L
Akron	-14	57-17	W
at Arkansas	+5'	20-27	L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+13'	24-27	W
at Arizona St	+3	13-46	L
at Marshall	+11	21-26	W
Liberty	NL	48-17	–
at W Michigan	-1'	31-27	W
Toledo	-4	24-27	L
Akron	-19	28-17	L
Syracuse	-5	35-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	45-21	W
Kent St	-25	32-6	W
at Miami, Oh	+3'	48-31	W
Ohio	-16'	42-32	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+20'	28-49	L
Fla Atlantic	NL	33-29	–
at Syracuse	+4'	14-38	L
at Kent St	-8'	16-36	L
Buffalo	-23'	19-10	L
at Ohio	+1'	0-28	L
at Akron	+6'	24-38	L
C Michigan	-7	31-13	W
at W Virginia	+20'	18-36	W
at E Michigan	-7	13-19	L
Marshall	+11'	7-21	L
Miami, Oh	+24	21-56	L

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 true frosh Joshua Cribbs was 'THE' story of the MAC. He won a 4-way battle for the starting QB job and became the first QB to rush and pass for 1,000 yds in Kent St history and the first frosh to accomplish that feat in NCAA Div IA history, only the 14th in NCAA history overall. That first year he threw for 1,516 yds (55%) with a 10-5 ratio. All of his backups transferred prior to 2002 and Cribbs, who at one time was leading the NCAA in rushing, became just the 2nd QB in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards rushing and passing twice in his career. Cribbs did suffer from wrist and hamstring injures and Darryl Polk started 3 games. They were able to redshirt Antwan Smith (PS#144). Cribbs' numbers dropped to 1,057 net rushing (7.7) and 1,014 passing (48.9%) with a poor 4-14 ratio. All 3 QB's were back last year and Cribbs, despite being limited by a sprained ankle most of the year, adapted to the new pass offense in fine fashion. Cribbs had 340 yards passing in the opener after his previous career high was 196. After that he had just 86 and 92 yards passing and then missed the Penn St game with injury. Polk and Smith combined to hit just 9 of 23 for 105 yards in that outing. Upon his return he threw for just 129 yards, but over the last 7 games Cribbs threw for 253.9 ypg. Against Marshall he had a TD rushing, passing and receiving. After a career 14-19 ratio coming into the season, Cribbs had a 14-9 ratio and added 14 rushing TD's, and despite being doubtful for the season finale against Buffalo, managed another 372 yards total offense. Cribbs set KU's single season record for total offense with 3,125 and is already the career record holder here with 7,731, despite his injuries. He has also had 7 games where he's rushed for over 100 and passed for over 100 in his career. Smith began the year as a slash player, starting four games (3 at WR, 1 at TB) and had 122 rushing and 18 rec (10.8). He also hit 7 of 18 for 148 yards. Polk (6-0 205 Jr) was PS#215QB and has hit 53 of 106 for 493 yards with a 2-8 ratio while rushing for 91 yards in 2 years. They were able to redshirt Tom Sitko (6-2 230 rFr, PS#176) despite injures (Smith also inj'd during year). Olajuwon Cooper (6-4 200 rFr) was PS#270. Cribbs was suspended for an off field incident and his return for fall is questionable and that, of course, will have a major impact on this position.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 many players shared the feature back role but David Alston started six games and led the RB's with 633 yards (5.3), earning 2nd Team MAC honors. Unfortunately in 2002 he suffered a sprained ankle and played in just 4 games (156, 4.9) and last year had 327 yards (4.1) in the first 5 games but then broke his foot. He received a medical redshirt for a 6th season. In 2003 they had to replace their leading rusher and the top returnee, Antonio King (470, 4.0), was moved to safety. That meant FB Charles Newton was the leading returning rusher with 215 yards (4.8). Newton, however, moved to TE and started there for the second half of the season as their new offense basically eliminated the FB. Elijah Brooks (PS#99) was the team's Offensive Scout Team MVP in 2002 and rushed for 409 yards (3.6), including 145 yards vs Youngstown St. Prior to Ohio U, all 3 RB's were banged up and during the season they moved WR DeMarkus Robinson (5-10 185 Jr) to RB but he was lost for the year with a torn ACL against UConn. Kevin Beverly (PS#134) rushed for 144 yards against OU and BG despite a leg injury. Also in the mix are RB's Rasheed McClaude (5-11 190 rFr, PS#241) and Joshua Pastore (5-11 210 Fr) PS#350. With basically everyone returning from last year, I expect more production from this position and keep in mind Kent was #2 in the NCAA in ypc in 2002 (5.3) but slipped to 3.7 last year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the top 2 receivers returned and thanks to the different offense, the receivers were much more productive in 2003. Darrell Dowery, after averaging just 10.2 ypc in 2002, improved to 41 rec and a super 19.1 ypc. Daryl Moore was #2 with 26 rec's (13.9). As previously mentioned, FB Newton took over the starting TE job in the second half of the year replacing Neil Buckosh (5 sts, 14 rec). This year the only losses are Moore, Buckosh, WR Maurio Medley (13 rec, 10.3) and WR Jarius Acie (2 rec). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed are James Boyd (5-11 180 Jr), Lucas Bowen (5-10 215 Sr), DeMarkus Robinson and TE's Austin Novak (6-2 225 So) PS#200TE, Nick Bigrigg (6-3 230 Jr) and Jim Alexander (6-5 245 So, 2 rec). Now in the second year of the system you can expect continued improvement from this position.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Kent had 3 starters returning to the O-line and thanks to a mobile Joshua Cribbs, averaged 5.3 ypc rushing while the OL allowed just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and had 8 of the top 10 OL's returning. They lost LT Jason Andrews to a broken leg after 5 games. The OL only opened holes for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks. This year they lose C Steve Smith (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and RG Shaun Sarrett (12 sts). Four players return with 7 or more starts so this group is more experienced than the '03 version and should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Kent allowed 4.7 ypc rushing in 2002 while the defense accounted for just 14 sacks. Last year they shifted to a 3-4 defense and had to replace four players who combined for 29 starts and had just one full-time starter returning. The team then lost starting DE Tomas Rodriguez to a knee injury in the second week. Rodriguez was the MAC heavyweight wrestling champ. NG Alan Williams moved to DE but missed a good portion of the season getting in just 5 starts. This year they must replace Williams (32 tkls, 2.5 sks) as well as DE Tom Crock (2 sts, 13 tkls). Not only does everyone basically return, but they get some solid additions like Rodriguez and Nate Wesley (6-3 280 PS#370) who had 9 starts and 34 tackles in 2002 but was not on the team last year, and a lot of solid rFr including Mike Galassi (PS#256OL) who should be a factor. Not listed below are Larry Brown (6-1 310 So), Kyle Ayers (6-2 270 rFr, PS#366), Matt Woodworth (6-4 260 rFr) and Daryl Evans (6-2 260 Sr). This should be Kent's best defensive front in years.

LINEBACKERS - Kent had to replace one starter and 2 backups last season from this unit who combined for 8 starts and 49 tackles. They moved in RB Antonio King and he did well in his first year as a starter with 47 tackles and two sacks. This year the only losses are ILB Anthony Henriquez (11 sts, 114 tkls, 4 tfl) and OLB Jeff Jensen (15 tkls, 1 tfl). Eric Mahl was leading the team in tackles in 2002 when he was lost for the year due to injury. He was healthy last season and led the team with 126 tackles and was HM MAC. Five of the top six LB's are back and while none of the current LB's remind me of alum Jack Lambert, this has the makings of a pretty good group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Flashes were #97 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and suffered some heavy losses last year with 3 full-time starters and 2 backups departing. Freshmen played a key role in the unit and Usama Young got a baptism under fire allowing 3 TD passes and getting two pass interference calls against Larry Fitzgerald but rebounded later in the year and was MAC Defensive POW vs UCF. Kent's inexperienced secondary dropped to #112 in my pass D rankings allowing 63.4% with a 27-9 ratio. This year's unit is more experienced and has some added talent. The only loss is CB Ray Coley (8 tkls). Not only do six players return with starting experience but they add in some top-notch rFr and bring in ND transfer Abram Elam (PS#52QB) who could take a starting spot somewhere along the line. This should be one of the most improved secondaries in college football this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The highest ranking of Pees' special teams unit in his first 5 years was #72, which came in his first season. Pees made a tremendous signing in Travis Mayle (PS#7) who hit 12 of 14 FG's in his first year. Last year Mayle hit game winning FG's vs both Akron and Youngstown St. Mayle slipped some by year's end as he missed 3 of his last 5 but still finished an outstanding 16 of 24 including 6 of 9 from 40+. Joshua Brazen, in his first year as a punter, got off to a slow start averaging 36.4 in his first 3 games but averaged over 41.9 over the last 9 games (finish 40.4) and should continue to improve. In 2002 their leading PR was FS Shannon Davis (8.5) but he had just 5 returns in 2003 (6.6). True frosh Jon Drager led with 20 PR's (7.2). Their top KR in each of the last two years has been Antonio King (21.4 in '03). Drager averaged 20.1 on 14 KR's. True frosh Heyne handled the KO's and has a strong leg and the team yielded just 16.3 on KR's. Overall KSU had their best finish under Pees in special teams at #51 and with everyone back this unit should only continue to move up in 2004.

COACHES - Kent had to deal with the unexpected stepdown of head coach Dean Pees who left for the New England Patriots. Doug Martin, who joined the staff last year as the OC after being the OC at E Carolina for seven years, takes over as the head coach. Kent averaged 26.8 ppg last year, the second highest in 30 years and scored 30 or more points in 7 of the final 8 games. The new DC is Pete Rekstis who has been with Youngstown St the past five years and his defenses averaged nearly 15 int's per season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent has had just two winning seasons since 1977 and in Dean Pees' first three years his team won a grand total of three games. The AD still gave him a new contract and the team rewarded him with a 6-5 season in 2001 thanks to QB sensation Josh Cribbs. That ended a streak of 13 straight losing seasons. The 2002 team appeared loaded for another winning year with 22 seniors but they played a tough schedule. Their first 6 losses came vs teams with a combined 40-14 record up to that point. Kent barely escaped the MAC East basement and was outgained by 136 ypg in league play in 2002. They were also -16 in turnovers so better things appeared in the offing last year. Thirty-two players missed at least one game last year. Six of those would miss two while 18 missed three or more. Last year they did trail Akron by 14 with 3:29 left but rallied for the win. They started the season 2-0 and in first place in the MAC with their best record since 1977. They then led Penn St 10-0 before both their top QB's' got injured. They lost vs Ball St when the team suffered 3 straight fumbles, a blocked FG and a missed 23 yard FG. They also lost in OT to Connecticut and led Miami 27-24 in the 4Q. Kent was 4-4 in league play but were outgained by an average of 45.2 ypg. Kent has 14 wins the last 3 years after having just 14 the previous ten and the graduation rate has increased to 70%. Kent appears in great shape this year with 18 starters back (the most in the MAC). A big question mark, as of this writing, is the status of QB Josh Cribbs who has some off-field matters to deal with and was not eligible in the spring. Should Cribbs return and stay healthy, Kent will have an explosive offense. Defensively you can expect solid improvement upon the 33.0 ppg they allowed last year as they have 10 starters back as opposed to just 4 last season. Kent draws EM and CM from the West so the schedule is manageable. The key to their season will likely be Sept 23rd. Should Cribbs return AND Kent beats Akron on that day, they have an excellent shot at finishing with just their 3rd winning season since 1977 but those are a couple of big questions, especially with a new coach.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSHUA CRIBBS SR. 6-1 200 PS#102. 30 sts, 3Y, 4954 pass (50.7%) 28-28 ratio, 3173 rush. **Antwan Smith** (6-2 195 So) **3 sts at WR**, 148 pass, 122 rush, 194 rec yds LY.

RB DAVID ALSTON SR. 5-10 205 2nd Tm MAC in '01. 405 bench. Inj 2Y. 1116 career yds (4.8). Elijah Brooks (5-9 215 So) PS#99. 7 sts, 409 yds. Kevin Beverly (PS#134), 266 yds as true.

SL DERRICK BUSH JR. 5-11 200 PS#377LB. 4 sts as true, 20 rec (10.4). 7 sts LY, 21 rec (14.6). Jon Drager (6-0 195 So) 16 tkls, 20 PR (7.2) as true. Marcus Hill (6-2 200 So).

SE Najah Pruden So. 6-3 185 21 rec (17.3) as rFr. Cameron Bobb (6-5 195 rFr) PS#314. Tyrell McElroy (5-11 180 Jr) 2 sts at CB, 8 tkls 2Y. Linwood Jenkins is PS#179.

FL DARRELL DOWERY SR. 6-0 170 **PS#59DB**. 11 sts, 34 rec (10.2) in '02. 12 sts, 41 rec (**19.1**) LY. Brian Bell (6-2 200 So) PS#136. 1 st, 19 rec (12.5). JE Frederickson (6-1 200 rFr).

TE CHARLES NEWTON SR. 6-0 255 PS#255RB, FB in '02, 215 rush (4.8). 7 sts LY, 5 rec (14.6). 370 bench. Luke Tillman (6-2 210 So) PS#170RB. Jake Parsons is PS#127.

C Craig Rafdal So. 6-4 300 7 sts as rFr at LG. Tm MIP Bill Starry (6-0 295 rFr) PS#299. Scout Tm Off MVP. Frank Isenberg (6-2 315 So). Brad Davidson (6-1 205 Sr).

RG Randy Robinson rFr. 6-2 270 PS#219. Kiff Kinkead (6-1 295 rFr) PS#516. Tony Geoghagan (6-2 280 So) PS#480. Roy Porter (6-2 265 rFr). Joe Marafine (6-4 275 rFr).

LG CHAD BANDIERA SR. 6-3 315 PS#236DL. 1 st as true. 4 sts at LT in '02. 390 bench. 12 sts in '03 (6 at LT, 5 at LG, 1 at RT) last year. Justin Aderhold (6-3 300 rFr) PS#475.

RT DANIEL CARTER JR. 6-3 310 Hargrave. 1 game as rFr. 11 sts at RT in '03, 375 bench. Mike Galassi (6-5 250 rFr) PS#256. Travis McGraw (6-5 310 Fr) Hargrave.

LT JASON ANDREWS SR. 6-5 295 PS#460. 1 st as rFr. 9 sts in '02. 5 sts LY until broken leg. Nathaniel Manning (6-3 280 So) 1 st as rFr. Luke McKenzie (6-5 270 Jr). PS#419.

K TRAVIS MAYLE JR. 6-0 180 **PS#7**. Hit 12 of 14 FG's in 02, long of 42. Hit 16 of 24 FG's in '03, 6 of 9 from 40+, long of 46. Jim Cantu (6-0 200 So) PS#81.

DT Colin Ferrell rFr 6-1 290 Power Elite Award. 575 squat. Mark Malloy (6-3 260 rFr) PS#354. **Tomas Rodriguez** (6-2 245 Jr) 2 sts, 8 tkls, ACL LY. Mike Galassi.

NT DELVIN BARKER SR. 6-0 260 6 sts, 58 tkls, 11.5 tfl in 2000 & '01. 6 sts, 32 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Roger Attieh (6-0 290 Jr) 30 tkls, 2.5 tfl 2Y. Larry Brown (6-1 310 So). PQ in '02.

DE DANIEL MUIR JR. 6-2 255 PS#175. Scout MVP in '02. 11 sts in '03, 46 tkls, 7.5 tfl. Nate Wesley (6-3 280 Jr) 9 sts in '02, 34 tkls, 7 tfl. DNP LY. Dan Durante (6-4 245 rFr) PS#327.

OLB JUSTIN PARRISH JR. 6-2 240 PS#193. 2 sts as true, 34 tkls, 5.5 tfl. 9 sts LY. 46 tkls, 5 tfl. Bruce Rice (6-1 250 So) 2 sts, 14 tkls, 2 tfl. Marcus Robinson (6-2 250 Jr) 7 tkls, 1.5 tfl.

ILB ANTONIO KING SR. 6-1 215 PS#290. 2 sts as FB as true. 5 sts at TB in '02, 470 rush, 30 KR (19.9). 11 sts, 47 tkls, 4 tfl, 25 KR (21.4). Jon Eggleston (6-2 195 So) 6 tkls as true.

ILB ERIC MAHL SR. 6-2 245 PS#342. 7 sts until injury in '02, 60 tkls, 2 tfl. HM MAC in '03, #1 w/126 tkls, 10 tfl. Justin Murphy (6-3 220 So). Joe Crivella (6-1 240 So). Hargrave.

OLB DAMIAN STOLOWSKI SR. 6-2 235 3 sts in '02, 34 tkls. 11 sts, 45 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Jon Sessler (6-2 240 Jr) 5 sts as true, 30 tkls. 1 st LY, 32 tkls. Derek Burrell (6-2 225 Fr) PS#368. Hargrave LY.

CB BARRY DRAKEFORD JR. 5-10 185 PQ in '02. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. Jack Williams (5-9 170 rFr) PS#448. Taros Harris (5-9 185 rFr) PS#130. Demonze Warren (5-10 175 So).

CB USAMA YOUNG SO. 5-11 185 PS#297. 8 sts as **true**, 49 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. Darrell Pierce (5-8 165 So) PS#413. Gary Ham (5-9 190 So) Hargrave in '02. 1 st, 23 tkls as true.

SS VASHAWN PATRICK SR. 5-11 200 1 st, 17 tkls as true. 1 st, 39 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY, 94 tkls, 2 int, 3 pbu, 6 tfl. **Abram Elam** (6-0 200 Sr) **PS#52QB**. 29 tkls, 2 int, 5 pbu at **ND.**

FS SHANNON DAVIS SR. 6-0 195 10 sts, 97 tkls as true. 10 sts, 86 tkls, 8 pbu in '02. 12 sts, 98 tkls, 6 pbu. **Top DB** LY. Andre Ashley (5-9 195 Sr) 4 sts, 42 tkls, 3Y. Fritz Jacques (6-0 180 Fr).

P JOSHUA BRAZEN JR. 5-11 185 42.6 avg as senior in HS. 66 punts here as true in '03, 40.4 avg and net of 36.2. 15 inside the 20. Josh Heyne (5-11 200 rFr) PS#109K.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR Linwood Jenkins 6-2 185 PS#179
DL Phillip McNeal 6-1 300 PS#282
DL Dalton Memel 6-4 295 PS#305
OL Shawn Donaldson 6-5 270 PS#440
OL Prishod Koonce 6-4 265 PS#445
DB Fritz Jacques 6-0 180 PS#366
OL Dan Coleman 6-8 280 PS#462
RB Joshua Pastore 5-11 210 PS#350
LB Derek Burrell 6-2 225 PS#368
LB David Filippi 6-3 225 PS#377
LB Cedrick Maxwell 5-11 215 PS#388
OL Travis McGraw 6-6 315 PS#574
QB Guy Hurt 6-1 220 PS#300
OL Matthew Muller 6-3 245 PS#1066

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Iowa	G						KSU is 6-10 ATS on the road since 1995 vs non-conference teams. Kent St is 10-19-1 ATS since 1996 on grass.
Sep. 11	Liberty	A						Flashes are 4-8 ATS the last 12 years in their 1st lined game of the season. The Flames finished 6-6 LY as a IAA Big South Conference member. This will be the 5th year in a row KSU opens Dix Stadium w/a IAA opp (3-1).
Sep. 18	at Rutgers	A						In their 1st & only meeting Rutgers held KSU to just 187 total yds of offense. Golden Flashes are 0-6 SU, but 4-2 ATS since '99 vs current Big East tms.
Sep. 23	Akron (Thur)	A						47th meeting as the schools are 14 miles apart & 1st game was in 1923. Kent St is 5-11 SU & ATS the last 4 years hosting MAC opponents.
Oct. 2	at C Michigan	A						KSU is 8-3-1 ATS the last 3 years in MAC road games (perfect 4-0 LY). Kent St is 2-5 SU, but 5-2 ATS vs CMU since 1993.
Oct. 9	at Miami, Oh	A						Flashes are 3-8 ATS in their 2nd of back-to-back away games since 1996. Kent St is 1-4 SU, but 4-1 ATS the last 5 games with Miami.
Oct. 16	Marshall (HC)	A						Marshall has totalled over 600 yds 2 straight years vs the Flashes. KSU is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS giving up 34 ppg in their last 6 Homecoming gms.
Oct. 23								
Oct. 30	Ohio	A						KSU is 2-4 SU & ATS their last 6 games after a bye. The last time OU came to Kent, they routed the Flashes 50-0 on KSU's HC.
Nov. 6	at Buffalo	G						The home team is 4-1 ATS S/'99 as these schools are 219 miles apart. KSU is 2-16 SU & 5-13 ATS in November road games since 1990.
Nov. 13	E Michigan	A						The visitor is 6-2 ATS since 1991 in this series. KSU is 2-4 SU & has covered only 1 of their November home games S/'00.
Nov. 23	at UCF (Tues)	G						The home team is 3-0 ATS in their only 3 meetings ('97, '02 & '03). Golden Flashes are 3-9 ATS in their last 12 season finales.
Nov. 27								

DOUG MARTIN (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Kent State

Martin's records AT KENT STATE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,17,2)
Lost: 21 (6,14,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,546

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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	2-9	1-10	6-5	3-9	5-7	20-59
ATS	4-6	3-7	6-5	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	8-3	32-39-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-4
Home Dog	3-2	1-3	3-1	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-0	12-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2
Away Dog	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	5-1	18-20-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	0-2	2-6
Dog	4-6	3-7	5-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-7	8-1	30-33-1
Grass	0-3	1-3	0-1	1-2	2-1-1	1-4	2-1	7-15-1
Artificial	4-3	2-4	6-4	2-5	5-1	0-5	6-2	25-24
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	5-3	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	6-2	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	8-8
Off SU Win	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-1	1-2	2-2	10-8
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-6	5-3	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	5-1	20-27-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joshua Cribbs	161	965	264	701	14	4.4
Elijah Brooks	113	434	25	409	1	3.6
David Alston	79	353	26	327	0	4.1
Kevin Beverly	74	290	24	266	5	3.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Joshua Cribbs	364	178	48.9	2424	14	9
Antwan Smith	18	7	38.9	148	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Darrell Dowery	41	783	19.1	4	62	
Najah Pruden	21	364	17.3	2	97	
Daryl Moore	26	362	13.9	2	59	
Derrick Bush	21	306	14.6	0	52	
Brian Bell	19	237	12.5	1	33	
Antwan Smith	18	194	10.8	2	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Joshua Brazen	66	2665	40.4	9	36.2	1	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Travis Mayle	33-35	3-6	7-9	6-9	0-0	16-24	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Mahl	126	0	10	0	0
Anthony Henriquez	114	1	3	1	0
Shannon Davis	98	1	2	6	2
Vashawn Patrick	94	0	6	3	2
Barry Drakeford	78	0	5	10	0
Usama Young	49	0	0	8	2
Antonio King	47	2	2	1	0
Daniel Muir	46	1.5	6	1	0
Justin Parrish	46	1	4	0	0
Damian Stolowski	45	0	3	2	0
Delvin Barker	32	3	4	0	0
Jon Sessler	32	1	0	0	0
Alan Williams	32	2.5	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jon Drager	20	143	7.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Antonio King	25	534	21.4	0	
Jon Drager	14	282	20.1	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	26.8	21	156	3.7	220	48.2	14.0	+7	2003	4	33.0	25	201	4.7	261	63.4	14.0
7*	16.8	17	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	-16	2002	7	35.3	22	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5
6	22.5	19	216	5.3	146	51.9	16.1	+3	2001	8	25.5	23	191	4.2	204	57.9	15.5
7	11.6	16	112	3.0	156	51.2	23.0	-2	2000	8	32.6	23	164	3.7	244	64.0	12.5
8*	19.4	18	138	3.7	192	57.6	17.1	-11	1999	5	34.2	23	214	4.5	174	56.8	11.3
6*	13.5	17	87	2.6	217	55.9	22.4	-13	1998	7	41.3	24	311	6.0	163	57.7	11.5

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Akron	28	44-181	4.1	25-44	340	1	25	30-40	1.3	36-47	407	3	-1
at Pittsburgh	10	36-73	2.0	12-28	88	1	26	45-202	4.5	20-36	320	2	-1
Youngstown St	24	65-282	4.3	11-23	124	1	17	41-180	4.4	10-20	114	1	+1
at Penn St	11	41-79	1.9	9-23	105	3	26	51-282	5.5	12-31	128	0	+2
UCF	18	56-121	2.2	16-23	141	4	17	23-68	3.0	27-40	235	2	+7
Ball St	21	40-160	4.0	17-41	205	2	16	45-138	3.1	16-27	164	1	-3
at Marshall	19	38-88	2.3	16-32	348	5	28	41-212	5.2	27-32	392	0	+2
Connecticut	17	39-115	2.9	11-26	204	4	31	41-222	5.4	28-51	293	0	+2
Miami, Oh	18	24-68	2.8	19-38	349	1	36	47-239	5.1	28-44	409	0	-2
at Ohio	31	36-168	4.7	21-37	283	4	22	58-274	4.7	10-12	168	1	-3
at Bowling Green	30	46-298	6.5	19-45	239	1	30	42-297	7.1	24-36	324	1	+3
Buffalo	20	35-239	6.8	16-38	211	1	25	52-262	5.0	18-28	172	2	0
TOTALS	247	500-1872	3.7	192-398	2637	28	299	516-2416	4.7	256-404	3126	13	+7
AVERAGES	20.6	42-156	3.7	16-33	220	2.3	24.9	43-201	4.7	21-34	261	1.1	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+19	3-41	L
Navy	+18	28-48	L
at Pittsburgh	+33	23-30	W
Bowling Green	+16	41-27	W
at Ohio	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+19	7-47	L
Miami, Oh	+24	10-17	W
at N Illinois	+14	7-50	L
Buffalo	-14	41-20	W
Marshall	+34	16-28	W
at Akron	+16	34-37	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+26	7-30	W
at Purdue	+43	10-45	W
Youngstown St	NL	20-26	–
at Miami, Oh	+23	14-45	L
Bowling Green	-4'	11-18	L
at C Michigan	+4	24-21 2OT	W
Ohio	+11	7-44	L
at Marshall	+21	12-34	L
W Michigan	+24	0-42	L
at Buffalo	-7	17-20 OT	L
Akron	+12	6-34	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+27	0-51	L
Bucknell	NL	38-17	–
at W Virginia	+27	14-34	W
at Akron	+16'	10-14	W
at Bowling Green	+17	7-24	T
N Illinois	+10'	44-34	W
Buffalo	-11'	35-13	W
at Ohio	+12'	24-14	W
Marshall	+13	21-42	L
at Ball St	+6'	31-18	W
Miami, Oh	+4'	24-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Hampshire	NL	34-7	–
at Ohio St	+28'	17-51	L
Cal Poly	NL	37-34	–
at Miami, Oh	+11	20-27	W
at N Illinois	+6	6-13	L
Marshall	+14	21-42	L
Ohio	-11'	0-50	L
at Buffalo	-4'	16-12	L
Bowling Green	+18	14-45	L
at Connecticut	+6'	21-63	L
at UCF	+25	6-32	L
Akron	+8	10-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	+12'	41-38	W
at Pittsburgh	+28'	3-43	L
Youngstown St	NL	16-13	–
at Penn St	+24'	10-32	W
UCF	+8'	36-16	W
Ball St	-2'	17-34	L
at Marshall	+20	33-49	W
Connecticut	+11'	31-34 OT	W
Miami, Oh	+22	30-38	W
at Ohio	+3	37-33	W
at Bowling Green	+20'	33-42	W
Buffalo	-12'	34-24	L

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Akron had to replace their career passing leader, Butchie Washington. W Virginia transfer Nick Sparks, who is a Michael Vick-type with 4.38 speed, won the starting spot but was injured in the opener and the Charlie Frye era began. The QB coach said about Frye, "I've never been around a QB who worked harder and watched more film." Frye has gotten bigger and stronger each year and now stands an NFL caliber 6-4 224. In his first year he threw for 2,053 yards (59%) with a 9-6 ratio in 10 starts. Then in 2002 had 12 starts, increasing to 2,824 yards (66%) with a 15-9 ratio and 416 gross yards rushing. Frye now holds 49 school records and despite being hobbled by a hip injury late in the year Frye threw for 3,549 yards (64.8%) with a 22-9 ratio while rushing for 510 yards in 2003. Frye surprisingly has 4.6 speed and had 77 yards rushing against UCF and even had an 80 yard TD run called back against Buffalo. He is a hard worker and over the summer of 2003 he and his WR's played 7 on 7 drills vs Youngstown St players for 10 days. His most gutsy performance came vs UConn when he played with a painful hip pointer and was sacked 8 times and took another 20 hits. He rode an exercise bike when the defense was on the field and even during halftime to stay limber and almost guided the upset. Backup QB Micah Faler (173 yards) started the next week against Marshall but Frye came off the bench. Healthier vs CM he set the school record with 416 yards passing (27 of 34). Frye nearly turned pro. Jabari Arthur was the #1 prospect in Canada and was 42-4 as the starting QB. He was also on the track team and has good size (6-4 212). John Ferguson (6-5 226 rFr) was PS#70. Frye should be one of the best QB's in the nation this year provided he stays healthy.

QB Charlie Frye

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Brandon Payne became the first Zip RB to top 1,000 yards in IA ball (Akron joined IA in 1987). He missed the second half of 2001 with injury and Bob Hendry rushed for 819 yards (5.1) to lead the team. In 2002 Hendry rushed for 785 yards (130.8 ypg) over the last six games to become just the second back to top the magical 1,000 yard barrier and avg'd 4.9 ypc. Hendry returned in 2003 and led the team in rushing for a third consecutive season. He did have four straight 100 yard games in weeks 2-5 and then was banged up vs Cal-Poly. He finished with 1,040 gross yards rushing but only 981 net (4.2). Unfortunately he departs. Jerell Ringer, in that Cal-Poly game, rushed for 167 yards on 20 carries and led the team with 49 yards against Marshall, finishing with 327 (7.8). FB Dan Basch was injured in his first two years but returned to 100% health last season. He rushed for 208 yards with 15 rec's and was also the special teams POY. He is by far the best blocking back on the squad. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed are FB's Andy Owens (6-0 235 So), Frank Berchie (5-8 200 rFr) and this year's class of true frosh, many of whom could contribute immediately. With the loss of their top RB, this unit figures to be down a notch or two in 2004.

RECEIVERS - As I mentioned in the QB analysis, Frye spent a good portion of the summer with his talented receivers who he called the best in the MAC. The entire group returned in 2003 but this season the top 5 receivers all depart. Gone are WR Matt Cherry who set the single season record for rec's at Akron with 66, Nick Sparks, the QB transfer who would have set the single season record as he had 57 (13.0), Miquel Irvin who set the single season record in 2002 with 53 (50, 11.8) and TE Mike Brake (27, 16.6). Also gone is Kyle McDuffie (16, 13.6). The only receiver back with more than 10 catches is Jason Montgomery (18) although Morris Ellington had 31 in 2002. I list the 2 deep below. TE Dennis Basch (PS#61) looks solid after playing as a true last year. They add in 2 year starting FS Domenik Hixon who played WR in HS and has solid size and speed. Not listed below are WR's Jeff Garrison (6-2 185 So), Brett Green (6-1 197 So, PS#289), Richard Spaulding (6-2 205 Jr) and TE Gabe Sanders (6-2 235 rFr). Overall this unit is far less experienced but does have decent talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - An inexperienced O-line for the Zips in 2002 paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year all 5 starters returned and the group was the 12th largest in the NCAA averaging 309 lbs per man and the average bench press was 460. The unit did not have as much improvement as expected as they opened the holes for 4.0 ypc rushing while only trimming the sack total by 2 (32). This year they lose RT Jud Cummins (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and LT Bryan Shaw (1 st). This is clearly one of the MAC's stronger O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Akron returned 3 starters up front and improved to 4.1 ypc rushing but recorded just 12 sacks which was surprising with the presence of DE Dwayne LeFall who has been compared to Akron grad Jason Taylor of the Miami Dolphins. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup plus projected starting DT Antonio Shippy (PS#161) was academically ineligible. Surprisingly the defense slipped allowing 4.7 ypc rushing while recording just 22 sacks. This year they lose DT Marques Hayes (12 sts, 40 tkls, 6 tfl, MVP DL) and Iakopo Leota (4 tkls) but have seven of the top 8 back plus move in star LB Chase Blackburn (2nd Tm MAC). Seven players return with starting experience and they get back Shippy and add in Mike Berry (PS#185DL). The unit is so deep that not listed below is Chuck Lewis (6-2 250 Jr), Mark Groza (6-3 225 So), James Abrams (6-1 248 Jr), Sam Walker (6-2 255 rFr, PS#320), Kiki Gonzales (6-2 283 Jr, 16 tkls) and Dorian Beard (6-0 268 Jr, 11 tkls). This should be one of the most improved D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - Akron had to replace one starter from the LB unit last year but did have their top guy back in Chase Blackburn. This year Blackburn moves to DL and they slide in starting SS John Fuller to a WLB spot. Also gone from the unit is SLB Matt Robinson (8 sts, 32 tkls). Diontre Earl, the team's 3rd leading tackler is back and both MLB's Jay Rohr and Cam Yeow started last season. Despite the move of Blackburn, with two starters back and the below average production from the defense last year, I'll call this unit improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Akron had an excellent secondary in 2000 led by now Tampa Bay Buc CB Dwight Smith. When he departed, the unit dropped to #106 in my pass D rankings in 2001. In 2002 they stayed near the bottom at #111. Last season they had to replace two starters but had 5 of the top 8 returning. They did make strides moving up to #64 in my pass D rankings allowing 57.1% with a 23-15 ratio. Nine players had 1 int last year and the star CB was Ricky McKenzie who was 2nd Tm MAC and led the team with 6 int's and was Defensive POY. Unfortunately this year McKenzie departs as does CB Jesse Smith (11 sts, 53 tkls, 7 pbu) and both safeties have been moved to other positions including their leading tackler Domenik Hixon who is now at WR. I do think there is decent talent below with some HT rFr and a couple of JUCO's from last season but this unit is less experienced and will likely drop in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year I mentioned that all of the key players on the special teams unit were all-conf caliber and that they should have one of the best special teams units in the MAC. The unit took a hit prior to the season when KR Matt Carter, who was 2nd in the MAC in 2002 (24.1), opted not to return. The new KR, trackman Jamie Goodwin simply was #2 in the MAC (23.1) and had a 99 yd KR TD called back vs Kent. PR Matt Cherry was outstanding (13.3) with 2 TD's. K Billy Sullivan (PS#27) took over the punting duties and did well with an average of 42.4 (net 35.9). Sullivan handled just 3 FG's hitting all of them with a long of 26 after hitting 7 of 14 with a long of 47 in 2002. Walk-on Jason Swiger took over the FG duties and hit 14 of 20 with a long of 53 and 5 of his six misses were from 40+. Goodwin, Sullivan and Swiger all return but they must replace Cherry. Domenik Hixon showed potential last year at PR (12.6). Overall the unit improved to #33 in my special teams rankings and has the potential to rank near the top of the MAC once again.

COACHES - New head coach JD Brookhart is the 3rd head coach here since the Zips started IA ball in 1987. Brookhart was a WR at Colo St from '85-'87, began his coaching as a Denver Broncos asst. from 1995-'96 and then went to Pittsburgh in 1997 where he was the OC the last 4 years. His OC is Jim Pry who was Duke's OC the last two years. The DC is Jim Flemming who was the DB coach at N Carolina the last 2 years and was the head coach at Sacred Heart (IAA) where he was 21-1 in two years. Previous DC stints were at Villanova, Brown and Boise St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A few years ago Lee Owens was a finalist for the Ohio St coaching job along with Jim Tressel. He lost out on that job and was under fire here for the past couple of seasons. Despite guiding the Zips to a 7-5 record and its first winning season since 2000, Owens was let go. The Zips had also had six straight losing seasons before Owens recorded back-to-back winning years in 1999 and 2000. They were the MAC East co-champs in 2000, coming within :26 of beating Marshall for the outright title. Owens called last year's team his best yet but unfortunately they led Kent St 38-24 with 3:29 left in the opener and lost. Versus #12 Wisconsin on the road with 7:00 left, they had a 4th & goal come up inches short and yielded a 99 yd TD pass on the next play. They won their next 3 games and could have easily had a 5-0 start. Once again a first & goal, this time at the Miami 6, trailing 24-20, saw them int'd at the 1 and Connecticut nailed a 27 yard FG on the last play to pull out a win. The team did trail both CM and Ohio by 21 points and had two of their seven wins come vs IAA foes. Akron has been plagued by an aging stadium and poor facilities but were 22-16 in the MAC over the last six years and the seven wins last year tied their high since their return from IAA in 1987. Owens was 7-2 vs rival Kent St. He took over a 1-10 team with a graduation rate of 17% and guided it to 3 winning seasons and a 70% graduation rate. Brookhart inherits 12 starters from last year with the most important being QB Charlie Frye, who is one of the top signal callers in the country. They do lose their top 5 receivers and leading rusher but have 4 starters back on the O-line and I rate them the #4 offense in the league. Last year's Zip Team was 5-3 in league play finishing 3rd in the East and outgained MAC opponents by 55.3 ypg. Defensively, the Zips have 6 starters back and will likely improve upon the 4.7 ypc rushing and 29.4 ppg they allowed last year. The Zips draw NI and Ball St from the West. Akron could have finished much stronger than their 7-5 record last season and new head coaches generally have good success with teams they inherit in that type of situation. Charlie Frye has a future in the NFL but they will not be able to match last year's 7 win total.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB CHARLIE FRYE SR. 6-4 224 4.6 spd. NFL size. 33 sts, 3 yrs. 8,426 yds (63.5%) 46-24 ratio, 1138 rush. Jabari Arthur (6-4 212 rFr) 42-4 starter in Canada.
RB Jerell Ringer Jr. 5-10 205 73 yds in '02. 327 rush LY (7.8). Jason Nedd (5-10 195 So) SS LY. Vince Vaughns (6-0 187 Jr) 2 sts, 17 tkls, 2 years at SS.
FB Dan Basch Sr. 6-1 238 PS#246. 228 yds (6.5) in '01. Inj'd '02. 2 sts, 208 rush (4.4), 15 rec (12.2) LY. Mark Tetzel (6-0 240 Jr). Sekai Greer (5-10 219 Sr). 90 yds LY.
WR DOMENIK HIXON JR. 6-2 190 8 sts at FS as true, 65 tkls. 12 sts LY, 111 tkls, 118 ret yds. **Jamie Goodwin** (5-10 170 Jr) **#2 MAC 200m**. 6 rec (17.5), 853 ret yds last year.
WR Morris Ellington Sr. 5-11 187 4 sts in '02, 31 rec (9.9). 1 st LY (inj) 8 rec. Jason Montgomery (5-11 167 Jr) 4 sts, 18 rec (14.7) LY. Drew Higgins (6-3 198 rFr) PS#245.
TE Dennis Basch So. 6-3 249 PS#61. 1 st as true, 1 rec LY. Kris Kasparek (6-6 255 rFr) PS#167. Matt Pichardo (6-4 225 rFr) PS#52. Brad Sheldon (6-2 220 Jr).
C JIM BORRIECI SR. 6-3 295 PS#467. 12 sts as So. 12 sts LY. Rimington preseason list. Jim Holley (6-3 300 rFr) PS#623. **LS** Jason Giachetti (6-2 207 So). 12 gms as true.
RG MIKE PICCIRILLO SR. 6-2 315 PS#358. 12 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '03. #4 Hvywt wrst in HS. Mike Schepp (6-4 292 rFr) PS#519. Andy Wills (6-3 305 So) 3 tkls at DL as true.
LG AARON CONLEY SR. 6-3 294 PS#272. 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03. Scott Kaplan (6-4 314 rFr) PS#244. CJ Gruber is PS#605. Enrolled in January.
RT Mike Grzeskowiak Sr. 6-6 315 PS#283. 2nd string in 4 years incl true but RS. 2 games in '01, 4 games in '02, 4 games LY, 2 letters. Justin Hein (6-5 335 Jr) PS#218, 1L.
LT TIM CROUCH SO. 6-3 301 PS#438. Last 11 sts at LT as rFr. Top Frosh Award. Mike Donaldson (6-5 320 So) PS#142. Garrett Brewster (6-4 270 Fr) is PS#361.
K JASON SWIGER JR. 5-8 181 **2nd Tm MAC** LY. School kicking rec 91 pts LY. 14 of 20 FG's, **long of 53**. Billy Sullivan (5-11 186 Jr) PS#27. 10 of 17 FG's , L/47 2 yrs.

DE CHASE BLACKBURN SR. 6-3 245 11 sts at MLB in '02, 96 tkls, 2 sks. 12 sts at WLB, **2nd Tm MAC** LY, 110 tkls, 13 tfl. Doug Sutton (6-3 220 Sr) 2 sts, 37 tkls, 8 tfl in 2 years.
DT TIM WILKES SO. 6-1 250 PS#290. 9 sts at DE LY, 31 tkls, 5 tfl. Jermaine Reid (6-4 270 So) PS#181. 5 tkls. Bobby Gardner (6-4 250 Sr) 4 tkls, 14 games in 3 years.
DT BRIAN WHITE JR. 6-2 275 PS#138LB. 11 tkls as true. 8 sts LY, 21 tkls, 5 tfl until inj. **Joe Radich** (6-2 254 Sr) 4 sts, 52 tkls in 2 years. Antonio Shippy (6-1 332 So) **PS#161.**
DE DWAYNE LeFALL SR. 6-3 260 3 sts as true, 4.5 sacks. RS in '01. 380 bench, 33"VL. 10 sts in '02, 22 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts LY, 39 tkls, 6.5 sks. Mike Berry (6-3 250 So) PS#185.
WLB JOHN FULLER SR. 6-2 207 9 sts as rFr, 62 tkls at FS. 4 sts in '02, 29 tkls. 12 sts at SS LY, 92 tkls, 1 int. John Mackey (5-10 187 rFr) PS#318. Jemall Benjamin is PS#169.
MLB Cam Yeow Sr. 6-1 230 PS#149JC. 2 sts, 20 tkls LY. Jay Rohr (5-11 215 Jr) 1 st LY, 48 tkls, 2 tfl. Jared Smith (6-2 230 Sr) PS#407JC. 17 tkls LY. Matt Heslop (6-0 225 Sr).
SLB DIONTRE EARL JR. 5-10 245 PS#277. 12 sts, 67 tkls, 12 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 99 tkls, 10.5 tfl LY. Bryan Howe (6-0 230 rFr) PS#332. Tom Enright (6-0 230 So).
CB Steve Agyeman Sr. 6-0 195 PS#464JC. 1 st, 12 tkls, 2 pbu in '03. Reggie Corner (5-9 170 rFr) PS#161WR. Orig at Bowling Green. William Nelson (5-10 187 Jr).
CB Dionte Henry So. 5-11 189 PS#218. 1 of 3 true to play LY, 13 tkls, 1 int. Yamari Dixon (5-8 187 rFr) PS#492. Vincent Leno (5-8 150 rFr). Robert White (5-10 190 rFr).
SS Chevin Pace rFr. 5-10 190 **PS#159LB.** Jino Vital (5-10 211 Sr) PS#165JC. 1 st at SLB LY, 57 tkls, 4 sks, 1 int, 3 pbu. Razi Penny (6-2 191 rFr). Stephon Fuqua (6-1 205 Fr).
FS Dion Elie Jr. 6-0 193 14 tkls in '02. 15 tkls LY. 1 of best athletes on the team. Ernest Clark (6-0 192 So) PS#504. 3 tkls. Robert Goldman (6-1 190 Jr).
P BILLY SULLIVAN JR. 5-11 186 PS#27. 7 of 14 FG's in '02, long of 47. 1st Tm Ohio Punter in HS. 41 punts in '03, 42.4 avg & net of 35.9. Justin Moran (6-3 185 Fr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

LB	Jemall Benjamin 6-1 210 PS#169
TE	Eric Lively 6-2 255 PS#58
WR	Johnny Long 6-1 170 PS#161
QB	Kurt Shoemaker 6-3 200 PS#150
WR	Gary Frisby 6-0 165 PS#181
DB	Donte Cloud 5-10 195 PS#260
LB	Kevin Grant 6-2 232 PS#244
OL	Garrett Brewster 6-4 270 PS#361
QB	Brian Flaherty 6-5 215 PS#210
WR	Brandon Williams 6-1 170 PS#259
RB	Jamail Jackson 5-11 215 PS#319
RB	Andre Walker 5-10 185 PS#351
LB	Brion Stokes 5-11 215 PS#355
RB	Joe McDaniel 5-11 210 PS#400
TE	Doug Fife 6-5 230 PS#124
LB	Renaldo Siler 6-1 220 PS#398
DL	Jesse Arntz 6-6 260 PS#455
DB	Chris Brown 5-9 200 PS#483

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2003 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (19,21,2)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,812

MAC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5 2004 Schedule Difficulty-#89		TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score		Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Date	Opponent				AU	Opp		
Sep. 4	at Penn St	G						AU is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS the L/6 vs the Big 10, being outscored on avg 46-19. The Zips are 11-6-1 ATS the last 18 games on grass.
Sep. 11	Middle Tenn	A						AU is 6-11-1 ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss. Akron is 6-2 ATS their last 8 home openers.
Sep. 18	at Virginia	G						The Zips are 0-6 SU, but 4-2 ATS since 1991 vs current ACC teams. Akron may be looking ahead as they are 2-6-1 ATS before rival Kent St S/'94.
Sep. 23	at Kent St (Thur)	A						AU is 2-8 ATS in their 1st MAC game the last 10 years. The visitor is 6-0 ATS in the last 6 meetings of this rivalry.
Oct. 2	at N Illinois	A						Akron is 3-14 ATS the last 17 games vs MAC West teams. In their last meeting in 2000 NI racked up 360 yds on the ground (6.3).
Oct. 9	Buffalo	A						Akron is 2-4 ATS S/'92 in their 1st home game after 3 straight road games. The visitor has covered 3 years in a row.
Oct. 16	at UCF	G						Last 4 years these 2 schools have averaged 60 ppg combined. Akron is 4-2 SU & 3-1 ATS vs UCF all-time.
Oct. 23	Ball St	A						The Zips are 4-2 ATS since 1992 vs Ball St. Akron is 2-3 SU & 3-1 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1997.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 5	Marshall (Fri)	A						Akron is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS after a bye since 1998. The Zips are 3-1-1 ATS (1-4 SU) the last 5 meetings vs Marshall.
Nov. 13	at Ohio	A						The visitor is 3-8 ATS the last 11 series meetings. Akron is 5-8-1 ATS the last 14 November road games.
Nov. 20	Miami, Oh	A						The home team is 8-2-1 ATS all-time in this series. Akron is 5-0 SU, but 1-4 ATS their last 5 home finales.
Nov. 27								

LB Chase Blackburn

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (34,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	7-4	6-5	4-7	4-8	7-5	34-45
ATS	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	5-5	36-38-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-3	6-9
Home Dog	3-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	11-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	7-5
Away Dog	1-6	2-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	2-2	12-18-2
Favorite	1-0	2-1	3-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	3-3	13-14
Dog	4-6	4-4	2-2-1	5-1	3-4-1	3-5	2-2	23-24-2
Grass	0-3	0-2	2-2-1	2-1	3-2	2-3	2-0	11-13-1
Artificial	5-3	6-3	3-3	5-3	1-4-1	2-4	3-5	25-25-1
vs Conf	4-5	5-4	3-4-1	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	26-30-2
Vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	10-8
Off SU Win	0-2	2-2	4-2	3-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	15-13
Off SU Loss	4-4	3-3	1-2-1	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	2-2	17-22-2

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bobby Hendry	231	1040	59	981	14	4.2
Jerell Ringer	**42**	**327**	**0**	**327**	**3**	**7.8**
Charlie Frye	**111**	**510**	**222**	**288**	**7**	**2.6**
Dan Basch	**47**	**211**	**3**	**208**	**3**	**4.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Charlie Frye	**421**	**273**	**64.8**	**3549**	**22**	**9**
Micah Faler	25	13	52.0	173	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Matt Cherry	66	904	13.7	4	60
Nick Sparks	57	740	13.0	4	59
Miquel Irvin	50	588	11.8	3	53
Mike Brake	27	449	16.6	5	36
Jason Montgomery	**18**	**265**	**14.7**	**4**	**30**
Bobby Hendry	20	210	10.5	1	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Billy Sullivan	**41**	**1731**	**42.2**	**2**	**35.9**	**0**	**13**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Swiger	**49-50**	**1-2**	**11-11**	**1-5**	**1-2**	**14-20**	**53**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Domenik Hixon	**111**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**1**
Chase Blackburn	**110**	**2**	**11**	**1**	**1**
Diontre Earl	**99**	**1.5**	**10**	**1**	**0**
John Fuller	**92**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Rickey McKenzie	72	0	2	6	6
Jino Vital	**57**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**1**
Jesse Smith	53	0	1	7	1
Jay Rohr	**48**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Marques Hayes	40	2	4	0	0
Dwayne LeFall	**39**	**6.5**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Matt Robinson	32	0	1	1	0
Tim Wilkes	**31**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Brian White	**21**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Cherry	23	305	13.3	2
Domenik Hixon	**8**	**101**	**12.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamie Goodwin	**37**	**853**	**23.1**	**1**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Grantland Rice	NL	Louisiana Tech	13-33	–
76	Pioneer	NL	Montana St	13-24	–
	No Official Div IA Bowls in History				

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
11*	36.3	25	159	4.0	311	63.9	13.0	+7	2003	6	29.4	21	178	4.7	226	57.1	13.7
4*	27.1	23	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	-1	2002	6	31.6	21	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5
7	25.5	20	181	3.9	194	58.2	14.7	+4	2001	4	32.7	24	186	4.6	285	58.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	207	4.6	211	50.7	13.8	+7	2000	6	26.8	23	197	4.5	207	50.7	15.0
6*	28.6	20	188	3.8	178	53.7	12.8	-1	1999	7	28.6	18	183	4.5	208	50.2	13.7
10*	24.1	20	187	4.3	188	49.7	15.6	-2	1998	8	27.2	21	198	4.2	177	53.2	13.8

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Kent St	25	30-40	1.3	36-47	407	3		28	44-181	4.1	25-44	340	0	+1
at Wisconsin	29	40-162	4.1	31-52	372	4		25	44-310	7.0	14-25	281	3	0
E Michigan	22	44-168	3.8	22-33	303	3		20	27-59	2.2	25-47	225	5	-1
Howard	37	47-340	7.2	30-44	352	0		13	24-106	4.4	18-33	127	1	+2
at Buffalo	22	31-165	5.3	26-41	362	1		12	41-108	2.6	13-18	119	3	0
at Miami, Oh	19	20-47	2.4	23-44	258	2		31	42-184	4.4	31-47	369	2	-3
Cal-Poly	19	49-198	4.0	13-21	209	2		12	32-148	4.6	8-29	145	1	+1
UCF	30	47-197	4.2	27-38	307	1		15	20-58	2.9	25-34	259	2	+3
at Connecticut	25	48-160	3.3	15-26	223	8		24	36-178	4.9	24-43	299	1	+1
at Marshall	18	29-141	4.9	20-38	250	1		28	52-374	7.2	15-25	199	2	+1
at C Michigan	29	53-191	3.6	27-34	416	3		21	41-214	5.2	17-28	155	1	0
Ohio U	20	36-98	2.7	17-31	277	4		21	53-220	4.2	11-23	190	1	+2
TOTALS	295	474-1907	4.0	287-449	3736	32		250	456-2140	4.7	226-396	2708	22	+7
AVERAGES	24.6	40-159	4.0	24-37	311	2.7		20.8	38-178	4.7	19-33	226	1.8	0.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+45'	24-70	L
at Buffalo	-20	17-10	L
Temple	+1	25-15	W
at E Michigan	-1	17-38	L
at Ball St	-1	31-9	W
Ohio	-1'	41-28	W
Bowling Green	-3'	55-25	W
at Navy	+10	35-29	W
W Michigan	+1	10-24	L
at Miami, Oh	+9	23-32	T
Kent St	-16	37-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+32	23-52	W
at C Michigan	-6	7-17	L
UCF	+2'	35-24	W
at Ohio	+8'	23-20	W
Miami, Oh	+5	37-20	W
at Bowling Green	-8	27-21	L
N Illinois	+1	35-52	L
Connecticut	-22	35-38	L
Marshall	+4	28-31	W
Buffalo	-29	49-14	W
at Kent St	-12	34-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio	+6	31-29	W
at Ohio St	+25	14-28	W
at Purdue	+18	14-33	L
Kent St	-16'	14-10	L
at W Michigan	+10	14-31	L
at Miami, Oh	+8'	27-30	W
Bowling Green	+4'	11-16	L
at Marshall	+17	33-50	T
at UCF	+14	17-57	L
at Buffalo	-5	41-14	W
E Michigan	-17	65-62 3OT	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+19	21-57	L
at Maryland	+21	14-44	L
C Michigan	+1	17-24	L
at Virginia	+23	29-48	W
Miami, Oh	+10	31-48	L
at E Michigan	-11	34-42	L
Liberty	NL	49-21	–
at UCF	+19	17-28	W
Marshall	+17'	34-20	W
at Ohio	+4	10-27	L
Buffalo	-15	21-10	L
at Kent St	-8	48-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-12'	38-41	L
at Wisconsin	+24'	31-48	W
E Michigan	-19'	24-17	L
Howard	NL	65-7	–
at Buffalo	-15	38-21	W
at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-45	L
Cal-Poly	NL	45-14	–
UCF	-6'	38-24	W
at Connecticut	+8	37-38	W
at Marshall	+14	24-42	L
at C Michigan	-7	40-28	W
Ohio	-11	35-28	L

OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

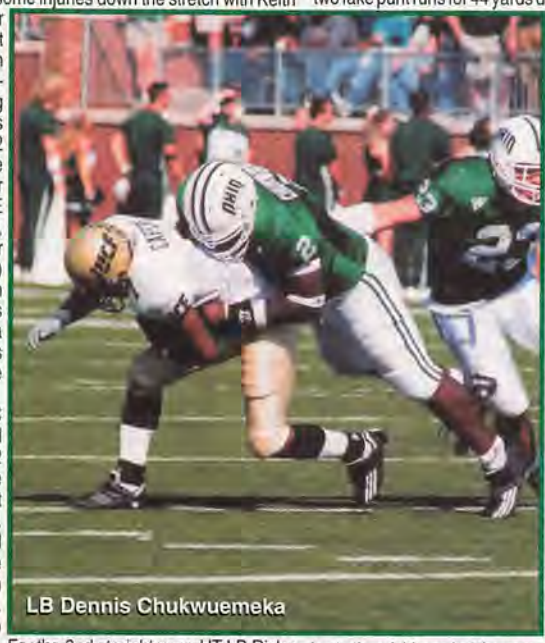
QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 OU's new OC Greg Gregory brought in the spread offense and Dontrell Jackson and Fred Ray split the QB duties. After the first two games the team had zero TD passes and nine int's and opted to scrap the spread, moving back to the option. Ray returned last year but this time OU did indeed pass the ball more, averaging 154.2 ypg passing. Naturally when running the option the QB's get banged up and during the year Ray missed five full games due to injury and parts of others with a separated shoulder. He still managed six starts and rushed for 458 yards while passing for 558 (53%). Miami (OH) transfer Ryan Hawk (PS#172) is more of a passing QB but suffered elbow and shoulder injuries and started 4 games throwing for 765 yards (49%) with a 4-3 ratio while rushing for 224. With Hawk and Ray both injured, Austen Everson (PS#113) had a great debut as he took off his redshirt and started against UCF rushing for 130 yards, hitting 4 of 4 passes and accounting for four TD's and he was the MAC East Offensive POW. Everson was a dropback QB in HS and led his team to the Tennessee HS State Title. In his second start against Kentucky, he did have 2 fumbles and rushed for just 28 yards. For the year he threw for 491 yards (50%) with a 3-1 ratio while rushing for 270 yards. With the new OC and last year's success in passing, I expect more passing out of this unit with both Hawk and Everson back and Ray the only departure. Also in the mix is Theo Jefferson (6-2 202 rFr, PS#263). This has the makings of a pretty decent QB corps provided they can stay healthy this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Bobcats had to replace their star FB Chad Brinker who became just the eighth 1,000 yard rusher in school history and left as the #4 all-time career leading rusher here. The only returning RB to have over 200 yards was Stafford Owens who had 371 (6.0) in 2002. Like the rest of the Bobcat team, the RB's were hit by injuries as Justin Roush (5-8 197 Sr, PS#238) started the opener but missed the rest of the year with a torn ACL (47 yds), Owens played in just 9 games due to an ankle sprain with 7 starts and rushed for 253 yards (4.4). FB Phillip Fountain missed the final two games and had just 122 yards and John Taylor (PS#142) had 213 yards (4.4) as a true frosh despite missing a game. Overall six different players earned starts and 6 RB's topped 100 yards rushing on the season. Not listed below is Chris Jackson (6-1 188 So, PS#233) who had 185 total yards. The good news here is that everyone is back so the unit is much more experienced and should be vastly improved after the Bobcats ran for just 183 ypg, their lowest total since 1994. Also this year OU is switching to a 1-back offense so naturally there is plenty of depth at this position and you can expect some of the backups to move to the receiver or H-back spots.

RECEIVERS - Last year OU had to replace all of their top receivers but I still said the production could be improved with more passing and that it did. OU signed Anthony Hackett, a big receiver with size and speed, promising to pass more and while he had just 5 grabs as a true frosh, he emerged last year with 4 starts and 26 rec (17.4). Scott Mayle, who was 5th in the 60m in the MAC, showed his blazing speed hauling in 25 rec with a nifty 20.6 ypc. Hackett and Mayle topped 20 rec for the first duo to do so since 1994. Overall 3 receivers topped the 20 grab mark. I list the 2 deep below. The losses this year are former QB Adam Porter, who moved to WR last year and was productive with 21 rec (16.5), also saw time at QB vs N Illinois) and TE D.T. Boon who started 5 games and had 5 rec and moves to LB. As I mentioned in the RB's, OU is going to a 1-back offense and is said to feature anywhere from a 4 WR set to a 4 TE set at times. They brought in two JUCO's, one who was in for the spring that I list below. With more passing, the statistics should be greatly increased and with basically everyone back, this unit is stronger than the 2003 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bobcats have run the wishbone offense for years and naturally have had some great rushing ypc and allow a limited number of sacks due to the lack of pass attempts. In 2002 the O-line only paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing and allowed just 11 sacks (6.9%). Last year they had to replace 4 starters due to graduation. As you would expect, inexperience coupled with more passing, the unit dropped to just 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 26 sacks. The only losses are RG Brian Brown (10 sts), LG Aaron Bryant (4 sts) and 2nd string LT Derek Gandy. Seven different players return who have started so this unit is much more experienced and should be more productive.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 OU allowed over 4.0 ypc for the first time since 1994 yielding 4.5 ypc while recording just 15 sacks. They improved to 4.1 ypc rushing with 18 sacks in 2002. Last year they only had to replace one starter and got HT DE Garrett Bush (PS#73) back from an ACL injury so the unit appeared in good shape. They did suffer some injuries down the stretch with Keith Adamson and Perrier Paul both missing most of the 2H of the year with ACL injuries. OU improved again allowing 3.7 ypc rushing and this time the D recorded 32 sacks. This year the losses are a little heavier as they must replace DE Eli Kiener (12 sts, 48 tkls, 4 sks), NG Andre Parker (7 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl) and DE Keith Adamson (5 sts, 24 tkls, 2 tfl). This has the makings of a decent group but is less experienced than the 2003 version.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LINEBACKERS - DC Tim DeRuyter switched the team to a 3-4 in 2002 and had to replace the top 5 LB's so the unit was very inexperienced. Last year they appeared to be in great shape heading into the season with 7 of the top 8 back. Unfortunately the group was plagued by injuries. For the 2nd straight year, HT LB Ricky Cherry (PS#99) missed the year with injury. Charles Terry was lost after 3 games, Dennis Chukwuemeka tore his ACL after 10 starts, Tyler Russ tore an ACL after 7, Hugh Grant was also lost after 7 starts. Spencer Tatum had hip surgery after one game so the four LB's that began the season as starters all did not finish the year and six went down during the year. This year they must replace OLB Grant (7 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl), OLB Rich Constantine (5 sts, 26 tkls, 4 sks), ILB Willie Sherman (3 sts, 26 tkls, 2 sks) and OLB Demetri Taylor (27 tkls, 4 tfl). Despite the losses, if this group can maintain its health, it is very experienced with 8 players having starting experience and they add in Air Force transfer Justin Kasmarcak and some solid rFr. Not even listed in the 2 deep below is Dan Whitlatch (6-1 210 Jr), Billy Johnson (6-3 208 So), Corey Logan (6-3 213 So) and this year's true frosh.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OU finished #84 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters. Coach Knorr says that the SS position is the most important one of the D as they call out the signals. They moved a starting OLB to that spot so they did have 3 starters back in the secondary. With the Bobcats' change in offense, they get more work against passing offenses in practice and OU moved up to #61 in my pass D rankings allowing just 50.9% with a 20-11 ratio. This year the only losses are SS Bo Lebherz (1 st, 36 tkls, 1 sk) and FS Tony Collette (17 tkls) who is still in school but not on the spring roster. Six players return with starting experience and the secondary should continue to improve in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have had some impressive players in the special team units like P Dave Zastudil and K/P Kevin Kerr and they managed to rank highly in my special teams ratings including a #4 finish in 2000 and at #21 in 2002. Last year I called for them to fall to their lowest ranking in six years with the loss of Kerr who handled both kicking and punting duties and the Bobcats did just that, falling to #90. The placekicking job was a 3-way battle in August between Greg DiMarino, Craig Donahue (PS#138) and Eric Lohbeck (late signee). DiMarino won the job and hit 8 of 12 FG's' with a long of 40 but missed 5 of 32 xp's. Matthew Miller (PS#66) won the P job and averaged 39.8. He had two fake punt runs for 44 yards during the year but also dislocated his shoulder twice and DiMarino had 16 punts with a 36.4 average. The team had a net of just 32.6. Stafford Owens averaged 10.0 on PR's in 2002 and despite being limited due to his sprained ankle, had 10 returns (11.9) last year and Dion Byrum averaged 11.8. The top 2 KR's are back but Chris Jackson only averaged 17.6. The good news for this unit is that basically everyone is back and while I don't expect the Bobcats to poke into the Top 25, I do see solid improvement from this unit.

COACHES - In Brian Knorr's first season he inherited a Bobcat team that had been 7-4 in 2000 and returned 17 starters so the team was expected to contend for a title. Unfortunately the team went 1-10. In 2002 expectations were much lower but the Bobcats pulled some surprises finishing 4-4 in MAC play. Last season the team slipped to 2-10. Numerous times in the past couple of years they have said that they would pass more and ended up reverting to the wishbone but they are clearly switching to a pass offense bringing in Nevada's OC of the last 3 years, Phil Early to run the spread. The DC is Tim DeRuyter who is now in his 3rd year. He was Navy's DC from 1999-2001 and OU's DC from '95-'98.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OU has had only two winning seasons since 1982. While they finished just 2-10 last season and tied for last in the MAC at 1-7, it should be pointed out that Buffalo (the other 1-7 team) was outgained by an average of 150.7 ypg and outscored by 18.8 ppg. Ohio, with the same record, was only outgained by an average of 20.6 ypg and outscored by 6.5 ppg in MAC play. OU led WM 32-31 with 8:55 left and led NI 23-16 with less than 2:00 left. Kent got a TD with 1:29 left to win by 4, a game in which OU led by 17. The team is just 2-17 SU on the road under Knorr and clearly there is pressure on him this season. It is a veteran club with 18 starters back, tying them for most in the conference. Usually when a team switches from an option to a passing game, they struggle in the first season but Ohio actually has a couple of pro-style passers in Ryan Hawk and Austen Everson to ease the transition. Defensively OU has 8 starters back and should clearly improve upon the 31.0 ppg allowed last year. Unfortunately for OU, the MAC schedule is not easy. They pull Toledo and BG from the West so they will have to get their wins vs their division rivals. They host Akron and Buffalo but with the change of offense and the schedule, it looks like another losing season for the Bobcats.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB RYAN HAWK SR. 6-2 200 PS#172. 189 ttl yds at **Mia (OH)** in '00 & '01. L/ 4 sts LY, 765 pass (49%) 4-3 ratio, 224 rush. **Austen Everson** (6-2 220 So) PS#113. 2 sts as true.
RB RAY HUSTON SR. 6-2 215 18 sts, 2Y, 428 yds (3.8). Stafford Owens (5-8 190 Sr) PS#77. 15 sts. 3Y, 807 rush (5.3). John Taylor (6-0 215 So) PS#142. 3 sts as **true.**
FB/HB BRAD YOUNG JR. 6-1 215 PS#308. 186 rush (3.5) true. 11 starts LY, 319 rush (4.3), 9 rec (15.0). Phillip Fountain (6-1 213 Jr) 122 LY. Isiah Simmons (6-2 210 Jr).
WR ANTHONY HACKETT JR. 6-1 193 5 rec true. 4 starts LY, 26 rec (17.4), 39 yards rush (6.5). Keyon Ingram (6-2 194 Sr) 8 rec (9.5) 2Y. Darrick Bell (6-2 189 So) PS#227DB.
WR SCOTT MAYLE SO. 6-1 175 12 sts LY, 25 rec (20.6), 12 KR (22.8). Ahmona Maxwell (6-1 170 So) PS#240. 1 start, 2 rec LY. Kalvin McRae (5-11 195 Fr) PS#370RB.
TE RYAN ANTLE SR. 6-4 250 PS#243JC. 5 sts, 5 rec LY. Dave Cody (6-4 240 Jr) JC in for spring. Rudy Silvan (6-4 250 So) JUCO. Thomas Christy (6-3 235 Jr).
C Ralph Bracamonte Sr. 6-3 290 PS#167JC. In for spring LY. 2nd string and lettered LY. Matt Miller (6-3 290 rFr) PS#208DL. David Shelby (6-4 252 rFr) PS#637.
RG MIKE NELSON JR. 6-2 286 PS#400. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at C in '03, 2 letters. JJ Knabb (6-3 280 So) PS#500. Bryson Bush (6-4 320 rFr) PS#207. In for spg.
LG MATT COPPAGE SO. 6-4 290 Last 7 sts at LG as rFr. Cole Wesley (6-4 270 Jr) PS#390DL. 6 tkls, 1 tfl true. Moved to OL last year, 1 start at RT.
RT STEVE LAWRENCE SR. 6-4 278 7 games 2nd string in '01. Practice squad in '02. 11 sts at RT in '03. Shane Yates (6-2 285 Jr) PS#245. 428 bench. 3 sts in 2003.
LT DENNIS THOMPSON SR. 6-4 307 PS#128. 6 sts as true. 8 sts in '01. 2 sts in '02, Med RS. 11 sts at LT LY. Dave Williams (6-4 271 Sr) PS#264DL. 1 st in' 02. 1 st in '03, 1 letter.
K GREG DiMARINO JR. 6-4 220 17 FG, long 45 in HS. Hit 8 of 12 FG's here LY, long of 40. Brooks Rossman is PS#45. 48 yd FG in HS career. Craig Donahue (6-1 202 rFr).

DE Garrett Bush Sr. 6-4 270 **PS#73.** 22 tkls, 1 tfl as rFr. ACL in '02. 13 tkls, 2 tfl LY (miss 4). Seth Ream (6-5 232 Jr) 5 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Paul Johnson (6-2 285 rFr) PS#622.
NT David Escobar So. 6-2 280 2 sts, 4 tkls LY. Zach Kiesch (6-6 265 Jr) PS#455JC. In spg. Perrier Paul (6-0 283 Jr) 4 tkls, ACL LY. Ivann Parker (6-1 280 rFr) PS#557.
DE KEVIN CARBERRY SR. 6-4 259 PS#94LB. 10 tkls as true. 5 sts, 21 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 10 sts LY, 40 tkls, 3.5 sks. Brett Sykes (6-2 250 rFr) PS#264LB. Rocky Harkless (6-3 220 Jr).
OLB TYLER RUSS SO. 6-1 207 PS#182. 7 sts as rFr ACL, 51 tkls, 9 tfl. ? for '04. Charles Terry (6-3 216 Sr) PS#336. 21 tkls, 2Y. Taj Henley (6-1 203 rFr) PS#302.
ILB PETE BRATELY SR. 6-0 231 365 bench. 17 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 10 sts LY, 85 tkls, 3 sks. Matt Muncy (6-2 216 So) 3 sts, 53 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Andrew Tyson (6-2 225 rFr) PS#234.
ILB DENNIS CHUKWUEMEKA SR. 5-11 239 12 sts, 116 tkls, 14 tfl in '02. 10 sts 'til ACL LY, 100 tkls, 8 tfl. **Spencer Tatum** (6-1 210 So) **10 sts,** 41 tkls, 2 tfl in' 02. Inj LY. Ricky Cherry (6-0 236 Sr) **PS#99.**
OLB Matron Church So. 6-3 230 2 sts, 19 tkls, 1 tfl as true. Justin Kasmarcak (6-2 225 Jr) PS#360. Air Force transfer. DT Boon (6-4 227 Sr) **5 starts** at TE in 2003, 5 rec.
CB CHIP COX SR. 5-9 185 15 sts, 98 tkls, 4 tfl, 13 pbu '01&'02. 11 sts LY, 74 tkls, 1 int, 12 pbu. Frank Sanders (6-0 174 So) PS#206. Marcquis Parham (5-11 175 So) 7 tkls.
CB DION BYRUM JR. 5-11 177 2 sts, 12 tkls in '02. 8 sts LY, 40 tkls LY, 13 pbu. TJ Wright (5-11 156 So) 5 sts, 22 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu LY. Maxwell Todoroff (5-10 184 So).
SS ROB STOVER SR. 6-0 201 PS#147QB. **Ohio St trans.** 12 sts, 58 tkls, 10 tfl in '02. 11 sts LY, 92 tkls, 4 sks, 2 int. Michael Graham (5-10 200 So) 6 tkls. Damion Booth (6-2 180 rFr).
FS RASHAD BUTLER SR. 6-0 199 PS#250QB. 12 sts, 67 tkls, 1 pbu in '02. 9 sts (ACL) 34 tkls, 1 int LY. Andre' Bradford (5-11 187 Sr) 3 sts, 47 tkls, 1 pbu LY. Rahman Shavers (6-0 190 Sr).
P MATTHEW MILLER JR. 6-1 191 PS#66. 42.4 avg in HS. 52 punts here LY, 39.8 avg, team net of 32.6. Greg DiMarino 16 punts, 36.4 avg LY. Craig Donahue 70% TB in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

OL	Jeff Browning 6-5 280 PS#142
QB	Mark Petruziello 6-2 205 PS#127
DB	Dustin Tatum 5-11 175 PS#190
OL	Steve Miller 6-5 275 PS#256
OL	Scott Rouse 6-4 295 PS#310
LB	Austin Addington 6-1 225 PS#237
DL	Wesley Williams 6-1 245 PS#300
K	Brooks Rossman 6-1 165 PS#45
OL	Mike Eynon 6-3 285 PS#479
DB	Chris Hall 6-1 195 PS#420
DB	Tony Ward 6-1 180 PS#458
RB	Joshua Abrams 6-0 182 PS#411
RB	Todd Koenig 6-2 195 PS#432
DL	Zach Kiesch 6-6 265 PS#455JC
OL	Bryson Bush 6-4 320 PS#585
TE	Mike O'Bruba 6-3 240 PS#217

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 4	VMI	A					
Sep. 11	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 18	at Miami, Oh	A					
Sep. 25	Buffalo	A					
Oct. 2	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 9	Marshall	A					
Oct. 16	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 23	Bowling Green (HC)	A					
Oct. 30	at Kent St	A					
Nov. 6	at UCF	G					
Nov. 13	Akron	A					
Nov. 20							
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

This will be Ohio's 1st season without a bye week since 1994.
Ohio is 5-13 ATS the last 6 years in September.
OU is 1-6 SU, but 6-1 ATS the last 7 games vs Ball St.

The Keydets were 6-6 LY as a member of IAA's Big South Conference.
Ohio is only 5-5 in non-lined gms S/'90 winning by a 39-13 avg but losing 29-9.

OU is 0-5 SU & 3-2 ATS vs current Big East tms S/'90 (all 3 ATS wins vs Pitt).
Ohio Bobcats are 7-3 ATS the last 10 road openers.

OU has not faired well going 2-12 SU & 4-10 ATS vs Miami since 1990.
The Bobcats are 1-5 SU & ATS in the last 6 conference road openers.

Bobcats are 14-9 ATS since 1996 as a conference home favorite.
Ohio is 4-2 SU, but 1-4 ATS vs Buffalo since 1997.

Could apply: OU is 1-5 SU, but 4-2 ATS as a non-conf AD of less than 14 pts.
OU is 0-3 SU & 2-1 ATS since 1991 vs the SEC.

The home team is 6-1 ATS since Marshall joined the MAC in 1997.
Ohio is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS the last 4 games vs Marshall.

The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 games in this series.
The last SU win for Ohio at the Glass Bowl was in 1967 (0-14 SU since).

Bobcats are a poor 3-9 SU & 2-10 ATS the L/12 gms vs dominant Falcons.
Ohio is 6-2 ATS the last 8 Homecoming games.

The home team is 0-4 ATS the last 4 years in this series.
Ohio is 9-3-1 SU & 8-5 ATS the last 13 meetings vs Kent St.

The Bobcats have covered only 2 meetings, including a shutout last year.
Ohio is just 2-5 SU & ATS the last 7 road finales.

OU is 4-1 SU & ATS since 1993 when hosting instate opponent Akron.
Bobcats are 4-1 ATS in home finales since 1999.

BRIAN KNORR (Career 7-28)

4th Year at Ohio

Knorr's records AT OHIO

7-28	Straight Up	3-5	Home Favorite
15-18	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
12-12	Off A SU Loss	1-3	Away Favorite
12-12	Vs Conference	8-7	Away Underdog
		3-6	Vs Non-Conference

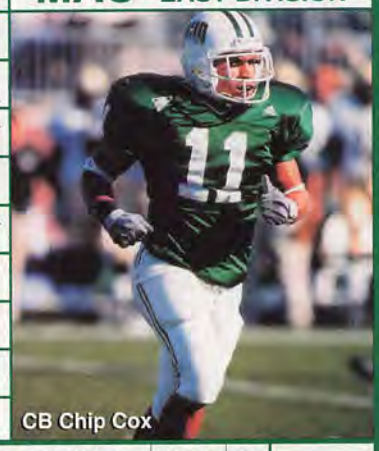
2003 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,22,2)
Lost: 16 (8,8,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,824

MAC - EAST DIVISION


CB Chip Cox

STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Field Turf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	5-6	7-4	1-10	4-8	2-10	32-47
ATS	6-4	4-7	5-4-1	5-5	4-7	7-4	4-7	35-38-1
Home Fav	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	1-1	12-9
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	5-5
Away Fav	1-2	0-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	4-10
Away Dog	2-1	1-2	1-3-1	2-1	2-1	4-3	2-3	14-14-1
Favorite	4-2	2-4	3-1	3-4	1-5	2-1	1-2	16-19
Dog	2-2	2-3	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	5-3	3-5	19-19-1
Grass	4-1	4-5	5-1	3-5	2-5	6-4	0-3	24-24
Artificial	2-3	0-2	0-3-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	4-4	11-14-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	9-9
Off SU Win	5-3	0-4	3-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	13-16
Off SU Loss	0-1	3-3	2-1-1	1-3	4-5	4-2	4-5	18-20

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Fred Ray	77	458	76	382	8	5.0
Ray Huston	87	361	42	319	4	3.7
Brad Young	75	330	11	319	4	4.3
Stafford Owens	57	270	17	253	1	4.4
John Taylor	48	217	4	213	1	4.4
Austen Everson	64	270	92	178	3	2.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Ryan Hawk	100	49	49.0	765	4	3
Fred Ray	81	43	53.1	558	2	3
Austen Everson	52	26	50.0	491	3	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Scott Mayle	25	515	20.6	4	80	
Anthony Hackett	26	452	17.4	2	83	
Adam Porter	21	347	16.5	0	42	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matthew Miller	52	2070	39.8	9	32.6	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Greg DiMarino	27-32	7-7	0-2	1-3	0-0	8-12	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D. Chukwuemeka	100	2	6	3	1
Rob Stover	92	4	10	6	2
Pete Brately	85	3	2	0	0
Chip Cox	74	0.5	1	12	1
Matt Muncy	53	1.5	1	0	0
Tyler Russ	51	1.5	7	3	1
Eli Kiener	48	4	3	0	0
Andre Bradford	47	0	0	1	0
Kevin Carberry	40	3.5	2	0	0
Dion Byrum	40	0	0	13	2
Hugh Grant	37	1	3	2	0
Bo Lebherz	36	1	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Dion Byrum	11	130	11.8	0
Stafford Owens	10	119	11.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chris Jackson	14	246	17.6	0
Scott Mayle	12	274	22.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	42-49	–

OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	21.9	17	183	3.6	154	50.4	15.4	-1	2003	7	31.0	20	151	3.7	220	50.9	11.9
6*	24.9	17	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	0	2002	3	31.2	21	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1
9*	18.0	18	240	4.7	74	46.5	17.5	-5	2001	8	29.4	24	201	4.5	244	68.2	15.1
7*	31.2	22	323	5.5	95	47.0	13.4	+4	2000	7	18.9	18	129	3.7	220	53.8	18.5
5	24.6	18	262	4.6	94	44.4	14.5	+2	1999	5	26.1	18	121	3.1	236	62.3	13.7
8	24.5	19	277	4.5	55	36.5	13.5	-6	1998	8	27.5	18	130	3.5	209	57.9	12.3

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
SE Missouri St	17	53-204	3.8	10-18	81	0	13	33-67	1.8	18-42	233	2	+1
at Iowa St	12	38-167	4.4	12-22	237	2	23	51-271	5.3	14-27	252	1	-2
Minnesota	19	52-222	4.3	14-22	123	2	20	50-269	5.4	9-15	146	1	0
W Michigan	18	48-170	3.5	13-29	223	4	19	38-128	3.4	22-39	315	1	-1
at N Illinois	21	66-244	3.7	5-16	98	3	19	25-36	1.4	26-46	310	3	+1
UCF	20	63-246	3.9	6-6	144	0	8	22-(-6)	-0.3	8-24	104	6	+1
at Kentucky	16	49-148	3.0	10-18	147	2	18	42-177	4.2	11-23	144	1	-1
at Buffalo	14	44-118	2.7	11-30	141	3	15	62-188	3.0	4-18	83	4	-3
Kent St	22	58-274	4.7	10-12	168	1	31	36-168	4.7	21-37	283	4	+3
at Akron	21	53-220	4.2	11-23	190	2	20	36-98	2.7	17-31	277	4	-2
Miami, Oh	21	45-87	1.9	14-31	247	4	28	34-123	3.6	22-35	372	2	+3
Marshall	8	40-101	2.5	4-11	52	3	24	58-290	5.0	7-15	119	3	-1
TOTALS	209	609-2201	3.6	120-238	1851	26	238	487-1809	3.7	179-352	2638	32	-1
AVERAGES	17.4	51-183	3.6	10-20	154	2.2	19.8	41-151	3.7	15-29	220	2.7	-0.1

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+22	7-33	L
N Iowa	NL	21-36	–
at Ohio St	+43	16-40	W
Buffalo	-22	45-6	W
Kent St	-14	31-3	W
at Akron	+1'	28-41	L
at E Michigan	+1	26-27	T
Bowling Green	-6'	17-14	L
at Ball St	-7'	37-25	W
Miami, Oh	+5	40-28	W
at Marshall	+25'	3-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+13'	15-25	W
at Minnesota	+20	23-17	W
Tenn Tech	NL	52-14	–
Akron	-8'	20-23	L
at W Michigan	+5'	10-23	L
Buffalo	-31	42-20	L
at Kent St	-11	44-7	W
C Michigan	-24	52-3	W
at Miami, Oh	-5'	24-27	L
at Bowling Green	-9	23-21	L
Marshall	-3	38-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-6	29-31	L
at W Virginia	+5'	3-20	L
Iowa St	E	28-31	L
Toledo	+13	41-48	W
at C Michigan	-8	34-3	W
Miami, Oh	-7	24-36	L
Kent St	-12'	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-15'	0-44	L
Bowling Green	+6'	0-17	L
at Marshall	+24'	18-42	W
at NC State	+24'	7-27	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+21	14-27	W
Northeastern	NL	0-31	–
at Florida	+41'	6-34	W
at Connecticut	+4	19-37	L
Buffalo	-8	34-32	L
at Bowling Green	+24	21-72	L
E Michigan	-8	55-27	W
at Kent St	+11'	50-0	W
at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-38	L
Akron	-4	27-10	W
Marshall	+15	21-24	W
at UCF	+16'	32-42	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	17-3	–
at Iowa St	+18'	20-48	L
Minnesota	+19'	20-42	L
W Michigan	+2	32-39	L
at N Illinois	+21'	23-30 OT	W
UCF	-1'	28-0	W
at Kentucky	+15	14-35	L
at Buffalo	-13'	17-26	L
Kent St	-3	33-37	L
at Akron	+11	28-35	W
Miami, Oh	+23'	31-49	W
at Marshall	+17	0-28	L

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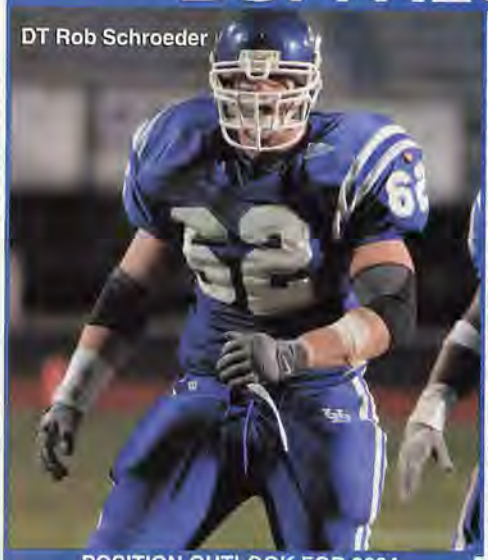
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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Heading into the 2003 season the Bulls had only started two QB's since their return to IA football in Joe Freedy and Randall Secky (PS#61). Freedy graduated in 2001 and Secky started all 12 games in 2002 throwing for 2,015 yards (49%) with a 12-13 ratio while rushing for 115 in his first full year as the starter. He set a school record with 421 pass attempts that year. Coaches like their own recruits and Michael Radon was part of 3 QB's battling for the starting job last spring, even though Secky had returned. The other was PJ Piskorik who Hofher called, pound for pound, one of the strongest players on the team. When Hofher surprisingly changed to the option at the start of the year, Secky's time was numbered as he is more of a pure passing QB. Secky started the first 3 games and then would start the last 3 after Piskorik was injured with a bruised left shoulder. Secky threw for 637 yards (50%) with an 0-3 ratio while rushing for 90 gross yards. Piskorik became the first UB QB since 1998 to have more TD's than int (but only 6-3) while completing at least 50% of his passes (52.5%) as he threw for 824 yards and rushed for 461. Overall UB was just #111 in pass efficiency. Keep your eyes on Chris Moore (6-5 213 rFr) another Hofher recruit who was PS#180 and a basketball and football star in HS throwing 17 TD's as a senior but is a classic dropback passer. Also in the mix is Stewart Sampsel (6-3 190 So) who got in 2 pass attempts but is a solid enough athlete that the coaches thought about playing him at DB and that, of course, fits well with the option. With basically everyone back with the exception of Radon who quit the team (provided Secky does not opt to transfer over the summer) this unit should only be improved in 2004.

RUNNING BACKS - Redshirt frosh Aaron Leeper (PS#150) took over for an injured two year starter in 2002 and simply became the MAC Frosh of the Year. He rushed for 153 yards vs Rutgers in his first start and finished with 917 yards (3.9) adding another 132 yards receiving and 218 on KR's. He nearly became UB's first 1,000 yard rusher since 1996 when the school's all-time leading rusher, Anthony Swan, accomplished it. He returned last year but reported out of shape (210 lbs) and soon lost his starting job to the speedy Dave Dawson (PS#211). Dawson had 4 runs of 50+ yards last year and topped 100 yards rushing three times. Dawson finished with 678 yards (5.3) after averaging 5.9 and gaining 362 yards in 2002. Leeper rushed for 522 yards (4.3) last year. Also in the mix was Chris McDuffie (5-10 193 So, PS#117) who, in his first year of action, had 254 yards (4.0). Jared Patterson (6-1 209 So) had his moments as well with 151 rush yards (4.2) and Steven King (6-0 202 So, PS#408) had 199 total yards offense. I list the 2 deep below but not listed are FB Ekeh Ibekweh (6-1 257 rFr) and true frosh Joe Cerminara (PS#419). The only loss is FB Tom Shaughnessy (7 sts, 19 yds). With basically the top 5 TB's all back, this unit should only be stronger in 2004.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Bulls had to replace their top 2 receivers, one of which (Andre Forde) was drafted by the Cleveland Browns and the other, TE Chad Bartoszek was 2nd Tm MAC. The leading returning WR was Tim Dance (16 rec). After a few starts and 7 rec in 4 games Dance asked to be released from his scholarship and it was granted. Matt Knueven (PS#167) who had 35 catches in 2001 but suffered through an injury plagued 2002 stepped to the forefront and led the team with 47 rec (13.2). He was basically the only receiving threat as the next leading WR had just 14 grabs in true frosh DeSean Larmond but of course in the option, the pass is not used as much. UB attempted just 304 passes after putting it up 432 times in 2002. Not listed are TE Greg Vrantsis (6-3 242 rFr) and WR's Kevin Buchanan (6-0 198 rFr), Terrance Breaux (6-2 206 rFr) and this year's crop of true frosh. This year basically everyone is back except for Dance, the only departee that had rec so this unit is much more experienced. It is the largest in UB IA history averaging 6-2 205 at WR.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls had an injury plagued unit with zero seniors in 2002 and paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. Naturally everyone returned last year. Eric Weber beat out Kevin Dunn at C but then missed 4 games due to injury. RG Erik Zeppuhar missed 3 starts with injury. As you would expect with the change to an option offense, the ypc improved (3.8) and the sacks went down (24). This year they must replace RT Jeff Mills (12 sts), Dunn (4 sts, 12 sts in '02) and 2nd string LG Alex Alvarez. Seven of the top 10 are back including five with starting experience and I look for continued improvement from the Bulls offensive front in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls allowed 4.5 ypc rushing in 2002 while the defense recorded 27 sacks. Last year it appeared that everyone would return but projected starting DE Anthony Andriano, who had 17 tfl in the prior two seasons, missed the year with a foot injury. NT Bill Meholif started 12 games in 2002 but tore an ACL and missed the year so they basically had 2 starters back. They did get the huge addition of VHT Sagan Atuatasi who originally signed at USC and is 352 lbs. The Bulls D allowed 5.3 ypc rushing, their worst total since moving to IA and the D had just 16 sacks. This year they must replace DE Demetrius Austrum (11 sts, 29 tkls, 2.5 sks) and DE Rashad Clark (15 tkls). Six of the top 8 do return plus they get back both 2002 starters. This unit is so deep that not listed below are DE Jeff Dombek (6-4 245 rFr), Marquis Whitmore (6-0 285 So), Matt Abdo (6-2 263 rFr) and Randy Parrow (6-3 281 rFr). I look for a much bigger year out of Atuatasi in the middle and this should be a much improved defensive front in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulls had all 3 starters returning last year only having to replace 3 players who combined for 4 starts and 81 tackles. Five players were back with stating experience. JUCO Chris Clifton had just 18 tkls in 2002 but was the most improved in the spring and beat out Rodney Morris for a starting spot. As I chronicled in the DL writeup, the Bulls defense struggled in 2003. This year they must replace OLB Clifton (8 sts, 69 tkls, 7 tfl) and MLB Lamar Wilcher (12 sts, 73 tkls, 6 tfl, 3 yr st'r). Morris is back after starting just four games last year and full-time starter Bryan Cummings returns. The other starting spot is filled by Rich Sanders who has six career starts so the unit does have some experience. There are no HT's in the group and it is less experienced than 2003.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bulls were #91 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and last year had to replace two starters and one backup. The unit dropped even further to #106 allowing 59.8% and 23 TD's. They recorded just 4 int's, 10 less than 2002. This year the only losses are FS Mark Graham (10 sts, 84 tkls, 7 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC) and CB Michael Arroyo (8 sts, 31 tkls). They may get back 2002 starter Kevin Concepcion, who was arguably the team's best cover corner with 11 pbu in '02 but was suspended last season although he has been suspended again after spring. If he returns there will be five players back with starting experience. All four projected 1st teamers have been full-time starters including FS JJ Gibson who had 11 starts and 108 tackles in 2001 but just 4 starts last year. This group has more experience and can only improve upon 2003's numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In their first year of Div IA ball, UB actually finished #63 in my special teams rankings but dropped to #111, #109 and #98 the next 3 years. Last year they had to replace their top KR/PR, Andre Forde as well as their punter but did have steady FG man Dallas Pelz back. Last year I said with the loss of so many of their key special teams players, UB was headed towards the bottom of the rankings once again and they managed to finish dead last at #117. While P Dominic Milano was adequate (37.7), the team had trouble covering PR's allowing 687 yards (13.0) with 5 TD's and had a net punting of just 29.2. The top KR Dave Dawson (20.6) and PR Matt Knueven (5.9) are both back. K Pelz had an outstanding year hitting 14 of 17 FG's with a long of 50 and leaves as the school's all-time leader in career FG's with 35. One bright spot on the special teams is DT Rob Schroeder who blocked two xp's and a FG. Not included in the -5 category in the TD blocks in my special teams rankings was the fact that Milano let a ball slip through his hands at their own 22 and OU recovered to set up a TD. Gone are K Pelz and P Milano who left the team but everyone else is back. Hofher has brought in PS#11 and #84 kickers this year, both who I forecast to win starting jobs. The kickers figure to be down a notch this year with the loss of Pelz but the overall special teams can only rise in the rankings.

COACHES - Jim Hofher enters his fourth year with the Buffalo program after being the head coach at Cornell from 1990 to 1997 and the QB coach at N Carolina and Syracuse after that. The DC is Tom Jones who is in his sixth year here, coaching the DL for the last five years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coach Hofher is under pressure to produce this year after back-to-back one win seasons. Buffalo had been making strides since their move up to IA ball going from 0 to 2 to 3 wins in their first three seasons but plummeted to 1-11 Hofher's second year. They were outgained in league play by 162.4 ypg, the worst in the league. They had 11 frosh starters in the season finale and was probably the youngest team in the NCAA. Last year they once again finished dead last in MAC play being outgained by 150.7 ypg despite the fact they had 16 starters back, the second most in the MAC. They faced three top 25 opponents and 7 bowl eligible teams. They snapped an 18 game losing streak when they beat Ohio by 9. Buffalo was at the disadvantage last year of pulling both N Illinois and Toledo as opponents from the MAC West. This year they return 16 starters once again and are in the second year of the option offense, but should improve upon the 14.8 ppg that they put on the board last season. Defensively they allowed 37.1 ppg, which was their worst since 2000 and with 7 starters back on that side of the ball should be stronger as well. In MAC play, they have the advantage of pulling E Michigan and C Michigan from the West so the schedule is lighter. While the schedule is easier, Buffalo appears to be a year or two away from seriously competing in the MAC. The Bulls only have 2 players that make my All MAC team which goes four teams deep and most of the MAC East teams are improved this year. Buffalo has just 2 MAC wins the last 3 seasons and 2 wins the last two years overall and will find it difficult to win more than 2 games this season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB PJ PISKORIK JR. 6-0 215 6 sts as So, 824 pass (53%), 6-3 ratio, 461 rush. **Randall Secky** (6-4 218 Sr) PS#61. 2805 pass (49%) 12-16 ratio in his career.
RB DAVE DAWSON JR. 5-7 181 PS#211. 362 (5.9) as rFr. 5 sts LY, 678 yds (5.3). **Aaron Leeper** (5-10 199 Jr) **PS#150. 917 yds** (3.9) **MAC Fr of Yr.** 522 (4.3) 5 sts LY.
FB Ken Sussman rFr. 6-2 256 PS#342LB. Tyrone Wilson (5-10 247 Sr). **Steven King** (6-0 202 So) 2 sts at FB LY, 133 rush (4.4), 7 rec (9.4). TB in the spring.
WR MATT KNUEVEN SR 6-1 208 PS#167. 7 sts as true, 35 rec (12.7). 12 sts LY 47 rec (13.2). Brian Watson (6-5 225 So) 5 sts, 10 rec LY. Jeff Green (6-3 206 rFr) PS#292.
WR GABRIEL McCLOVER JR. 6-1 214 PS#230. 3 sts, 16 rec (11.3) 2Y. Derrick Dyer (6-3 206 Jr) PS#403JUCO. Inj'd LY. DeSean Larmond (6-0 178 So) 1 st as true, 14 rec (11.5).
TE CHAD UPSHAW SO. 6-4 260 PS#70. 12 sts as rFr, 9 rec (5.3). Brian Miller (6-5 235 Sr) PS#146JC. 4 sts, 6 rec (10.2) LY. Trevor Scott (6-5 222 rFr) PS#174.
C ERIC WEBER SR. 6-5 316 PS#284. 11 sts as rFr. Inj in '02. 8 sts at C in '03 (inj). Jamey Richard (6-5 280 rFr) PS#587. Art Stresing (6-1 288 Jr).
RG ERIK ZEPPUHAR SR. 6-3 296 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 9 starts in '03 (inj), Tim Schmidt (6-5 290 So) PS#326. 3 sts LY. Jon Geddes is PS#604. In for spring.
LG MIKE SCHIFANO JR. 6-4 272 2 starts, 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at LG in '03. Dan Minocchi (6-1 280 Sr) PS#281. 7 sts at LG in '02. 2nd string in '03, 3 letters.
RT Luke Johnson Jr. 6-7 296 PS#393JUCO. RS here in '03. Terrance Miles (6-5 292 Jr) 5 games LY. Jon Burgio (6-9 330 rFr) PS#389. Gerry Weissinger (6-5 313 So).
LT ZACHARY LOVE JR. 6-4 310 PS#230. 12 sts at RT as rFr in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03. All MAC candidate. Travis Coughlin (6-6 289 rFr) PS#277. Leroy Auguste (6-5 300 rFr).
K Gerry McGroarty Fr. 6-2 205 **PS#11**. 64 yd FG in HS! 32 TB's, 42.5 avg on punts. **Michael Baker** (5-10 192 Jr) PS#75. 2 of 4 FG's in 2 years, long of 30. 9 of 9 xp's.

DE Anthony Andriano Jr. 6-2 253 1 st, 6 tfl in '01. 4 sts, 41 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl in '02. RS LY. Aaron Sanders (6-1 240 Jr) 1 st, 19 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Andrae Smith (6-4 248 rFr) PS#357WR.
DT ROB SCHROEDER JR. 6-3 281 37 tkls, 4.5 sks, 3 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 26 tkls, 5 tfl LY. **Bill Meholif** (6-2 260 Jr) PS#314. **12 sts**, 28 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. Out w/ACL LY. Ian Conrad (6-1 257 rFr).
NG SAGAN ATUATASI SR. 6-2 352 **PS#46DL, orig at USC**. 12 sts here LY, 19 tkls, 1 tfl. Kirk Berry (6-2 263 Jr) 12 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Casey Russell (5-11 269 Sr) 12 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 years.
DE PHILIP JACQUES JR. 6-2 240 PS#316. 12 sts in '02, 36 tkls, 2 sks. 12 sts LY, 16 tkls, 1 int. Ken Soltis (5-11 262 Jr). Leonard Washington (6-1 244 So). James Judges (6-6 243 rFr).
OLB BRYAN CUMMINGS JR. 6-3 226 9 starts as true, 54 tkls, 6 tfl. 7 starts in 2003, 69 tkls, 5 tfl. James Vann (6-1 207 So). Todd Robertson (6-1 214 rFr) PS#415.
ILB Rodney Morris Sr. 5-10 240 14 tkls in '01. **11 sts in '02**, 62 tkls, 6 tfl. 4 sts LY, 26 tkls. Jeff Bublavi (5-10 202 So) 31 tkls, 1 tfl last year. Dimitri Facaros (5-7 222 Jr).
OLB Rich Sanders Jr. 5-11 255 PS#412. 1 sts, 15 tkls in '02. 5 sts, 28 tkls LY. Ramon Guzman (6-2 223 So) PS#210RB. 3 sts, 5 rec true. LaRon Haymore (6-1 219 rFr) PS#611.
CB DELANDO BRADFORD SO. 5-8 173 12 sts as rFr, 63 tkls, 6 pbu. Kareem Byrom (5-9 194 rFr). Stephen Thomas (5-8 208 Jr). Michelin Ambroise (5-10 185 Sr).
CB KEVIN CONCEPCION JR. 6-0 183 12 sts, 52 tkls, 2 int, 11 pbu as rFr. Susp in '03. Susp after spring in '04. ? for fall. **Brandon Smith** (5-9 189 So) 4 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 2 tfl, 5 pbu.
SS GEMARA WILLIAMS JR. 5-8 180 6 starts as rFr, 43 tkls, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. 10 sts last year, 81 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Luke McEachern (6-0 192 rFr) Zack Carter (6-0 190 rFr).
FS JJ Gibson Sr. 5-9 184 **11 sts**, 108 tkls in '01. 6 sts, 68 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu in '02. 4 sts in '03, 68 tkls, 5 tfl. Ryan Sherwood-Ericsson (6-1 210 So) PS#275. 15 tkls LY.
P Ben Woods Fr. 6-2 192 **PS#84K**. 43.1 avg as senior in HS, 5 of 7 FG's. **Jeff Moss** (6-2 237 rFr) was #1 punter in spring. Gerry McGroarty (PS#11) 42.5 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

PK	Gerry McGroarty 6-2 205 PS#11
WR	Bryan Kisabeth 6-3 190 PS#128
DB	Gerald Jackson 5-11 165 PS#272
WR	Robert Yealu 6-3 215 PS#224
DB	Jesse Imes 5-11 190 PS#300
WR	Dwight Reid 6-0 185 PS#253
DL	Mike Thompson 6-2 261 PS#317
LB	Chris Callahan 6-2 220 PS#284
DL	Danzel Issac 6-2 205 PS#360
OL	Jeff Niedermier 6-2 275 PS#463
LB	Chris Scharon 6-1 215 PS#311
DL	Frankie Pointer 5-11 285 PS#391
PK	Ben Woods 6-2 192 PS#84
QB	Datwan Hemingway 6-2 190 PS#285
WR	Dwayne Reid 6-0 185 PS#393
RB	Joe Cerminara 5-9 190 PS#419
DB	Jamal Chisam 5-11 180 PS#488
OL	Jon Geddes 6-4 330 PS#604
LB	Brad Robison 6-2 227 PS#693

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Buffalo has never been favored in a lined game. The Bulls have been shutout 5 times in the last 5 years. Buffalo is 1-3 SU & ATS vs Rutgers.
Sep. 2	at E Michigan (Thur)	A						The Bulls are 0-8 SU & ATS their last 8 games vs MAC West teams. UB is 0-5 SU & 1-3 ATS in their 5 season openers since moving up to IA.
Sep. 11	Syracuse	G						Bulls are 2-8 SU & 3-6 ATS since 1999 vs current Big East members. In their only lined game, Syracuse won 63-7 in '00 as a 43.5 pt home favs.
Sep. 18	at Nevada	A						This will be the farthest west Buffalo will travel to play. 1st gm ever vs a WAC opp. Pending 9/2: Bulls are 5-9 ATS on artificial turf since 1999.
Sep. 25	at Ohio	A						Buffalo is 2-7 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back away games since 1999. The Bulls are 2-2 SU, but 4-0 ATS vs Ohio the last 4 years.
Oct. 2	UCF	G						UB is 3-6 ATS the last 9 MAC home games. Buffalo is 0-5 SU with the visitor going 2-0 ATS the last 2 years.
Oct. 9	at Akron	A						The away team has covered the last 3 years. The avg score in their history is AU-33, UB-14 (UB is 0-5 SU & 2-3 ATS).
Oct. 16	Miami, Oh (HC)	G						UB is 0-6 SU, being outscored on avg 38-7 & has dropped the L/2 gms ATS vs Miami. Buffalo is 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS the last 4 Homecoming games.
Oct. 23	at Marshall	A						Bulls are 0-4 SU, but 3-1 ATS the last 4 meetings with the Herd. Buffalo is 0-3 SU, but has covered 2 of the 3 before a bye since 2000.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	Kent St	G						Buffalo is also 0-3 SU covering 2 of 3 ATS, but after a bye since 2000. The home team is 4-1 ATS the last 5 years in this series.
Nov. 13	C Michigan	G						The Bulls are 3-1 ATS in their 2nd of 2+ home games the last 4 years. Buffalo is 0-2 SU & ATS vs Central Michigan.
Nov. 20	at Connecticut	G						Connecticut has won the last 2 by a combined 62-10 w/1042-409 yardage edge!! UB is 1-7 SU L/8 gms w/Conn, but have covered only lined game in Storrs.
Nov. 27								

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Hofher's records AT BUFFALO

5-30	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
14-19	Vs The Spread	5-10	Home Underdog
13-13	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
10-14	Vs Conference	9-9	Away Underdog
		4-5	Vs Non-Conference

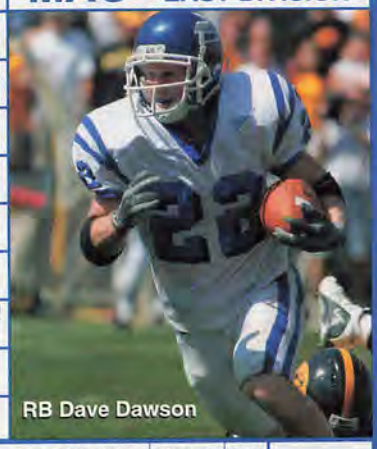
2003 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (24,17,1)
Lost: 14 (5,6,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 9,414

MAC - EAST DIVISION


RB Dave Dawson

STADIUM: UB STADIUM (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	0-11	2-9	3-8	1-11	1-11	13-66
ATS	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	24-29
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-3	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-3	11-13
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	2-4	13-16
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	0-0	0-0	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	24-29
Grass	0-0	0-0	3-5	6-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	19-20
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	5-9
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	18-22
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	6-7
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	2-5
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-6	6-2	4-3	5-5	4-5	21-21

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dave Dawson	128	713	35	678	1	5.3
Aaron Leeper	122	563	41	522	2	4.3
Chris McDuffie	63	265	11	254	1	4.0
PJ Piskorik	102	461	209	252	2	2.5
Jared Patterson	36	166	15	151	4	4.2
Steven King	30	138	5	133	2	4.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
PJ Piskorik	162	85	52.5	824	6	3
Randall Secky	140	70	50.0	637	0	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Matt Knueven	47	622	13.2	4	58	
DeSean Larmond	14	161	11.5	0	34	
Gabriel McClover	11	134	12.2	0	32	
Aaron Leeper	23	92	4.0	0	11	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Dominic Milano	79	2977	37.7	4	29.2	1	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dallas Pelz	15-16	5-5	3-3	5-8	1-1	14-17	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Graham	84	3	4	3	1
Gemara Williams	81	0.5	3	7	2
Lamar Wilcher	73	2	4	4	0
Bryan Cummings	69	1	4	2	0
Chris Clifton	69	1.5	6	0	0
JJ Gibson	68	3	2	1	0
Delando Bradford	63	0	0	6	0
Brandon Smith	41	0	2	5	0
Jeff Bublavi	31	0	1	0	0
Michael Arroyo	31	0	1	2	0
Demetrius Austrum	29	2.5	1	1	0
Rich Sanders	28	0	0	0	0
Rob Schroeder	26	1	5	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Matt Knueven	20	119	5.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dave Dawson	28	578	20.6	0	
Aaron Leeper	22	397	18.0	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	14.8	16	169	3.8	122	51.0	19.7	-2	2003	8	37.1	24	223	5.3	253	59.8	12.8
7	17.8	16	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	+6	2002	4	34.7	23	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5
7*	18.6	19	114	3.3	203	49.6	17.0	-2	2001	6	26.0	20	177	4.1	180	60.5	13.7
3*	16.1	19	130	3.2	193	52.9	20.0	-18	2000	6	41.1	22	209	4.4	217	57.2	10.4
9	11.8	17	129	3.2	171	49.0	25.4	-6	1999	9	38.7	25	234	5.1	260	65.9	12.8
–	29.0	22	224	5.1	203	53.0	14.8	-5	1998	–	28.6	21	226	5.0	188	56.0	14.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Rutgers	17	41 - 232	5.7	7 - 21	60	2	23	43 - 181	4.2	21 - 31	225	0	-1
at Iowa	19	56 - 227	4.1	7 - 19	58	1	28	45 - 292	6.5	12 - 19	150	0	-3
Colgate	13	37 - 119	3.2	13 - 24	124	2	32	54 - 358	6.6	19 - 29	263	2	-1
Connecticut	13	36 - 145	4.0	13 - 30	96	1	30	50 - 287	5.7	19 - 30	326	2	1
Akron	12	41 - 108	2.6	13 - 18	119	3	22	31 - 165	5.3	26 - 41	362	1	0
at UCF	13	39 - 178	4.6	12 - 26	93	2	22	55 - 298	5.4	6 - 14	59	0	0
at Miami, Oh	11	41 - 158	3.9	11 - 23	86	3	27	38 - 223	5.9	21 - 31	264	0	0
Marshall	15	44 - 139	3.2	15 - 23	140	1	22	32 - 94	2.9	26 - 42	292	5	1
Ohio	15	62 - 188	3.0	4 - 18	83	4	14	44 - 118	2.7	11 - 30	141	3	3
at Toledo	23	45 - 140	3.1	23 - 37	254	2	28	37 - 218	5.9	26 - 32	467	1	0
N Illinois	17	35 - 130	3.7	19 - 37	176	1	18	43 - 201	4.7	17 - 31	280	1	-2
at Kent St	25	52 - 262	5.0	18 - 28	172	2	20	35 - 239	6.8	16 - 38	211	1	0
TOTALS	193	529 - 2026	3.8	155 - 304	1461	24	286	507 - 2674	5.3	220 - 368	3040	16	-2
AVERAGES	16.1	44 - 169	3.8	13 - 25	122	2.0	23.8	42 - 223	5.3	18 - 31	253	1.3	-0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	+20	10-17	W
at Connecticut	NL	0-23	–
at Ohio	+22	6-45	L
N Illinois	+16	21-45	L
C Michigan	+17	19-38	L
at W Michigan	+33	17-45	W
Marshall	+44	3-59	L
at Kent St	+14	20-41	L
Hofstra	NL	13-20	–
at Virginia	+49	21-50	W
at Miami, Oh	+33	0-43	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+43'	7-63	L
at Rutgers	+24'	0-59	L
Connecticut	+14'	21-24	W
Bowling Green	+20'	20-17	W
at Marshall	+43'	14-47	W
at Ohio	+31	20-42	W
Ball St	+10'	35-44	W
at N Illinois	+34	10-73	L
Kent St	+7	20-17	W
at Akron	+29	14-49	L
Miami, Oh	+21	16-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	+15	15-31	L
at Bowling Green	+22'	0-35	L
at Connecticut	+6'	37-20	W
C Michigan	+7	8-16	L
at Miami, Oh	+25	14-31	W
Marshall	+25	14-34	W
at Kent St	+11'	13-35	L
at E Michigan	+3	20-24	L
Ohio	+15'	44-0	W
at Army	+15	26-19	W
Akron	+5	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Lehigh	NL	26-37	–
at Rutgers	+7	34-11	W
Connecticut	+2	3-24	L
at Minnesota	+31	17-41	W
at Ohio	+8	32-34	W
W Michigan	+11	17-31	L
at Marshall	+31	21-66	L
Miami, Oh	+16'	0-49	L
Kent St	+4'	12-16	W
UCF	+17	21-45	L
at Akron	+15	10-21	W
at Ball St	+16	21-41	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rutgers	+12	10-24	L
at Iowa	+35'	7-56	L
Colgate	NL	15-38	–
Connecticut	+23'	7-38	L
Akron	+15	21-38	L
at UCF	+23'	10-19	W
at Miami, Oh	+36	3-59	L
Marshall	+29	16-26	W
Ohio	+13'	26-17	W
at Toledo	+26	29-56	L
N Illinois	+23	9-40	L
at Kent St	+12'	24-34	W

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

FS Lionel Hickenbottom

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 NI had to replace Chris Finlen who became the first player in NI history to top 1,000 yards passing in four different years and left as the school's career leader in total offense. Josh Haldi was a backup in 2001 and appeared in just three games attempting seven passes. He had to contend with a JUCO and a rFr for the starting job but both were lost prior to the year. JUCO Ryan Gilbert was in for the spring and battled Haldi. Haldi won the starting job but caught a lot of heat at midseason. After the first five games he had completed just 47% with a 2-4 ratio while passing for 157 ypg. Haldi caught fire in the 2H of the season throwing for 1,271 yards (56.3%) with a 13-2 ratio. Gilbert got in just eight passes. They both returned last year and joining the mix was Phil Horvath (6-3 194 So) who was PS#115QB and true frosh Andre Brown (5-11 234, PS#57) who ended up redshirting. Haldi remained healthy and after four games led the MAC in pass efficiency. He had a huge 3rd & 8 TD pass of 48 yards against Alabama with 7:28 left to play in the game to secure the victory and a 4th & 4 TD pass to Fleck which tied the OU game. Haldi threw for 2,544 yards (59.2%) with a super 25-9 ratio while rushing for 164 yards and returns for his senior season. Gilbert threw for just 83 yards playing in 6 games. This is a deep unit with 8 QB's on the roster. Also in the mix are Zach Ullrich (5-11 191 rFr, PS#100), Shedrick Mossman (6-1 220 rFr, PS#194), Chris Carr (6-3 190 Fr, PS#281) who grayshirted, and this year's two HT true frosh. Haldi will garner more attention from DC's who were keying on Turner all of last year but as a senior, should put together his best season.

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had two players lead the NCAA in rushing. Mark Keller in 1973 and LeShawn Johnson in 1993. Michael "The Burner" Turner had rushed for 472 yards in his first nine games in 2000 with Thomas Hammock, the team's 1,000 yard rusher. Hammock was injured and missed the final two games and Turner exploded for 230 and 281 yards setting an NCAA frosh record with 52 rush attempts vs CM. Hammock topped 1,000 yards in 2001 while Turner had 395 (4.3) as they struggled behind the young O-line. In 2002 Hammock had 172 yards in the opener but unfortunately had to end his career due to a heart condition. Turner, who is 230 lbs with 4.4 speed, broke the school's single season attempt record with 338, the all-purpose yards record and finished with 1,915 rushing (5.7) and 19 TD's. AJ Harris (PS#178) was the #4 TB but rushed for 99 yards against W Michigan that year when the top 3 were out. Last year Turner had another fine season with 1,648 yards (5.3) while Harris (his understudy) rushed for 272 (4.2). Turner departs (#5DC of SD) as the school's all-time leading rusher. Adrian "Train" Davis (5-5 181 Jr) has 137 yards in two years and Garrett Wolfe (5-7 171 So) was PS#120. Cas Prime (5-10 212 rFr, PS#143) was the Wisconsin POY with 5,331 yards (6.7) and 68 TD's in his high school career. I list the FB's below. Naturally with the loss of a player the caliber of Turner, this unit looks weaker.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 NI lost starting WR PJ Fleck to injury and the dangerous Dan Sheldon stepped in and led the team with 40 rec and a super 19.6 ypc and finished the year with 1,542 all-purpose yards. Sam Hurd was #2 with 22 (23.3). Last year Fleck returned as did Sheldon and Hurd so the unit was in great shape along with starting TE Brad Cieslak, who had 10 rec (7.0) in '02. Fleck was the MAC Offensive POW with 13 rec vs Maryland and then set a school record vs Ohio with 234 yards receiving. Unfortunately their game-breaker, Sheldon, was lost vs Ohio after averaging 20.6 on his 10 rec. Fleck had over 1,000 yards receiving (77 rec, 13.4) and almost triple the catches of the #2 man. Gone this year are Fleck, Keith Perry (14 rec, 12.9) and Turner Pugh (5 rec). Sheldon is back from injury and I'm impressed with Shatone Powers who has a lot of speed and makes acrobatic catches, usually catching anything that's near him. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed are WR's Jarret Carter (6-3 198 So), Dossie Jennings (5-10 175 rFr), TE Jake Nordin (6-5 236 So) and this year's true frosh. Fleck is a big loss but this unit could come close to matching last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - NI had a Big 10 caliber O-line in 2000 and paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. Having to replace 4 starters in 2001 they slipped to 3.4 ypc rushing. Four starters returned in '02 and they improved to 4.5 ypc while allowing 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters due to graduation and suffered the tragic loss of LT Shea Fitzgerald who died in a porch collapse over the summer. Even with Michael "The Burner" Turner in the backfield, the unit with just two returning starters slipped to 3.8 ypc while allowing 30 sacks. This year they have a veteran front with the only losses being C Todd Ghilani (12 sts, HM MAC) who led the team in KD's, LG Shaun Schroeder (2 sts) and Joel Ellis (1 st). This looks like a pretty solid O-line and should be much stronger in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NI had a veteran defensive front and the D allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing while leading the MAC with 47 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's but had six of the top 8 returning. Unfortunately 1st Tm MAC DE Travis Moore was injured and played in just 5 games with 16 tackles so basically just one full-time starter was back healthy. NI was still tough vs the run allowing just 3.6 ypc rushing but the sack total dropped to just 27. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Vinson Reynolds (1st Tm MAC, 76 tkls, 6 sks, 9 tfl), NT Leonard Cooksey (11 sts, 53 tkls, 5 tfl) and DE Jason Frank (10 sts, 58 tkls, 3 sks). Five of the top 8 are back. They move Kursten Strothman (4 sts at WLB) to DE and hopefully Moore will be closer to form. Despite the losses, this group is just about as experienced as last year and could be just as good.

LINEBACKERS - Last season the Huskies had to replace their #5 all-time career tackler, WLB Larry Williams who was 1st Tm MAC. Their star was MLB Nick Duffy but after six games he was injured and lost for the season. Their other starter, Javan Lee, missed 3 starts due to injury. The star turned out to be SLB Brian "The Beast" Atkinson who was 1st Tm MAC and has 4.6 speed. They move him into the MLB spot where Novak says you always put your top LB. Not listed below is Ira Barry (5-11 222 rFr). Three players return with starting experience so this unit is much more experienced and looks like one of the top LB corps in the MAC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies finished #75 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace two starters last year but did get back FS Lionel Hickenbottom who missed 2002 with injury. Hickenbottom was not quite 100% last year but hopefully he will be this season. The secondary also lost starting SS Akil Grant (2nd Tm MAC) after 8 starts due to injury and he finished with 93 tackles. This year they have to replace Grant as well as CB Randee Drew (12 sts, 49 tkls, 6 int, 15 pbu, 1st Tm MAC) and CB Gerard Taylor (7 tkls). Despite snagging an outstanding 23 int's, NI finished #58 in my pass D rankings allowing just 55.9% with a 15-23 ratio versus a light slate of opposing QB. Not listed below are Deon Smith (5-9 178 Jr, 14 tkls), Andre Morris (5-8 170 So, PS#395), Mark Reiter (5-10 177 rFr) and Jason Orozco (5-8 207 So). Despite losing 2 All-MAC players, this unit should move up in the pass D rankings in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - N Illinois has had four straight players earn MAC Special Teams Player of the Year and in 2000 they finished #8 in my special teams rankings. K Steve Azar won that honor in 2001 and KR Dan Sheldon averaged an amazing 22.7 on 21 PR's to lead the NCAA and win the MAC honors in 2002, a year in which NI surprisingly finished just #30. Last year both returned but Sheldon was lost for the season due to injury. KR Randee Drew had an 86 yard KR for a TD called back on penalty vs W Michigan. After 2002's outstanding performance, Drew averaged just 21.5 on KR's last year. PJ Fleck became the team's top PR (8.3). In Anthony Gallagher's first year as the punter, he averaged a solid 40.2 with a net of 35.0. Azar had his usual outstanding year hitting 21 of 26 FG's with a long of 52 and including the kicker, NI ranked #28 in my special teams rankings. Azar was MAC Special Teams POY again and departs as the MAC's all-time leading scorer. He hit 5 of the 6 longest FG's in school history. Also gone this year is KR Drew and PR Fleck but Sheldon is back. NI has blocked 10 punts in the last four years and I think they will improve in the special teams rankings but it will be tough to find another kicker anywhere near the caliber of Azar.

COACHES - Joe Novak got off to a slow start in his NI career but luckily the AD had patience and after just three wins in his first three years, he has totalled 5, 6, 6, 8 and 10 wins the last five years. They have been MAC West Co-Champs in two of the last three years. This year he must replace both his OC and DC. Scott Shafer had been the DC here for four years. The new DC is Denny Doornbos who is in his second year on the staff and first as DC and he takes over the attack 4-3 defense. The new OC is John Bond who was the OC at Army the last 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 NI squad came just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the MAC West Title outright. Last year NI was picked to win the MAC for the first time ever and the season started out great as they upset #15 Maryland at home and, after going 0-8 against SEC teams in their history, won AT #21 Alabama. For the first time ever they entered the AP Top 25. Bill Mallory's 1983 champs finished #30 in the final poll. NI opened the season 4-0 for the first time since 1965. NI became the first MAC team to beat two BCS ranked teams in one year. Against Ohio they kept the win streak alive with a 4th & 4 TD pass forcing OT. They trailed CM 17-0 but for the 6th consecutive week, came from behind to win and earned a school record 7 straight wins in both 2002 and 2003. NI was the first non-BCS team to crack the Top 10 in the BCS poll when they opened #10. ESPN's *College Gameday* was on hand when #12 N Illinois battled Bowling Green. It was the first battle of MAC ranked teams since 1973 but BG had a 370-62 yd edge at the half. NI was still #21 when they lost to Toledo, a game they trailed 28-7 at the half. Last year NI did benefit from +14 in turnovers (see pg 312) and they have just 12 starters back, the second fewest in the league. An area that concerns me is the fact that last year NI was 10-2 but only outgained foes by 7.3 ypg. The biggest question mark on offense is replacing Michael "The Burner" Turner but Novak has done a fine job finding replacements for 1,000 yard backs before. He does have a top-notch OL and a veteran QB. The D returns just 5 starters losing 4 All-MAC players but have back their top 2 tacklers including NFL prospect LB Brian Atkinson. I still rate NI as having the 3rd best D in the MAC. While NI is probably not the most talented team in the MAC West, they have the best schedule as they get to host both their key rivals, BG and Toledo. The +14 in turnovers does worry me a little but this NI team will record their 5th winning season and will be in the thick of the chase for the MAC Title.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JOSH HALDI SR. 6-2 205 18-6 as starter. 12 sts LY, 2544 yds (59%) 25-9 ratio, 164 rush. Phil Horvath (6-3 194 So) PS#115. Andre Brown (5-11 234 rFr) PS#57.
RB AJ Harris Jr. 6-1 219 PS#178. 4.4 spd. 443 yds (4.0) 2Y. Adrian Davis (5-5 181 Jr) 137 yds, 2Y. Garrett Wolfe (5-7 171 So) PS#120. **Cas Prime** (5-10 212 rFr) PS#143.
FB Jake Nordin So. 6-5 236 TE in '03. Brad Benson (6-1 231 So). Jeremy Pugh (6-2 212 Jr) 24 yds, 2Y, 5 KR. Robert Wallace (5-8 198 Sr) 31 total yards 3 years.
WR Dan Sheldon Sr. 5-11 175 11 sts in '02. 40 rec (19.6), 135 rush, 21 PR (**22.7**). 4 sts LY, inj. **Shatone Powers** (6-1 186 Jr) 26 rec (12.2) LY. Kevin Woods (5-9 193 Sr) PS#205DB.
WR SAM HURD JR. 6-3 195 10 sts, 2 years, 51 rec (18.6), David McDermott (6-2 180 Sr) 16 rec, 2Y. Jarret Carter (6-3 198 So). Andy Lothson (6-2 188 Sr).
TE BRAD CIESLAK SR. 6-3 259 10 sts, 10 rec (7.0) in '02. 12 sts, 6 rec (12.8) LY. Brandon Davis (6-4 227 rFr) PS#43TE. Pat Raleigh (6-5 242 Jr) PS#296DL. 1 rec LY.
C Brian Van Acker Jr. 6-5 273 PS#138. 2nd string in '01 & '02. 2 sts at RG last year. George Daglas (6-4 290 Jr) PS#138. Arian Bagheri (6-5 275 rFr). PS#505.
RG JAKE EBENHOCH JR. 6-4 294 PS#421. 2nd string, 4 games in 2002. 10 sts at RG LY, bench 225 lbs 15x's. Matt Biondi (6-3 331 rFr) PS#297. Ryan Tuggle is PS#250.
LG MATT ROGERS SO. 6-5 259 PS#401. 10 sts as rFr, 58 KD's, 225 lbs 14x's. Ben Lueck (6-4 305 Sr) PS#103. 2nd string 2 yrs, 1L. Kevin Serfort (6-3 275 rFr) PS#144.
RT JAKE VerSTRAETE SR. 6-7 311 5 sts, 401 plays in '01. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 39 KD's. Seren Woodfork-Bey (6-5 303 rFr) PS#350.
LT DOUG FREE SO. 6-6 276 PS#323DL. 12 starts as rFr (11 at LT, 1 at TE), Frosh AA. Chris Acevedo (6-6 301 rFr) PS#431. Jon Brost (6-6 305 rFr) is PS#284.
K Chris Nendick Fr. 5-11 163 PS#50. Hit 6 of 10 FG's in HS LY, long of 47, 29 of 30 xp's, 41.3 punt avg & 85% TB's. Aleks Miskov (5-11 204 So).

DE Travis Moore Sr. 6-2 242 7 sts in '01, 47 tkls, 5 tfl. **1st Tm MAC** in '02, 52 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl. Inj LY, 5 gms, 16 tkls. Quince Holman (6-3 240 Jr) 2 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 3 sks, 1 tfl.
NT Eric Pittman So. 6-1 306 PS#164. 1 st as rFr, 11 tkls. Justin McIntyre (6-1 290 Jr) PS#229. 1 qbh, 9 games LY. George Walker (6-3 310 Jr). Joe Rue (6-2 270 rFr).
DT MARTIN WILSON SR. 6-1 264 Bench 225 lbs 21x's. 2nd string in '02. 12 starts LY, 34 tkls, 3 tfl. Adam Schroeder (6-4 260 rFr) PS#141TE. Mike Matar (6-3 265) is PS#223DL.
DE Kursten Strothman Sr. 6-2 240 57 tkls, 4 sks in '01 & '02. 4 sts LY, 67 tkls, 7 tfl. Ken West (6-2 234 So) PS#341RB. 10 tkls, 1 tfl LY. **Nickolas Sykes** (6-2 213 rFr) PS#247.
SLB Jason Hawkins Sr. 6-3 233 PS#145. 6 sts at MLB LY, 56 tkls, 3 tfl. Jason Hutton (6-1 236 Jr) PS#44TE. 17 tkls, 2 sks last year. Dallas Bassett (5-10 236 So). PS#513.
MLB BRIAN ATKINSON SR. 6-1 223 "The Beast". 74 tkls, 10 tfl in '02. **1st Tm MAC**. 12 sts at SLB LY, 108 tkls, 6 sks, 7 tfl. Keenan Blalark (5-9 213 So). Charnzie Carey (6-3 212 rFr) PS#318.
WLB JAVAN LEE JR. 6-2 211 PS#372RB. 24 tkls, 5 tfl as rFr. 8 starts, 68 tkls, 2 tfl last year. Marlon Watson (6-2 210 Sr) 17 tkls LY. Bob McLearen (6-0 198 rFr). PS#313.
CB Adriel Hansbro So. 5-11 171 4.44 spd. 3 sts as rFr, 42 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. Jimmy Toussaint (5-9 157 rFr) Scout Tm star. Chris Salvant (5-10 185 rFr). Saul Ibarra (5-10 181 rFr).
CB ROB LEE SR. 6-1 195 PS#149WR. 1 rec in '02. 9 sts LY, 59 tkls, 5 int, 8 pbu. Alvah Hansbro (5-10 173 So) 12 tkls, 2 pbu LY. 4.4 spd. Joseph Hilby (5-6 161 So) 5 tkls.
SS Ray Smith Jr. 6-1 181 PS#195. 10 tkls as rFr. Last 4 sts LY. 57 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu. Dustin Utschig (5-11 191 So) 17 tkls. Antonio Tribble (5-10 184 rFr) PS#157QB.
FS LIONEL HICKENBOTTOM SR. 6-1 196 4.5 spd. 8 sts in '01, 90 tkls, 4 int, 9 pbu. Inj'd in '02. 12 sts LY, 107 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Devron Francis (5-10 180 Sr) 4 sts, 76 tkls, 3 tfl, 3 yrs.
P ANTHONY GALLAGHER SR. 6-0 207 39.4 avg at Tiffin University in 2000 & '01. 63 punts here LY, 40.2 avg & net of 35.0. Dennis Tovar (6-0 228 Sr) 35.9 avg at Ill Wesleyan in '01.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Dan Nicholson 6-3 195 PS#68
QB	Britt Davis 6-4 188 PS#85
LB	Zach Osburn 6-4 245 PS#164
DB	Justin Johnson 5-10 180 PS#197
DL	Mike Matar 6-3 265 PS#223
DL	Craig Rusch 6-5 240 PS#225
WR	Evans Adonis 6-0 170 PS#182
LB	Tim McCarthy 6-0 215 PS#205
OL	Jon Brost 6-6 305 PS#284
DL	Ryan Tuggle 6-4 255 PS#250
DL	Bryan Holicek 6-2 345 PS#253
RB	Montell Clanton 5-9 185 PS#258
WR	Matt Simon 6-1 180 PS#243
RB	T.J. Griffin 6-0 205 PS#287

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N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#110

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	at Maryland	G					
Sep. 11	S Illinois	A					
Sep. 18	at Iowa St	G					
Sep. 24	Bowling Green (Fri)	A					
Oct. 2	Akron	A					
Oct. 9	at UCF	G					
Oct. 16	C Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 23	at W Michigan	A					
Oct. 30	at Ball St	G					
Nov. 6							
Nov. 10	Toledo (Wed)	A					
Nov. 20	at E Michigan	A					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

N Illinois is 4-1 SU & 3-0 ATS w/an avg score of 42-17 vs Buffalo.
Huskies are 3-10 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 13 years in season openers.
N Illinois is 11-6 ATS as a home favorite since 1999.

The Huskies are 2-2 SU, but 4-0 ATS vs the ACC since 1997.
Huskies are 6-12 SU, but 13-5 ATS their last 18 on grass.

The Salukies finished 10-2 LY as a member of IAA's Gateway Conf.
Ranked #10 in IAA S Illinis lost to eventual champ Delaware in the playoffs LY.

N Illinois is 20-13-1 ATS after a SU win under Novak.
The Huskies are 1-6 SU & ATS vs the Big 12 since 1991.

N Illinois is 11-2 SU & 8-3 ATS in Huskie Stadium the last 2 years.
Huskies are 15-4 SU & 12-7 ATS in MAC home games since 1999.

Only lined game in DeKalb, Akron pulled a 34-17 outright upset (+4) in '96.
N Illinois is 9-3 SU & 8-4 ATS vs current MAC East teams since 1999.

Huskies are 14-9 ATS in conference road games the last 6 years.
N Illinois has covered the only 2 meetings ('98 & '00).

The Huskies are 6-1 SU & 7-0 ATS their last 7 Homecoming games.
N Illinois is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS their last 6 vs Central Michigan.

NI is 6-1 ATS vs WMU the last 7 games, including 3-0 SU & ATS the L3Y.
The Huskies only SU losses LY were in MAC West road games (0-3 ATS).

N Illinois is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS vs Ball St since 1997.
Huskies are 2-4 ATS prior to a bye since 1995.

The Huskies are 2-7 ATS in home finales since 1995.
N Illinois is 5-11 ATS the last 16 November home games.

The visitor is 5-2 ATS their last 7 meetings in this series.
N Illinois is 1-13 SU & 4-9 ATS in their final road game of the year S/'90.

JOE NOVAK (Career 38-52)
9th Year at N Illinois

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

38-52	Straight Up	11-8	Home Favorite
46-35-2	Vs The Spread	10-8-1	Home Underdog
23-18-1	Off A SU Loss	8-4-1	Away Favorite
32-23-2	Vs Conference	17-15	Away Underdog
	14-12 Vs Non-Conference		

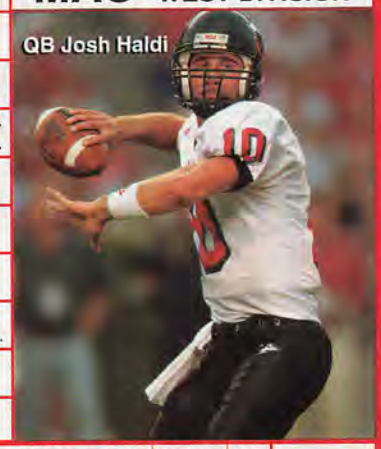
2003 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,21,1)
Lost: 17 (8,7,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 23,575

MAC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (28,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	2-9	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-4	10-2	37-42
ATS	6-5	6-3-1	7-3	6-4	4-6	9-2	6-5	44-28-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0	0-3	2-1	3-2	11-6
Home Dog	4-2	1-2-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	10-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	8-4
Away Dog	2-3	5-1	2-3	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	15-12
Favorite	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	1-4	5-1	4-4	19-10
Dog	6-5	6-3-1	3-3	1-3	3-2	4-1	2-1	25-18-1
Grass	1-2	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	2-1	14-7
Artificial	5-3	2-3-1	5-2	4-2	3-6	7-1	4-4	30-21-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-2-1	6-2	4-3	2-5	7-1	3-5	31-22-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	13-6
Off SU Win	0-0	1-0-1	3-1	3-2	3-3	6-2	4-4	20-12-1
Off SU Loss	6-4	4-3	4-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	21-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Turner	310	1738	90	1648	14	5.3
AJ Harris	**65**	**290**	**18**	**272**	**2**	**4.2**
Adrian Davis	**24**	**94**	**18**	**76**	**0**	**3.2**
Josh Haldi	**75**	**164**	**229**	**-65**	**3**	**-0.9**
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Haldi	**336**	**199**	**2544**	**59.2**	**25**	**9**
Ryan Gilbert	13	8	61.5	0	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
PJ Fleck		77	1028	13.4	6	77
Sam Hurd		**29**	**438**	**15.1**	**2**	**56**
Shatone Powers		**26**	**317**	**12.2**	**5**	**38**
Michael Turner		19	230	12.1	3	41
Dan Sheldon		**10**	**206**	**20.6**	**4**	**48**
Keith Perry		14	181	12.9	2	28
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Anthony Gallagher	**63**	**2533**	**40.2**	**9**	**35.0**	**2**	**23**
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Steve Azar	41-43	11-11	4-6	4-7	2-2	21-26	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brian Atkinson	**108**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**2**
Lionel Hickenbottom	**107**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**
Akil Grant	93	0	2	4	1
Vinson Reynolds	76	6	9	1	1
Javan Lee	**68**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Kursten Strothman	**67**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Nick Duffy	62	0	7	2	0
Rob Lee	**59**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**5**
Jason Frank	58	3	3	2	0
Ray Smith	**57**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**3**
Jason Hawkins	**56**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Leonard Cooksey	53	1	4	1	0
Randee Drew	49	0	3	15	6
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
PJ Fleck	23	191	8.3	0
Dan Sheldon	**12**	**150**	**12.5**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Randee Drew	27	581	21.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTHERN ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.2	20	160	3.8	219	59.1	11.8	+14	2003	6	21.5	19	141	3.6	231	55.9	17.3
6	31.3	19	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	+8	2002	8	24.8	19	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6
6*	27.5	19	144	3.4	196	50.0	12.4	+9	2001	4	26.5	21	158	3.7	228	56.4	14.5
7*	37.2	23	228	4.7	200	54.4	11.5	+8	2000	8	25.5	19	151	4.1	210	59.6	14.2
8*	26.3	19	157	3.7	188	53.4	13.1	+4	1999	7	26.3	20	163	3.9	197	55.3	13.7
8	14.5	13	124	3.1	119	48.7	16.7	-5	1998	9	29.9	19	189	3.9	173	56.2	12.1

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Maryland	21	43-59	1.4	21-35	266	5	12	35-112	3.2	12-24	110	2	+1
Tennessee Tech	19	40-160	4.0	18-29	261	1	18	34-92	2.7	23-42	353	3	+2
at Alabama	16	40-118	3.0	16-24	149	5	15	26-118	4.5	22-39	276	1	0
Iowa St	18	43-167	3.9	15-22	167	0	22	47-173	3.7	16-33	182	2	0
Ohio	19	25-36	1.4	26-46	310	3	21	66-244	3.7	5-16	98	3	-1
at C Michigan	19	47-206	4.4	17-27	198	4	21	45-145	3.2	17-30	215	3	+3
W Michigan	29	60-238	4.0	19-27	276	0	11	18-(-2)	-0.1	18-37	229	7	+2
at Bowling Green	13	27-62	2.3	14-30	165	6	30	50-196	3.9	27-43	438	1	-1
Ball St	23	57-252	4.4	14-19	185	1	22	34-199	5.9	24-40	240	2	+4
at Buffalo	18	43-201	4.7	17-31	280	1	17	35-130	3.7	19-37	176	1	+2
at Toledo	25	47-233	5.0	19-34	211	0	18	32-131	4.1	24-27	301	0	-2
E Michigan	15	36-188	5.2	11-26	159	4	16	47-155	3.3	12-24	148	2	+4
TOTALS	235	508-1920	3.8	207-350	2627	30	223	469-1693	3.6	219-392	2766	27	+14
AVERAGES	19.6	42-160	3.8	17-29	219	2.5	18.6	39-141	3.6	18-33	231	2.3	1.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	21-27	–
at Vanderbilt	+17	31-34	W
at Iowa	+14'	0-24	L
W Michigan	+8'	21-24	W
at Buffalo	-16	45-21	W
Ball St	-9	37-17	W
at C Michigan	+2	31-27	W
Kent St	-14	50-7	W
at Marshall	+26	9-41	L
at Toledo	+6	14-44	L
E Michigan	-4'	30-23	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+8	17-35	L
Illinois St	NL	52-0	–
at Auburn	+23'	14-31	W
at Ball St	-11	43-14	W
UCF	-4	40-20	W
at Akron	-1	52-35	W
at W Michigan	+5'	22-52	L
Buffalo	-34	73-10	W
Toledo	+5	24-38	L
at E Michigan	-14'	32-39	L
C Michigan	-24	40-6	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Florida	-18	20-17	L
at Illinois	+20	12-17	W
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Toledo	+17	20-41	L
Marshall	+1	15-37	L
at Kent St	-10'	34-44	L
W Michigan	+5	20-12	W
at C Michigan	-8'	33-24	W
E Michigan	-24	40-17	L
Ball St	-10'	33-29	L
at Wake Forest	+10'	35-38	W

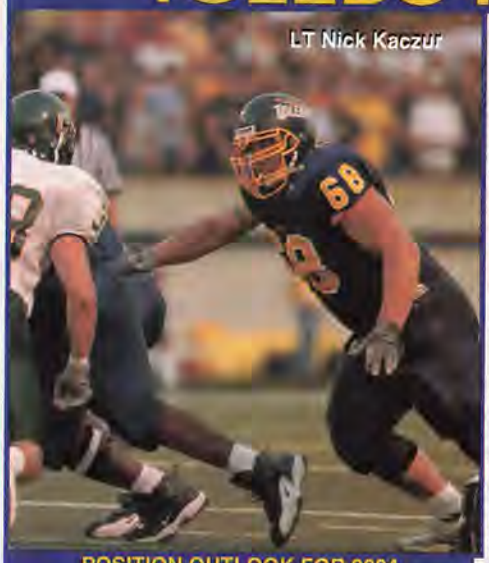
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+1	42-41 OT	W
at S Florida	+7	6-37	L
at Wisconsin	+22	21-24	W
W Illinois	NL	26-29	–
Kent St	-6	13-6	W
at Ball St	-2	41-29	W
at Miami, Oh	+8	48-41	W
C Michigan	-9'	49-0	W
at W Michigan	-2'	24-20	W
Bowling Green	+3'	26-17	W
at E Michigan	-23	49-21	W
Toledo	-1	30-33	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland	+8	20-13 OT	W
Tennessee Tech	NL	42-17	–
at Alabama	+13'	19-16	W
Iowa St	-6'	24-16	W
Ohio	-21'	30-23 OT	L
at C Michigan	-17'	40-24	L
W Michigan	-11	37-10	W
at Bowling Green	+3'	18-34	L
Ball St	-15'	48-23	W
at Buffalo	-23	40-9	W
at Toledo	-1'	30-49	L
E Michigan	-26	38-24	L

TOLEDO ROCKETS


LT Nick Kaczur

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Not to take anything away from Bruce Gradkowski, who had a fantastic inaugural season as a starter, it appears that no matter who Tom Amstutz plugs in at the QB position in this offense, they will be successful. They drastically changed the offense in 2001, Amstutz's first year and Tavares Bolden threw for 2,466 yards with a MAC record 67.1% completions and a 13-6 ratio while rushing for 421 yards. In 2002, JUCO transfer Brian Jones took over after having thrown for 5,600 yards and 52 TD's in two years at JC. He had just 5 games of experience at Toledo but threw for 3,446 yards and reset the MAC record for completion % (70.2) with a 23-9 ratio while also rushing for 560 gross yards. Last year they did not have an experienced QB. Cedric Stevens, who threw for 1,266 yards at JUCO as a frosh, had the lead coming out of the spring. Gradkowski, who threw for 2,978 yards with a 30-5 ratio in HS in Pittsburgh, playing in the same league that produced Joe Namath, Joe Montana and Dan Marino, had just 3 pass attempts under his belt at Toledo but won the starter's job in the opener. Both QB's played vs UNLV but combined to hit just 17 of 34 passes. They mopped up against Liberty the next week with Gradkowski setting a school record for completion % in a game (14 of 16) and Stevens hit 9 of 12. Gradkowski played the entire game against Marshall and hit just 10 of 20 for 147 yards but broke through against Pitt setting MAC records for completions and attempts (49 of 62) and the school record for throwing for 461 yards. He was 20 of 22 in the 4Q against the Panthers in the upset of the then #9 ranked team. Gradkowski was phenomenal at home completing 80% (62% on the road). He reset the school record for completion % in a game hitting 23 of 25 vs Buffalo and also set the school record with 6 TD passes in that game. For the season Gradkowski threw for 3,210 yards (71.2%, #2 NCAA) with a 29-7 ratio plus 576 yards rushing and once again a Toledo QB set the MAC record for completion %. Stevens threw for 129 yards and rushed for 52 and departs. Marques Council (6-3 194 rFr) was PS#126 and Canadian Michael Faulds (6-3 209 rFr) was PS#130 and they will compete for the #2 spot. Gradkowski could even top last year's outstanding numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Toledo had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher, Chester Taylor, in 2002 and senior William Bratton rushed for 639 yards prior to injury but 3 frosh RB's who were called the "Baby Backs" emerged during the season. Astin Martin (PS#258) led the team with 785 yards (5.8), Trinity Dawson rushed for 754 (4.7) and Quinton Broussard (PS#161) had 228 (4.4). The "Baby Backs" all returned last year. Martin, however, had just 166 yards rushing in the first six games and was challenged by Amstutz prior to C Mich. He responded by rushing for 101 yards. He still finished the year with just 436 yards (3.9). Dawson has had some big games against big teams in the last 2 years with 101 yards vs BG and 130 and 156 vs Marshall. He topped 1,000 yards rushing last year but then lost 2 yards in the 3Q of the finale and did not get another carry finishing with 999 (5.0). Broussard had just 17 carries for 88 yards. Martin transferred out. Also in the mix is Jeremy Wright (5-10 198 So), Lance Johnson (5-10 202 rFr, PS#133DB) and Marques McFarlin (6-2 226 rFr) as well as this year's true frosh. Lance Johnson is a powerful runner that did a great job on the scout team and could end up threatening Dawson for the starting job. Two of the "Baby Backs" are now juniors and should have a stronger year.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rockets had to replace 3 starters from this unit including the school's all-time leading receiver (Donta Greene) and a 7th round DC, Carl Ford, who was the first Rocket in their 83 year history to top 1,000 yards in receiving. They did return starting TE Andrew Clarke but the leading returning WR (Lance Moore) had just 23 rec. Moore and Steve Odom proved to be a potent replacement combo with Moore topping 100 yards in rec's seven times and had 10 rec's in a game six times. He set a school record with 15 catches vs Pitt and gets the ball a lot on the "inside screen" (a favorite of Amstutz). Moore ended up tying a MAC record for rec's in a season with 103 (Eugene Baker, Kent) and Odom set UT frosh records for both rec's and yards (62, 838). Odom was one vote shy of being named the MAC Freshman of the Year. Clarke was the #3 receiver and Terrance Hudson (PS#285) emerged with 27 (13.3). The good news here is that everyone returns and could put up even bigger numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Toledo had the second largest OL in the NCAA at 320 lbs per man and paved the way for 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year 3 starters returned including their star LT Nick Kaczur who has been All-MAC the last 3 years. The experienced OL allowed just 9 sacks all year but the ypc did drop to 4.9. This year they must replace RG Tim Dirksen (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Darric Randolph (12 sts, 2 yr st'r) and RT Erik Faasen (10 sts, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm MAC). Seven of the top 10 are back and Kaczur returns for his senior season and should be one of the top tackles in the country but this group is a little less experienced and it will be tough to match last year's production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 Toledo allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing while recording 38 sacks by the defense but had to replace all 4 starters in 2002. As expected, the Rockets numbers curtailed. They allowed 4.2 ypc rushing and the defense recorded just 23 sacks. Last year three full-time and one part-time starter returned with the only loss being DE Anthony Jordan who moved to LB. DE Phil Alexander had six starts in 2002 and 8 tfl and lost his starting spot. Overall Toledo improved but not as much as you would expect to just 3.9 ypc rushing while the defense only recorded 10 sacks. This year they go back to inexperience. Gone are DE Frank Ofili (12 sts, 36 tkls, 3 sks, 2nd Tm MAC), DT Chaz Williams (12 sts, 32 tkls, 4 sks, 5 tfl), DT Robert Menefee (12 sts, 24 tkls, 2 tfl), DE Ray Turner (10 sts, 50 tkls, 12 tfl, top DL award), DT Lantz Jeudy (18 tkls, 1 tfl), DT Ryan Ratermann (2 tkls) and DE Anthony Abron (5 tkls). Basically seven of the top 8 depart and the unit looks weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - Toledo runs a 4-4 defense but I list the ROV as a safety and the WHIP in this unit. Last year the team had to replace two 1st Tm All-MAC players and one backup. This year the unit is in much better shape and could be much improved depending on whether or not Brock Dodrill can make it back to the team after he was suspended in the spring. I list the 2 deep below and with his return all 3 starters are back including 4 players with starting experience. Not listed is JC Michael Chamberlain (6-2 196 So), Ted Rath (6-0 215 rFr), Patrick Power (6-2 226 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This should be one of the MAC's top LB units with all 3 being All-MAC candidates including Michael Broussard who had 12 starts at CB at Wisconsin in 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rockets finished #62 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for six starts and 49 tackles. They basically had 3 starters returning including their solid safety combo of Keon Jackson and Patrick Body. Surprisingly the Rockets dropped to #105 in my pass D rankings allowing 63.2% with a 22-15 ratio. This year they must replace CB Brandon Hefflin (12 sts, top DB award, 5 int, 66 tkls), ROV Paul Dye (3 sts, 38 tkls) and CB David Mentlow (3 tkls). I list the 2 deep below and I would expect the Rockets to have one of the more improved pass D's as they underachieved last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Toledo finished #37 in my special teams rankings in 2002 but last year had to replace their outstanding KR Donta Greene. Surprisingly the unit improved to #8. K Jason Robbins slumped after hitting 13 of 16 in 2002, hitting just 3 of 7 last year with a long of 37 which is his career long with just 2 attempts from 40+. Part of the reason for the large improvement was Brandon Hannum taking over the punting spot. Hannum, who had just 13 punts in 2002 after averaging 40.8 in 2001, averaged 43.5 in 2003 and the team had an outstanding net of 40.7. The PR unit did not miss a beat with Lance Moore (12.9) and Steve Odom each returning a punt for a TD and Moore was the top KR (21.7). Only Hannum departs so the return game looks to be in good hands but it would be tough to finish in the top 10 this year with the loss of their outstanding punter.

COACHES - Tom Amstutz is now in his fourth year as the head man and has done an incredible job here winning a pair of MAC West Titles and overall MAC Championship in 2001 going 27-11. His 27 victories were the most in the first 3 years for a Rockets head coach. He had been an assistant here for 21 years prior to his ascension to the head job. His OC is Rob Spence who was the LA Tech co-OC in 2000 and enters his fourth season here. The DC is Lou West who was the ND safeties coach from 1999 to 2000 and is also in his fourth season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Toledo has the 6th best record in the nation over the last four seasons at 37-12 (75.5%). In Tom Amstutz's first year he inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 and had outscored foes by an average of 25 ppg with 15 starters returning. He made a bold move, completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme that had produced 36.4 ppg to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title. Amstutz suffered a loss of 42% of his lettermen in 2002 (23) and drew both Miami and UCF out of the MAC East. The 2002 team had only four starters back on defense and it was a true test of his coaching ability. Things did not look good for the Rockets. When they lost to Miami at home they were 5-3 on the season and needed to win out to have any shot at the MAC Title game. They would win consecutive weeks on the road vs W Mich and N Illinois and then beat BG at home and advanced to the Title game where they lost to Marshall. They are 4-4 their last 8 vs Big 10 foes. Last year, for the second year in a row, Amstutz had to replace his star QB but that did not slow them down as UT has had ten consecutive winning seasons. Bruce Gradkowski simply stepped in and completed 71.2% of his passes with a 29-7 ratio and nearly guided Toledo to a repeat of the MAC Title as they came up short in the season finale at BG. Toledo finished 6-2 in MAC play and outgained MAC foes by 108 ypg, the fourth best mark in the league. Last year's Rocket squad lost just 15 lettermen which was the second lowest in the league. Overall it was an 8-4 finish. This year the Rockets figure to have the most explosive offense in the MAC led by returning starting QB Gradkowski and 8 starters overall. The DL is the major question mark with the team as all 4 starters depart and the last time that happened was 2002 when the team yielded 4.2 ypc rushing and allowed 27 ppg. That has me concerned as does the fact they draw Miami from the East and face them on the road as well as having to travel to N Illinois. How effective the DL is will determine whether or not the Rockets take home the MAC West Title but an 11th winning season is clearly in the cards.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BRUCE GRADKOWSKI JR. 6-2 210 PS#195. 12 sts in '03, 3210 yds. #2 in NCAA with 71.2%. 29-7 ratio, 576 rush. Marques Council (6-3 194 rFr) PS#126.
RB TRINITY DAWSON JR. 5-10 195 754 yds (4.7). 6 sts as true. 12 sts LY, 999 yds (5.0), 4.48 spd. Quinton Broussard (5-9 200 Jr) PS#161. 316 rush yds 2Y. Lance Johnson PS#133DB.
WR TERRANCE HUDSON SR. 6-1 184 PS#285. 8 sts in '03, 27 rec (13.3). Gabriel Hatchett is PS#132JC, orig commit to Neb. **TE** Josh Powell (6-5 240 So) **PS#38**. 2 rec as true.
WR STEVE ODOM SO. 5-10 165 12 sts as rFr, #2 w/62 rec (13.5), #2 in MAC Fr of Yr vote. Pete Lepley (6-1 200 Sr). Matt Wittenmyer (6-1 190 rFr). Lance Long (5-11 189 So).
WR LANCE MOORE SR. 5-11 184 23 rec (13.4) in '02. 12 sts LY. **103 rec** (11.6), **1st Tm MAC**. Kenley Horton (6-2 171 So) PS#242QB. 6 rec LY. Kenny Higgins (6-1 184 Sr).
TE ANDREW CLARKE SR. 6-4 249 14 sts in '02, 37 rec (11.0). 12 sts in '03, 35 rec (12.4), **1st Tm MAC**. Chris Holmes (6-6 265 Sr) 12 sts in '01, 52 rec (11.2) in 3 years.
C DAVID ODENTHAL SR. 6-2 299 PS#435. From Germany. #2 C in '02. **485 bench**. 12 sts in '03. Hassan Adebesin (6-2 292 So) PS#369. **LS** Michael Heuer (6-3 250 Sr).
RG Wael Jarbou Sr. 6-5 310 **485 bench**. 2 games in '01, 5 in '02. 2 sts at RT in '03. David Perkins (6-2 290 rFr) PS#584. Aaron Albritton (6-2 258 So) PS#595.
LG Chris Wakeman Jr. 6-5 290 PS#213DL. 3 tkls in '02. Added 40 lbs, moved to OL. 2nd string LY. Jesse Anderson (6-5 285 So) 2nd string LY. Chad Diggs (6-4 290 So).
RT John Greco rFr. 6-5 315 PS#427OL. Added 25 lbs. Jerry Aguwa (6-5 290 So) 2nd string LT in '03. Greg Luna (6-7 318 Jr) PS#493JC. Mike Rudicili (6-2 325 Jr).
LT NICK KACZUR SR. 6-5 305 2nd Tm MAC in '01. **1st Tm MAC** in '02 & '03. 38 sts at LT in 3 years. Mike Sacco (6-7 285 Sr). Justin Tharp (6-5 255 rFr) PS#225OL.
K JASON ROBBINS JR. 5-10 158 Solid 13 of 16 in '02, long of 37. Only 3 of 7 LY, long of 37. Jonathon Ameen (5-8 160 So). Rob Roark (5-6 225 rFr).

DE Jerome Walker So. 6-5 257 PS#491. 7 tkls, 1 sk as rFr. Don Gaines (6-4 252 Sr) PS#166TE. 16 games 3Y, 12 tkls, 3 sks, 4 tfl. Bernard Faithful (6-3 225 rFr) PS#146LB.
DT Tyree Pollard rFr. 6-4 310 PS#416OL. Good sized rFr. **Andre Bouldin** (6-4 310 Fr) PS#419 LY, 13 sks at Fork Union in '03. Sean Williamson (6-2 287 So).
DT JP Bekasiak So. 6-5 272 Canadian. 2 tkls, 1 pbu, 3 games as rFr. Patrick Clark (6-4 260 rFr) PS#384DL. Clark Baker (6-2 253 Sr) 1 tkl in 2003. Top walk-on award.
DE Phil Alexander Sr. 6-3 254 PS#380LB. 6 sts as rFr, 38 tkls, 3 sks, 5 tfl, 7 pbu. 2 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 sks, 6 tfl. Melvin Butler (6-2 240 Jr) PS#308. Aaron Albritton (6-2 258 So).
ILB ANTHONY JORDAN JR. 6-3 230 8 sts at DE as true, 40 tkls, 4 tfl. 12 sts LY, 137 tkls, 5 tfl. Seth Thitoff (6-2 225 So) 7 tkls as rFr. Mike Alston (6-2 205 So) PS#249RB, 10 tkls as true.
ILB BROCK DODRILL SR. 6-2 217 8 sts, 89 tkls, 8 tfl in '02. 12 sts in '03, 134 tkls, **2nd Tm MAC**. Questionable for fall (susp). David Thomas (6-2 230 Sr) PS#238. 40 tkls in 2 yrs.
WHIP MICHAEL BROUSSARD SR. 5-11 200 PS#103RB. **12 sts at Wisconsin**, 51 tkls, 3 int at CB. 4 sts here LY. 61 tkls, 4 tfl. **Rodney Gamby** (5-10 197 So) PS#296RB. 7 sts LY, 50 tkls, 2 tfl.
CB ANTONIO MALONE JR. 6-1 186 PS#127. 30 tkls as true. 10 sts in '03 until injury, 46 tkls, 3 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl. Jason Flowers (6-0 174 Jr) 12 tkls. James Monds (5-11 174 rFr).
CB Bo Martin So. 6-1 198 2 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. **Steve Gunter** (5-10 178 So) PS#188WR. **Indiana** transfer. Nigel Morris (6-0 164 rFr), PS#316.
ROV KEON JACKSON JR. 5-11 206 10 sts as rFr, 78 tkls, 3 int, 11 pbu, 7 tfl, #2 MAC Fr vote. 10 sts LY, 63 tkls, 7 pbu. Travis Williams (6-2 192 rFr) PS#429RB. Lance Heffner (6-2 184 So).
FS PATRICK BODY SR. 6-2 201 14 sts in 2002, 83 tkls, 5 tfl. 11 sts in 2003 (inj), 76 tkls, 3 int, 4 pbu. Shawn Nixon (6-1 191 Jr) PS#209QB. 1 tkl, 8 games last year.
P Jason Cox Jr. 6-1 207 PS#66. 30 punts as true, 36.5 average, 4 inside 20. 0 punts LY. Brett Kern (6-3 185 Fr) PS#80. 42.5 average in HS as junior, 39.0 as senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Trumaine Smith 6-3 180	PS#95
RB	Jalen Parmele 6-0 210	PS#104
DL	Alfred Martin 6-5 255	PS#145
WR	Gabriel Hatchett 6-3 195	PS#132JC
QB	Clint Cochran 6-3 200	PS#104
DB	Brandon Alexander 6-1 190	PS#153
LB	Bernard Faithful 6-3 225	PS#146
OL	Patrick Dawson 6-3 300	PS#193
DB	Billy Relford 5-9 180	PS#215
OL	Andrew Decker 6-3 270	PS#269
RB	Richard Davis 6-0 200	PS#232
OL	Sean Zabinski 6-7 290	PS#368
DL	Raybin Williams 6-6 240	PS#335
DB	De'Veon Harris 6-0 200	PS#364
WR	Andre Redd 5-11 185	PS#306
LB	Steven Morrison 6-2 200	PS#320
DL	Nick Lawrence 6-2 225	PS#401
DB	Greg Hay 6-2 215	PS#408
K	Brett Kern 6-3 185	PS#80

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#95

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 5	at Minnesota (Sun)	A						Toledo is 25-1 SU the last 26 home games and 52-8-1 SU the L/61. Excluding MAC Title gms: UT is 8-4-1 ATS as a conf away dog since '93. Toledo is 6-11-1 ATS their last 18 games on grass.
Sep. 11	at Kansas	A						Rockets are 5-9-2 ATS the last 7 years as an away dog. Toledo is 7-2 SU & ATS in road openers since 1995.
Sep. 18	at E Michigan	A						Could apply: Toledo is 7-1 ATS the last 4 years off a SU loss. Last & only time UT played Kansas was in '91 a 30-7 loss as a 6' pt dog.
Sep. 25	Temple	A						Toledo is 7-3 ATS their last 10 conference openers. The visitor is 7-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.
Oct. 2	Ball St	A						The Rockets are 11-1 SU & 9-1 ATS in the Glass Bowl the last 2 years. Including the '02 Motor City Bowl, UT is 2-5 ATS vs current Big East tms.
Oct. 9	at W Michigan	A						UT is 15-5 ATS in Toledo, OH vs MAC opponents since 1999. Toledo is 5-2 ATS since 1998 in their 2nd straight home game.
Oct. 16	Ohio	A						These 2 teams have avg'd 58 ppg the L5Y & the HT is 4-2 ATS the L/6. Rockets are 12-2 SU & 10-4 ATS vs the Broncos since 1990.
Oct. 23	C Michigan (HC)	A						UT hasn't lost SU to OU in the Glass Bowl S/'67, but are 0-3 ATS the L/3 visits. Including MAC Title gms: UT is 6-2 SU & 5-2-1 ATS vs MAC East teams.
Oct. 30								UT has won 9 in a row SU (7-2 ATS) vs CMU with an avg score of 33-14. The Rockets are 1-6 ATS their last 7 games before a bye.
Nov. 3	at Miami, Oh (Wed)	A						Toledo is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS after a bye since 1999. Rockets are 1-4-1 SU & 2-4 ATS since 1993 vs the RedHawks.
Nov. 10	at N Illinois (Wed)	A						The last 5 games have averaged 64.6 ppg. UT is 10-0 SU & 8-1-1 ATS L/10 vs NI, outscoring them on avg by 17 ppg.
Nov. 23	Bowling Green (Tues)	A						The home team is 4-0-1 ATS the last 5 years in this series. Excluding MAC Title gms: UT is 14-0 SU & 11-3 ATS in their final HG's S/'90.
Nov. 27								

TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 27-11)
4th Year at Toledo

Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

27-11	Straight Up	9-4	Home Favorite
19-13-2	Vs The Spread	3-0	Home Underdog
6-1	Off A SU Loss	4-5	Away Favorite
15-8-2	Vs Conference	3-4-2	Away Underdog
	4-5 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 30 (14,14,2)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,920

MAC - WEST DIVISION

QB Bruce Gradkowski

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-5	6-5	10-1	9-2	9-4	8-4	58-24
ATS	7-5	4-7-1	5-5	7-2	4-7	8-3-1	7-3-1	42-32-3
Home Fav	2-2	2-3	3-1	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	19-11
Home Dog	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	5-3
Away Fav	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-1	13-9-1
Away Dog	0-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	1-2-1	5-9-2
Favorite	5-3	3-4-1	5-2	6-2	3-7	6-1	4-1	32-20-1
Dog	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-0	1-0	2-2-1	3-2-1	10-12-2
Grass	2-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	6-11-1
Artificial	5-3	4-5-1	4-4	5-1	4-4	7-2-1	7-2	36-21-2
vs Conf	5-4	4-4-1	5-3	5-2	2-6	7-1-1	6-1-1	34-21-3
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	0-2	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-2	8-11
Off SU Win	5-4	1-5-1	2-2	5-2	2-6	5-3-1	5-2-1	25-24-3
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-0	2-0	14-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Trinity Dawson	199	1024	25	999	10	5.0
Bruce Gradkowski	91	576	72	504	1	5.5
Astin Martin	113	476	40	436	10	3.9
Quinton Broussard	17	88	0	88	0	5.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bruce Gradkowski	389	277	71.2	3210	29	7
Cedric Stevens	32	21	65.6	129	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lance Moore	103	1194	11.6	9	58
Steve Odom	62	838	13.5	6	66
Andrew Clarke	35	433	12.4	8	60
Terrance Hudson	27	359	13.3	3	43
Trinity Dawson	20	88	4.4	2	13
Chris Charlton	11	114	10.4	0	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Hannum	44	1916	43.5	2	40.7	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Robbins	48-50	1-1	2-5	0-1	0-0	3-7	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Jordan	138	1	4	4	0
Brock Dodrill	135	0	3	5	1
Patrick Body	77	0	4	4	3
Brandon Hefflin	66	0	0	11	5
Keon Jackson	63	0	4	8	0
Michael Broussard	61	1	3	1	2
Ray Turner	52	5	8	4	0
Rodney Gamby	51	0	2	3	0
Antonio Malone	46	0	1	3	3
Paul Dye	39	0	5	2	1
Frank Ofili	36	3	6	0	0
Chaz Williams	33	4	5	0	0
Jamar Landrum	29	0	0	2	0
Phil Alexander	21	3	6	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Moore	17	219	12.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Moore	21	456	21.7	0

TOLEDO

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	California	NL	San Jose St	27-25	–
84	California	NL	UNLV	13-30	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Nevada	40-37	W
01	Motor City	-4	Cincinnati	23-16	W
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51	L

TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	32.4	24	185	4.9	278	70.4	14.3	+11	2003	8	23.8	21	150	3.9	238	63.2	16.3
7	35.4	24	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	+7	2002	4	27.0	20	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5
7*	33.9	23	223	4.9	223	65.6	13.1	+1	2001	8	24.8	19	99	2.9	222	57.5	12.9
9*	36.4	22	254	5.4	151	56.3	11.1	+22	2000	8	11.4	15	82	2.5	188	53.3	23.7
8	26.6	21	239	5.3	171	52.9	15.4	+8	1999	7	20.8	19	107	3.1	240	62.0	16.7
10*	19.1	18	120	3.3	208	55.0	17.2	+2	1998	5	18.0	18	163	3.8	196	56.9	19.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at UNLV	16	29-94	3.2	17-34	145	1	24	39-150	3.8	27-41	308	0	+1
Liberty	25	35-197	5.6	23-28	304	1	18	39-132	3.4	16-33	165	1	+2
at Marshall	19	47-269	5.7	10-20	147	2	27	42-139	3.3	31-39	289	1	+5
Pittsburgh	33	29-90	3.1	49-62	461	0	21	28-74	2.6	24-36	315	1	0
at Syracuse	18	23-76	3.3	32-53	257	1	20	47-303	6.4	17-23	147	0	+1
E Michigan	25	38-172	4.5	26-33	307	0	19	38-129	3.4	16-34	118	2	+3
at C Michigan	35	62-422	6.8	23-36	221	0	15	36-135	3.8	11-33	178	1	0
at Ball St	24	27-120	4.4	33-42	320	1	21	43-198	4.6	22-27	307	0	-3
Buffalo	28	37-218	5.9	26-32	467	1	23	45-140	3.1	23-37	254	2	0
N Illinois	18	32-131	4.1	24-27	301	0	25	47-233	5.0	19-34	211	0	+2
W Michigan	25	49-227	4.6	22-33	225	2	15	25-39	1.6	24-35	262	2	0
at Bowling Green	21	44-198	4.5	13-23	184	0	22	36-129	3.6	22-27	304	0	0
TOTALS	287	452-2214	4.9	298-423	3339	9	250	465-1801	3.9	252-399	2858	10	+11
AVERAGES	23.9	38-185	4.9	25-35	278	0.8	20.8	39-150	3.9	21-33	238	0.8	0.9

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	+13'	12-35	L
at Ball St	-6'	23-10	W
Massachusetts	NL	24-3	–
at Bowling Green	-2	23-34	L
Kent St	-19	47-7	W
at Marshall	+23	13-38	L
E Michigan	-10'	13-20	L
Louisiana Tech	+6	17-34	L
at C Michigan	-6'	32-13	W
N Illinois	-6	44-14	W
W Michigan	-3'	45-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+18	24-6	W
Weber St	NL	51-0	–
E Illinois	NL	31-26	–
at W Michigan	-2	14-21	L
C Michigan	-22'	41-0	W
at E Michigan	-17'	42-14	W
Marshall	-7	42-0	W
at Navy	-18	35-14	W
at N Illinois	-5	38-24	W
Ball St	-32	31-3	L
Bowling Green	-25	51-17	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	-5	38-7	W
at Temple	-7'	33-7	W
at C Michigan	-24'	52-28	L
N Illinois	-17	41-20	W
at Ohio	-13	48-41	L
at Ball St	-23'	20-24	L
Navy	-29	21-20	L
W Michigan	-11	41-35	L
E Michigan	-33	28-7	L
at Bowling Green	-3	21-56	L

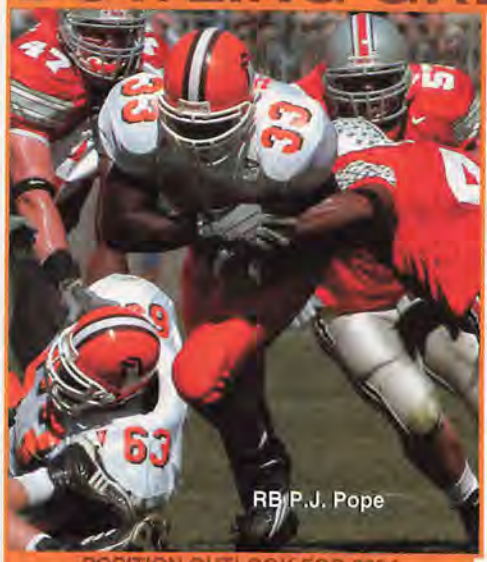
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal Poly	NL	44-16	–
at E Michigan	-22	65-13	W
at Minnesota	+7	21-31	L
UNLV	-7'	38-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+5	19-37	L
Ball St	-18	37-17	W
at UCF	+4	27-24	W
Miami, Oh	-3'	13-27	L
C Michigan	-14	44-17	W
at W Michigan	-7	42-21	W
at N Illinois	+1	33-30	W
Bowling Green	-3	42-24	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	E/+.5	18-28	L
Liberty	NL	49-3	–
at Marshall	+5'	24-17	W
Pittsburgh	+10	35-31	W
at Syracuse	+3'	7-34	L
E Michigan	-27	49-14	W
at C Michigan	-14'	31-13	W
at Ball St	-12	14-38	L
Buffalo	-26	56-29	W
N Illinois	+1'	49-30	W
W Michigan	-11'	34-17	W
at Bowling Green	+8	23-31	T

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS


RB P.J. Pope

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Harris is quite an athlete at 6-3 225 and in his frosh year played some at the TB position to get on the field and had one start at QB. In 2001 he took over for the returning starter at QB after seven games and earned MAC Offensive POW honors twice, throwing for 1,022 yards (60.9%) with a 9-3 ratio. Both QB's returned in 2002 but Harris took command and threw for 2,425 yards (56.1%) with a 19-11 ratio while rushing for 862 gross yards guiding BG to a MAC record 490 points. He also set a BG record for most points in a season by a single player. Harris had an even better season last year throwing for 3,813 yards (65.8%) with a super 27-12 ratio and 972 gross yards rushing. He set the MAC record for amount of plays in a season and became just the 2nd BG QB to top 3,000 yards passing in a year. He departs with a record of 22-6 as a starter and was #6DC of BAL. Omar Jacobs (PS#80) was the backup last year and hit 19 of 28 for 345 yards with a 4-0 ratio while rushing for 108 but saw the bulk of his duties against Liberty and E Kentucky where he had 26 pass attempts. Jacobs is just as big as Harris and also has 4.59 speed. Van Johnson (6-1 195 So, PS#367) was #3QB last year. Also in the mix is Nick Thurman (6-4 232 rFr, PS#283) who has a 92 MPH fastball and Peter Winovich (PS#156). True frosh Anthony Turner (PS#36) turned down an offer from Iowa. Naturally with the loss of a player with the experience and talent of Harris, this unit will be weaker in 2004.

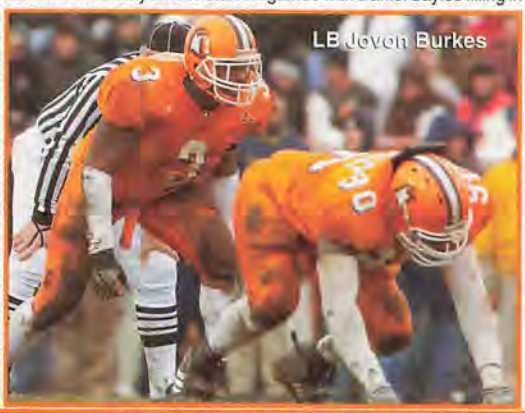
RUNNING BACKS - Last year BG had to replace their leading rusher Joe Alls who had 801 yards and a super 6.6 ypc. Their top returning rusher, PJ Pope got in 2 starts and rushed for 577 yards (5.7) as a true frosh. They also returned BJ Lane (PS#257) who had 156 yards (6.2) as a rFr. Raishaun Stover (5-10 205 So, PS#226) was a Cleveland HS Player of the Year and redshirted in 2002. Pope exceeded expectations becoming just the 10th BG back to top 1,000 yards in a season (thanks in part to 14 games) as he rushed for 1,005 yards (5.3), had 48 rec's and surprisingly was voted 1st Tm MAC. Lane rushed for 498 yards (6.4) and Stover 159 (6.4). This year basically everyone is back and not listed below are Melvin Cole (5-10 200 rFr, PS#264), Jeff Perry (5-8 176 rFr) and true frosh Edwin Hood (PS#182). This unit has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Robert Redd set the school's single season receiving record with 83 (11.7) and he was basically the only loss last year. Cole Magner, who was recruited as a QB from Alaska, is quite an athlete as he was also on the basketball team. He had some huge games last season including 11 rec's against Ohio St, and 12 in the bowl and broke Redd's record with 99 rec's (11.5). Charles Sharon was a dangerous returnman and was #2 on the team with 59 rec's (15.0). This year the only loss from this group is TE Craig Jarrett (1 st, 9 rec). I list the rest of the 2 deep below and not listed are Matt Emans (6-2 178 rFr), Kenneth Brantley (5-11 196 So) and Justin Martin (5-10 172 So). With Magner's return, this unit is more experienced but the overall numbers may drop due to an inexperienced QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Bowling Green's O-line struggled in 2000 as the team averaged just 2.5 ypc rushing but they improved to 3.8 in 2001 and a solid 5.3 in 2002 while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Gregg Brandon called his five OL recruits "five blocks of granite" and he was able to redshirt all five. The O-line, with just two returning starters, slipped a little as they averaged 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks and keep in mind, they had the very mobile QB Josh Harris to help those stats. This year they must replace LT James Williams (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Robert Haley (11 sts, 2 yr st'r) and backups Jesus Yanez and RG Vardan Mkhitarian (5 sts). Three full-time starters are back and six of the top 10, plus QB Jacobs is just as mobile as Harris was. This unit is in better shape than they were heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BG had three starters returning to the defensive front in 2001 and allowed just 2.6 ypc rushing. In 2002 they had to replace 3 starters including the 2001 MAC Defensive POY and slipped to 3.9 ypc allowed while recording just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have five of their top 8 returning. Surprisingly the more experienced unit allowed 4.2 ypc rushing but they did have 33 sacks so they put better pressure on the QB. Not listed below in the 2 deep are Jack Battle (6-2 255 rFr, PS#585), Gavin Powell (6-3 219 Sr) and this year's true frosh. Keep in mind last year, true frosh Devon Parks (PS#234) started all 14 games. This year the only losses are DE's Rick Mauer (4 sts, 22 tkls, 3.5 sks) and Will Teague (20 tkls, 3 tfl). Basically four full-time starters return including 2nd Tm MAC DE Mitchell Crossley and I look for solid improvement in the BG D-line this year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had to replace their #1 tackler who was 2nd Tm MAC as well as one backup with 36 tackles. Returning starter Jovon Burkes was banged up early and was only able to start six games with Daniel Sayles filling in for him. This year the only loss is Mitch Hewitt (13 sts, 84 tkls, 6 tfl) who was the team's top LB as well as SLB Jeff Runnells (36 tkls, 4 tfl) and TJ Carswell (10 sts) who moves to FS. Three players return who started 6 or more games last year and 4 of the top 6 are back. Not listed below is Jonathan Jakubowski (6-1 216 So, 2 tkls), Aaron Burkart (6-1 212 Jr, 5 tkls, 2 tfl), Ross Kollar (6-1 225 So, PS#412) and this year's true frosh. Even with the losses, this unit could be as productive as 2003.


LB Jovon Burkes

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BG suffered an injury plagued 2002 and in one game had four frosh DB's in at games end. They finished #77 in my pass D rankings. Last season 7 of the top 8 returned so improvement was expected. BG improved slightly to #72 in the rankings allowing a solid 54.7% with a 19-11 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are FS Jason Morton (14 sts, 106 tkls, 8 pbu), CB Janssen Patton (14 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 7 int, 12 pbu), SS Mike Malone (4 sts, 30 tkls) and CB Anthony Hicks (4 tkls). TJ Carswell started 9 games at LB and slides over to the FS spot and Keon Newson returns to CB after starting the last 8 at safety. Basically 3 starters return to the unit but it is a little less experienced and loses its top player and may drop a notch in the pass D rankings.

DB Keon Newson

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's special teams coach and in his two years at BG they finished #22 and #12 including 7 blocked punts in 2002. Last year they had to replace their punter and both top returnmen and struggled overall with a poor return game and coverage unit, especially early in the year. They dropped to #46 in my special teams rankings. K Shaun Suisham already has a MAC record for xp's here and after hitting 12 of 14 FG's with a long of 43 in 2002, connected on 16 of 24 with a long of 47 last year. Nate Fry (PS#9) won the punting job and averaged a respectable 40.2 with a net of 35.4. The return game was below average but all of the key players are back. This group has top 25 potential.

COACHES - Gregg Brandon had been the OC here for two years under Urban Meyer before taking over the head job last season. His offense finished third in the nation in scoring (40.8 ppg in 2002) and set 17 school records and 7 MAC records. Greg Studrawa took over the OC duties last year and he was previously the OG/C coach here. Tim Beckman is now in his 6th year as DC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 BG outgained MAC foes by an average of 94.9 ypg and ranked as high as #16 in the polls. BG is a remarkable 7-1 against BCS schools with their only loss being a close one vs the defending National Champ Ohio St last year. They beat then #16 ranked Purdue on the road, their first win over a ranked team since 1972 (#18 Purdue). BG then hosted #12 N Illinois on national TV in a battle of ranked teams and got the victory. The next week they rose to #15 in the polls, their highest ever but lost at #26 Miami (OH). They won a crucial game at home vs Toledo in the season finale but five days later had to face Miami again in the Title game. They earned their first bowl bid in 11 years and in reality their first ever IA bowl and finished #23 in the final polls. This year BG has 16 starters back from a unit that outgained other MAC foes by 144 ypg (#3 in MAC). The only real question mark on this team is who will replace Josh Harris, as he was one of the most effective BG QB's ever. Even with the loss of Harris, BG is my #2 rated offense in the MAC and #4 defense. Unfortunately the schedule is tough as they face their toughest two West foes (Toledo and NI) on the road and also draw Marshall out of the MAC East which may be the most talented team in the league. It will be another successful winning year for BG but it will be tough to repeat as MAC West Champs.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Omar Jacobs So. 6-4 222 PS#80. 4.5 spd. 4 games as rFr, 19-28, 345 yds, 4-0 ratio, 108 rush (6.0). **Anthony Turner** is **PS#36**. Nick Thurman (6-4 232 rFr) 92 mph fastball.
RB PJ POPE JR. 5-9 217 **1st Tm MAC** LY. 577 yards (5.7) as true. 14 sts, 1005 yds (5.3), 48 rec (9.0). BJ Lane (5-10 187 Jr) 498 yds (6.4). Raishaun Stover (5-10 205 So).
WR JAMES HAWKINS SR. 6-1 220 PS#187. 11 sts, 44 rec (12.4) in '02. 11 sts, 31 rec (16.9) LY. **Cornelius McGrady** (6-3 206 Sr) 8 sts, 29 rec (9.0). Kevin Norris (6-2 188 Fr) PS#159QB.
WR CHARLES SHARON JR. 6-1 173 11 sts, 33 rec (14.1) in '02. 13 sts, 59 rec (15.0) LY. Greg Hutcherson (6-3 185 rFr) PS#105. Derrick Lett (6-0 172 Jr) PS#229. 4 rec. 4.4 spd.
WR COLE MAGNER SR. 6-2 183 PS#152QB. 12 sts in '02, 26 rec (14.4) 14 sts LY #1 w/99 rec (11.5). Brandon Jones (6-0 169 So) 1 st, 2 rec. Jimmy Carson (5-10 155 rFr).
WR STEVE SANDERS JR. 6-3 200 8 sts LY, 43 rec (10.8). Benjy Kennedy (6-1 185 rFr) PS#74QB. **TE** Steve Navarro (6-2 249 Jr) PS#179DL. Todd DiBacco (6-1 258 Sr).
C SCOTT MRUCZKOWSKI SR. 6-4 315 11 sts as rFr. 12 sts at LG in '02. 14 sts at C in '03, **1st Tm MAC**. Korey Lichtensteiger (6-3 295 rFr) PS#326. John Lanning (6-4 289 So).
RG ANDY GRUBB SR. 6-4 284 PS#370LB. 10 tkls, 1 tfl on DL in '01 & '02. 9 sts at RG LY. Edmond Massey (6-3 300 rFr) PS#395. Pascal Kokke (6-5 257 Jr). PS#421DL.
LG ROB WARREN JR. 6-6 290 PS#254DL. 3 games as rFr until inj. 14 sts at LG in '03. Andy Wenstrup (6-5 279 Sr) 2nd string LY. Patrick Watson (6-5 265 rFr) PS#173.
RT Jonathan Culp Jr. 6-6 285 1 st, 10 games as rFr, TE to OL. 2 sts in LT in '03. Kevin Huelsman (6-5 275 rFr) PS#456. Andrew Stanford (6-3 277 rFr). PS#204.
LT Andrew Hart Sr. 6-5 302 1 st as rFr until ACL. 2nd string in '02. 3 starts at RT in '03. Drew Nystrom (6-5 285 rFr) PS#267. Derrick Markray (6-5 323 So) PS#548.
K SHAUN SUISHAM SR. 6-0 200 3 of 8 FG's in '01. 12 of 14 FG's in '02, L/43, xp MAC record. 16 of 24 FG's LY, long of 47. 48 yd FG in HS. Nate Fry had 48 yd FG in HS.

DE MITCHELL CROSSLEY JR. 6-3 250 10 sts as rFr, 52 tkls, 7 sks, 6 tfl. **2nd Tm MAC**, 10 sts, 49 tkls, 9 sks. Ryan Newble (6-4 250 Sr) PS#419JC. 15 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Lucas Bartnick (6-1 235 rFr).
NG MIKE THALER JR. 6-1 280 PS#189DL. 10 tkls as rFr. 14 sts in '03, 64 tkls, 4 tfl. Cameron Durham (6-4 270 rFr) PS#494. Thomas Smith (6-0 260 So) PS#365LB. +30 lbs.
DT MATT LEININGER JR. 6-3 280 PS#335. 7 sts, 37 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. 12 sts, 63 tkls, 2 tfl. Monty Cooley (6-2 268 Jr) 2 sts, 37 tkls, 3.5 tfl LY. Brad Williams (6-3 250 So) 18 tkls, 2.5 tfl.
DE DEVON PARKS SO. 6-3 233 PS#234. 14 sts as true, 48 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. Brian Gardner (6-4 240 Sr) PS#155JC. 20 tkls LY. Jason Hollingsworth (6-3 205 So) #5 GA 110m hurdle HS.
WLB Ted Piepkow Jr. 6-0 220 2 tkls as true. 9 sts LY, 77 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl. Jenkins Reese (6-3 215 rFr) 5 tkls LY but RS. Dan Macon (6-1 205 So) PS#267RB. 52 rush yds as true.
MLB JOVON BURKES SR. 6-1 234 PS#129DB. 11 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 7 tfl. 6 sts LY, 78 tkls, 9 tfl (inj). Jamien Johnson (6-1 220 Jr) PS#209. 21 tkls in 2Y. Aaron Burkart (6-1 212 Jr).
SLB Daniel Sayles Sr. 5-11 213 25 tkls in '01 & '02. 6 sts last year (inj), 42 tkls, 9.5 tfl. Terrel White (5-10 215 So) PS#337. 9 tkls, 3 tfl. Lavelle Sharpe (5-11 205 Jr) 2 tkls.
CB JELANI JORDAN JR. 5-10 175 1 start, 24 tkls, 1 int, 8 pbu as **true**. Last 9 sts LY, 84 tkls, 6 pbu. Robert Browning (6-0 175 So) 5 tkls as true. Virgil Robinson (5-10 185 rFr) PS#108.
CB KEON NEWSON SR. 6-0 184 5 sts as true. 12 sts in '02, 62 tkls, 2 int, 8 pbu. 13 sts LY (4@CB, 8@SS) 124 tkls, 9.5 tfl, 1 int, **15 pbu**. Terrill Mayberry (5-11 172 Jr) 23 tkls 2Y.
SS Tim Arnold Jr. 5-9 196 PS#221WR. 23 tkls, 1 tfl, 2 yrs. Mike Crumpler (5-11 187 Jr) 11 tkls in 2 yrs. DeAudre Perry (6-1 195 rFr) PS#188. Pat Curran (6-1 179 So).
FS TJ CARSWELL SR. 6-1 205 1 st in '02, 38 tkls, 2 tfl, 1 int. 10 sts LY (1 at SS, 9 at LB) 77 tkls, 2.5 tfl. Loren Hargrove (5-11 193 rFr) PS#282. Will Myles (5-11 193 So) PS#150QB.
P NATE FRY JR. 5-10 205 **PS#9K**. 3-3 xp's in '02. 49 punts, 40.2 avg and net of 35.4 in '03. Josef Timchenko (6-4 214 Jr) Spec Tm POY at JC in '02. RS here last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Anthony Turner 6-2 218 PS#36
RB	Edwin Hood 5-10 185 PS#182
OL	Brandon Curtis 6-2 280 PS#236
OL	Andrew Campbell 6-4 265 PS#248
QB	Pete Winovich 6-3 230 PS#156
DL	Jeff Fink 6-5 260 PS#233
RB	Nate Waldron 5-11 195 PS#231
LB	Joe Schaefer 6-4 250 PS#229
DL	Nicholas Davis 6-3 280 PS#353
DL	Lance Latkiewicz 6-2 282 PS#365
LB	John Haneline 6-2 225 PS#319
DB	Erique Dozier 6-1 195 PS#396
DB	Scott Goodwin 6-3 205 PS#397
DB	Corey Partridge 5-11 180 PS#398
DL	Brandon Mack 6-5 245 PS#506
OL	Aaron Kent 6-6 265 PS#612
LB	Andrew Allen 6-1 220 PS#687

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GREGG BRANDON (Career 11-3)
2nd Year at Bowling Green

Brandon's records AT BOWLING GREEN

11-3	Straight Up	1-2-1	Home Favorite
5-5-1	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
0-2	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
3-5-1	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
		2-0	Vs Non-Conference

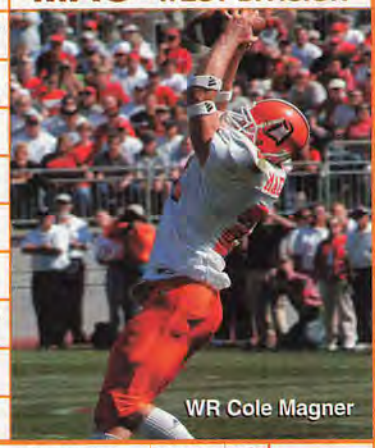
2003 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (24,27,3)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,002

MAC - WEST DIVISION


WR Cole Magner

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#101

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BGSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Since 2001 BG is 6-1 SU & 7-0 ATS vs BCS schools including 4-1 SU & 5-0 ATS on the road. Bowling Green is 7-1 ATS the last 3 years in September. Falcons are 7-2 ATS before a bye since 1996.
Sep. 4	at Oklahoma	G						BG has won the last 3 games SU & ATS vs the Big 12. The Falcons are 10-4 ATS in road openers since 1990.
Sep. 11	SE Missouri St	G						The Indians were 5-7 LY as IAA Ohio Valley Conference members. SE Missouri St 's next opponent is MAC member Central Michigan.
Sep. 18								
Sep. 24	at N Illinois (Fri)	A						BG is 4-2 SU, but 2-4 ATS the last 6 games after a bye. Falcons are 8-18 ATS on artificial turf since 1996.
Oct. 2	at Temple	A						The favorite has covered 3 of the last 4 in this series. Bowling Green is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Temple since 1995.
Oct. 9	at C Michigan	A						BG is 1-3 SU & ATS, being outscored 115-25 in their 3rd straight AG S/'90. The Falcons are 4-3 SU & 1-6 ATS vs CMU since 1993.
Oct. 16	Ball St (HC)	G						BG is 15-1 SU & 9-5-2 ATS as a home favorite since 1998. Bowling Green is 19-5 SU & 16-6-2 ATS the last 24 MAC home games.
Oct. 23	at Ohio U	A						Falcons are 9-3 SU & 10-2 ATS the last 12 games vs the Bobcats. BG scored their 3rd most pts (72) ever in their last meeting in 2002.
Oct. 30	E Michigan	G						In EMU's last visit, BG piled up 635 yds, 32 FD's & 63 pts. The visitor is 0-6 ATS the last 6 games in this series.
Nov. 6	W Michigan	G						The Falcons are 4-6-1 SU & 3-8 ATS vs WMU since 1990. Bowling Green is 7-3-1 ATS since 1995 in November home games.
Nov. 13	Marshall	G						Could apply: BG is 11-4 ATS as a home dog since 1997. Falcons are 5-0-1 ATS in their home finale since 1998.
Nov. 23	at Toledo (Tues)	A						Bowling Green is 3-6 SU & 3-5-1 ATS vs the Rockets the last 9 meetings. Falcons are 4-2 ATS (both losses in Tulsa) in road finales.
Nov. 27								Bonus: These 2 instate rivals are only 26 miles apart.

STADIUM: DOYT PERRY STADIUM (30,599)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-3	9-3	10-3	42-38
ATS	4-7	8-3	6-4	5-6	7-3-1	5-6	5-5-1	40-34-2
Home Fav	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	1-2-1	10-6-2
Home Dog	1-1	3-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	11-4
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	7-8
Away Dog	2-3	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	0-2	2-1	12-16
Favorite	1-3	3-1	2-1	1-1	3-1-1	4-4	3-3-1	17-14-2
Dog	3-4	5-2	4-3	4-5	4-2	1-2	2-2	23-20
Grass	4-3	6-3	5-1	4-4	6-1-1	3-3	4-3-1	32-18-2
Artificial	0-4	2-0	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	8-16
vs Conf	2-6	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5-1	29-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-0	11-8
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	3-1	2-0	4-3	4-5	5-3-1	22-15-1
Off SU Loss	2-5	5-1	3-2	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	0-2	16-16-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Pope	191	1057	52	1005	10	5.3
Josh Harris	215	972	142	830	13	3.9
BJ Lane	78	518	20	498	1	6.4
Raishaun Stover	25	160	1	159	3	6.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Harris	494	325	65.8	3813	27	12
Omar Jacobs	28	19	67.9	345	4	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cole Magner	99	1138	11.5	10	39
Charles Sharon	59	887	15.0	10	91
James Hawkins	31	525	16.9	3	77
Steve Sanders	43	466	10.8	1	30
PJ Pope	48	433	9.0	0	46
Cornelius McGrady	29	262	9.0	1	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Nate Fry	49	1971	40.2	5	35.4	0	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Shaun Suisham	56-60	9-10	4-9	3-5	0-0	16-24	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keon Newson	124	1.5	8	15	1
Jason Morton	106	0	2	8	0
Mitch Hewitt	84	0	6	5	0
Jelani Jordan	84	1	0	6	1
Jovon Burkes	78	4	5	4	0
Ted Piepkow	77	3	3	5	0
TJ Carswell	77	0.5	2	2	0
Mike Thaler	64	2	2	2	1
Matt Leininger	63	0	2	2	0
Janssen Patton	57	0	3	12	7
Mitchell Crossley	49	9	3	0	0
Devon Parks	48	5	4	1	0
Daniel Sayles	42	2.5	7	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Sharon	31	274	8.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cole Magner	18	357	19.8	0
Janssen Patton	11	237	21.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
82	California	NL	Fresno St	28-29	–
85	California	NL	Fresno St	7-51	–
91	Cal Raisin	NL	Fresno St	28-21	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34	–
03	Motor City	-7	Northwestern	28-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	33.6	27	196	4.7	300	65.3	14.8	-6	2003	8	21.7	18	153	4.2	208	54.7	16.6
8*	40.8	25	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	+9	2002	4	25.3	20	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	167	3.8	217	60.9	12.7	+17	2001	9	19.5	16	86	2.6	233	52.9	16.3
5*	15.8	15	98	2.5	164	48.4	16.6	+4	2000	8	26.3	19	132	3.5	220	57.5	13.4
8*	26.9	21	150	3.4	201	51.7	13.1	-9	1999	7	28.4	18	150	4.0	225	58.7	13.2
7	26.5	21	215	4.3	151	50.2	13.8	-3	1998	7	28.4	18	160	4.3	221	60.4	13.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Kentucky	36	44-222	5.0	26-37	422	0	15	31-139	4.5	19-32	170	3	0
at Purdue	22	41-50	1.2	22-40	357	2	18	28-95	3.4	26-42	255	0	0
Liberty	32	49-367	7.5	18-25	308	0	15	34-57	1.7	13-31	192	5	+1
at Ohio St	21	23-40	1.7	33-56	326	4	17	48-205	4.3	10-16	118	3	-1
C Michigan	31	46-210	4.6	25-36	298	2	17	42-158	3.8	15-29	126	2	-1
at W Michigan	29	49-226	4.6	27-39	286	2	13	20-57	2.9	18-36	330	3	+1
at E Michigan	26	46-305	6.6	17-25	187	0	18	42-144	3.4	14-24	170	5	-1
N Illinois	30	50-196	3.9	27-43	438	1	13	27-62	2.3	14-30	165	6	+1
at Miami, Oh	20	37-183	4.9	20-35	160	5	20	36-126	3.5	20-29	250	1	-1
Kent St	30	42-297	7.1	24-36	324	1	30	46-298	6.5	19-45	239	1	-3
at Ball St	23	48-295	6.1	16-29	150	1	16	31-116	3.7	21-43	211	3	+2
Toledo	22	36-129	3.6	22-27	304	0	21	44-198	4.5	13-23	184	0	0
Miami, Oh	23	35-142	4.1	30-49	260	1	25	31-136	4.4	26-35	440	0	-3
† Northwestern	30	37-88	2.4	38-51	386	2	16	46-357	7.8	7-15	58	1	-1
TOTALS	375	583-2750	4.7	345-528	4206	21	254	506-2148	4.2	235-430	2908	33	-6
AVERAGES	26.8	42-196	4.7	25-38	300	1.5	18.1	36-153	4.2	17-31	208	2.4	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+5	10-30	L
Tenn Tech	NL	40-15	–
at Marshall	+22	16-35	W
at Kent St	-16	27-41	L
Toledo	+2	34-23	W
Miami, Oh	+7	31-45	L
at Akron	+3'	25-55	L
at Ohio	+6'	14-17	W
C Michigan	-5'	31-7	W
Ball St	-15'	35-14	W
at UCF	+11	33-30	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+30	7-42	L
Pittsburgh	+7	16-34	L
at Temple	+9'	14-31	L
at Buffalo	-20'	17-20	L
at Kent St	+4'	18-11	W
Akron	+8	21-27	W
at Miami, Oh	+13'	10-24	L
E Michigan	-9'	20-6	W
Marshall	+8'	13-20	W
Ohio	+9	21-23	W
at Toledo	+25	17-51	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+13	20-13	W
Buffalo	-22'	35-0	W
Temple	+1	42-23	W
at Marshall	+5	31-37	L
Kent St	-17	24-7	T
at W Michigan	+8	28-37	L
at Akron	-4'	16-11	W
Miami, Oh	-4	21-24	L
at Ohio	-6'	17-0	W
at Northwestern	+6	43-42	W
Toledo	+3	56-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn Tech	NL	41-7	–
Missouri	+3'	51-28	W
at Kansas	-10'	39-16	W
Ohio	-24	72-21	W
at C Michigan	-15	45-35	L
W Michigan	-17	48-45 OT	L
Ball St	-21	38-20	L
at Kent St	-18	45-14	W
at N Illinois	-3'	17-26	L
at S Florida	+3	7-29	L
E Michigan	-32	63-21	W
at Toledo	+3	24-42	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	63-13	–
at Purdue	+11	27-26	W
Liberty	NL	62-3	–
at Ohio St	+12'	17-24	W
C Michigan	-28'	23-3	L
at W Michigan	-9	32-21	W
at E Michigan	-28	33-20	L
N Illinois	-3'	34-18	W
at Miami, Oh	+7	10-33	L
Kent St	-20'	42-33	L
at Ball St	-14'	41-14	W
Toledo	-8	31-23	T

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - For the past couple of years Jonathan Drach and Chad Munson have battled for the starting QB job. Munson got in the bulk of the action in 2002 and possessed what Darnell called "a unique arm". Munson threw for 2,160 yards (52.4%) but with a poor 14-17 ratio while Drach threw for 892 yards (53%) with a 3-4 ratio. They both returned last year and had to battle JUCO transfer Robbie Haas (6-2 204 Jr) and Blayne Baggett (6-1 215 Jr) for the starting job. Haas had a 30-5 ratio in 2001 at JC. Baggett was termed an office rat and watches a lot of tape. He appeared in two games in 2002 hitting 2 of 6 passes. Munson won the starting job last year and had a fine year as he threw for 2,123 yards (56.4%) while improving his ratio to 18-13. He was injured vs NIU and would miss basically the rest of the year being listed as questionable to doubtful each week. Drach did set school records with 6 TD's and 450 yards passing against William & Mary early. He hit 20 of 23 for 250 yards vs Ball St and ended up throwing for 1,499 yards (67%) with a 13-6 ratio. Baggett got in 8 pass attempts for 79 yards on the year. WM finished #8 in the NCAA in passing offense. Unfortunately both Munson and Drach depart. Baggett will battle Haas as well as my favorite to win the starting job, Ryan Cubit. Cubit (PS#60) threw for 657 yards (45.4%) with a 5-6 ratio at Rutgers in 2002 and started all 11 games there as a true frosh throwing for 1,433 yards (44.8%) with a 9-19 ratio and 258 yards rushing. He sat out last year due to transfer. Oseloka Keys (6-2 197 rFr, PS#171) has moved to defense. Perhaps the most talented QB is true frosh Alex Engram (PS#94) who has the strongest arm. I like the talent that this group has but it will be tough to match last year's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - WM has now had five 1,000 yard rushers in the last seven years. Phil Reed led the team in rushing his last 3 seasons and he rushed for 744 yards (3.9) last year but WM still finished #116 out of 117 in the NCAA in rushing yardage. Reed missed one game and was banged up in others. Daniel Marks (PS#309) rushed for 97 yards (21 att) vs E Michigan in 2002 but then was injured. Last year he had 200 yards (4.7) with his best game being vs Toledo in the season finale (55 yds). The fastest TB last season was Trovon Riley. He broke his hand and missed the first three games and would participate in only 4 games rushing for 91 yards (4.3). Reed is the only loss. Also in the mix is Nic Saad (6-2 211 rFr, PS#301). Tommy Duffy (5-11 198 rFr) and this year's true frosh including Mark Bonds (PS#68) who could become the feature back. Last year's 81.1 ypg rushing was extremely low and, especially if Bonds plays, they will put up better numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Broncos had a very talented receiving corps in 2002 but had to replace their #1 receiver and starting TE last year. Their most dangerous WR in 2003 was Greg Jennings. Jennings had 5 starts in 2002 but then was injured. He was a member of the track team in HS and Darnell says "(He's) one of the highest vertical jumpers I've ever had here". While he did not lead the team in receptions, he did draw heavy coverage and vs E Michigan was even triple teamed at times. He still set the school record for TD rec's in a season with 14 and his 18.8 ypc was also tops on the team. Fortunately for WM he is back and he will be one of the MAC's best WR's. Kendrick Mosley who had 37 rec in 2002, benefitted from Jennings' double coverage and had 77 rec (13.2) but he departs. Also gone this year are WR Antonio Thomas who had 45 grabs in 2002 and 37 (13.0) last year as well as backup Brandon Johnson (5 rec), TE Anthony Kiner (11 sts, 12 rec) and Chris Chestnut (9 rec). The starting TE at the beginning of the year was Tony Scheffler but he was injured in the first week and true frosh Tyson DeVree finished fourth on the team with 30 rec (11.0) despite not starting. Two WM players ranked in the top 20 in the NCAA with Mosley 18th in rec per game and Jennings 16th in all-purpose yards. I list the rest of the 2 deep below and note that Tyrone Walker averaged 18.0 on his 12 rec. Despite the loss of 2 of their top 4 receivers, this unit looks to be in better shape with the return of Jennings and DeVree and some other athletic WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With an inexperienced offensive front in 2002 WM averaged just 3.3 ypc rushing and the OL allowed 50 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters and the lone returnee, LT Kyle Ras, moved to LG. The once again inexperienced unit paved the way for just 2.8 ypc rushing but did trim the sack total to 39. This year they must replace C Charles Missant (12 sts), RT Chad Wangerin (12 sts) and backup CR Moultry (1 st). Three full-time starters return and they have some excellent rFr that could take some spots. I list the 2 deep below. WM has a much more experienced O-line than they have had the last 2 seasons.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Broncos believe in speed over size on the defensive front and have had some success with that philosophy including 2000 when they allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing. In 2002 the defense allowed 3.8 ypc and surprisingly only had 31 sacks despite the presence of Jason Babin who had 15 of those sacks. He departs this year as the school's all-time leader in sacks and became just the 7th player in league history to win back-to-back MAC Defensive POY Awards. He had 115 tackles, 15 sacks and 18 tfl leading the NCAA in tfl per game. WM allowed 4.0 ypc rushing and surprisingly only had 26 sacks despite Babin's numbers. Beside Babin (#1DC of HOU) the team also loses DT Jonathan Jones (11 sts, 40 tkls, 3 tfl) but does have 6 of the top 8 returning and I list the 3 deep below. DE Jack Gitler is the star of the group with 7 sacks and 12 tfl last year. This has the makings of a pretty good defensive front but with the loss of Babin, I will call it weaker in 2004.

DT Jack Gitler

LINEBACKERS - WM runs a 4-2-5 defense but I include the SS position here making it a 3 man LB corps. Last year they had to replace 2 full-time starters and 2 backups and lost projected starting ILB Josh Behrens to injury prior to the year. This season the only losses are SS Scott Robinson who moves to CB and LB Willie Miller (14 tkls, 1 tfl). Behrens is back from injury. WM has 5 LB's back with starting experience and not listed at LB is Matt Ludeman (6-3 218 So, PS#429DL), Steve Robbins (5-11 217 Jr) and Dave Mbah (6-0 234 rFr). This group has a lot more experience than it did heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM finished #65 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace one starter and one backup last year due to graduation but then lost both starting CB's prior to the year so they only had one starter returning. The inexperienced group dropped to #99 allowing 62.5% with a 22-12 ratio. This year two starters depart in CB Willie Pope (12 sts, 67 tkls, 4 int, 10 pbu) and WS Jason Feldpausch (10 sts, 85 tkls, 6 pbu). They move starting SS Scott Robinson to CB so they have 3 starters returning to the unit. This much more experienced secondary should move well up in the 2004 pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WM usually finishes very high in my special teams rankings including a #26 finish in 1999 and #20 in 2000. They were #57 in 2001 and #36 in 2002 and last year only had to replace their starting punter Matt Steffen. Steffen had lost his job to Adam Anderson in 2001 but Anderson, who punted great in practice but not so spectacular in games, lost his job back to Steffen in 2002. Anderson had an outstanding season in 2003 and his 43.9 average was simply the best in school history and that included 20 punts inside the 20. He was a big part of the reason that WM's special teams finished #19 and he is back. Kicker Robert Menchinger hit 7 of 9 FG's with a long of 39 in 2002 but slipped some last year to just 8 of 15 including only 2 of 7 from 30-39 with a long of 41. He did have one miss from 50+. Both of the top KR's are back in Greg Jennings (21.6) and Tyrone Walker (20.1). Jennings was #1 in the MAC and #7 in the NCAA in KR's (29.0) in 2002 when he was injured. They do lose top PR Kendrick Mosley who led the team in 2002 with a 15.2 average and 11.3 last year. Tyrone Walker is a possible replacement. They will be missing Jason Feldpausch who was a special teams standout with two blocked punts in his career. KO specialist Isac Bush, who did a solid job, is not on the spring roster. Even with the loss of Mosley and the fact that it will be tough for Anderson to duplicate last year's numbers, this unit still has top 25 potential.

COACHES - Gary Darnell enters his eighth year with the team and was 2000's MAC Coach of the Year. The OC is Brian Rock who is in his fifth year at that position (13th season here), Dick Bumpas left for the DC job at TCU so the new DC is 38 year old JC Harper who was the Broncos DL coach last season after being the DC at IAA Northwestern St in 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990 WM has had just 4 losing seasons, unfortunately 3 came in the last 3 years. Gary Darnell had the team on a great streak from 1997 to 2000 and they finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 winning the MAC West and recording 3 shutouts. Since Darnell has taken over here, the team is 26-11 at home but are a surprising 5-7 in Waldo Stadium the last 2 years. They led the MAC West for 24 straight weeks until they fell out of 1st in 2001 and WM has struggled. In 2002 they had some tough breaks as they outgained MAC foes by an average of 42 ypg but were -14 in turnovers finished just 4-8 on the season and 3-5 in conference play. Darnell was granted a 5 year contract extension after 2000 but when only 9,000 showed up for Homecoming, questions began to arise about his job security and his contract was not rolled over. This figures to be a critical year for him and the program. They are breaking in a new QB and also lose their top RB and receiver plus two OL's. WM's 11 starters returning are the lowest in the league. I look for the offense to drop from the 27.6 ppg they averaged last season. Defensively they have 7 starters back including two players who I put on my All-MAC team in DT Jack Gitler and LB Paul Tithof. The defense has been the problem in WM's downturn as after allowing just 11.6 ppg in 2000 they yielded 30.8 ppg last year. The defense does figure to be stronger but WM was outgained in league play by 63.8 ypg last year. The schedule maker has not done WM any favors either as from the East they pull Miami and Marshall, the top two teams. WM is an outstanding 12-2 vs instate MAC squads under Darnell with those losses by a combined six points and should they maintain their mastery of EM and CM and if they pull an upset of NI at home, they have a shot at moving back into the upper half of the MAC West standings. With a new QB and just 11 starters back, that will be a tough task but one Darnell probably needs to accomplish.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Ryan Cubit Jr. 6-1 206 PS#60QB. 11 sts as true at Rutgers, 4 sts in '02. 2098 yds (45%) 14-25 ratio, 331 rush 2Y. Blayne Baggett (6-1 215 Jr) 6 passes in 2 years.
RB Daniel Marks Jr. 5-11 217 PS#309. 345 yds (4.3) 2 years. Trovon Riley (5-10 197 Jr) 10.6 in 100m, 272 yards (4.3) 2 years. **Mark Bonds** (5-10 227 Fr) **is PS#68.**
WR Brian Jackson rFr. 6-4 207 PS#196. Sub 4.5 speed. **Eugene Childs** (6-1 189 Sr) **PS#59** BYU/JUCO. 20 tkls at CB last year. Justin LeMay (5-10 175 So).
WR GREG JENNINGS JR. 5-11 191 5 sts, 10 rec (13.8) in '02. **2nd Tm MAC**, 56 rec, 1050 yds (18.8), 31 KR (21.6). Joe Chapple (6-0 182 So) PS#277.
WR Tyrone Walker Sr. 6-2 198 PS#196. 18 rec (18.4), 2Y. Osborn Curtis (5-11 190 Jr) PS#188. Kelly Martin (6-2 175 rFr) PS#168. Antwain Allen (6-1 215 rFr).
TE Tyson DeVree So. 6-6 235 PS#97. **30 rec (11.0) as true.** Tony Scheffler (6-6 240 Jr). 1 st, 7 rec, 2Y. Michael Kempinski (6-2 232 So) PS#138. Ross Farren (6-4 245 Jr).
C Robbie Krutilla So. 6-3 310 PS#279. Gym rat. Joel Pfaendtner (6-4 308 So) PS#485. 2 games, 7 plays last year. Matt Williams (6-2 267 Fr) is PS#436.
RG MARK OTTNEY JR. 6-5 290 **PS#106OL**. 5 games, 86 plays as rFr. 12 sts, 709 plays, 3 sks allowed last year. Henry Moultry (6-5 342 Sr). John Vavrosky (6-0 252 So).
LG KYLE RAS SR. 6-6 298 PS#317. 2nd string rFr. 11 sts at LT in '02. 12 sts at LG in '03, 739 plays. **Steve Douglas** (6-3 295 So) **PS#95OL**.
RT Dominic Moran So. 6-5 300 PS#295DL. 2 sts as rFr, 9 games, 165 plays. **James Blair** (6-3 330 rFr) **PS#118**. Chris Bartula (6-6 267 rFr) PS#282.
LT WALTER STITH JR. 6-8 291 PS#225TE. 11 sts at LT LY, 653 plays. Brandon James (6-5 288 Jr) PS#519. 11 games 2Y. Mike McCord (6-7 287 Sr) 1 st in '02, 146 plays 2Y.
K ROBERT MENCHINGER SR. 5-11 162 PS#39K. 8 of 11 FG's in '01, long of 35. 7 of 9 in '02, long of 39. 8 of 15 FG's LY, long of 41. Mike Jones (5-11 172 rFr) PS#48.

DE JACK GITLER SR. 6-2 254 PS#223DL. 26 tkls, 2 sks as true. 31 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 12 sts LY, 88 tkls, **7 sks, 12 tfl**, 1 int. Aaron Kennedy (6-0 238 So).
DT Erik Oleson Sr. 6-3 249 PS#196LB. 8 tkls, 1 sk '01 & '02. 1 st LY, 15 tkls, 2 tfl. Dezmond Gray (6-4 290 rFr) PS#149. Andy Endemann (6-2 312 Sr) PS#340JC.
NG PAUL MOERSCH JR. 6-4 291 5 tkls as rFr. 11 sts in '03, 38 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. Greg Bryant (6-0 292 Sr) PS#348JC. 1 st, 13 tkls LY. Joe Alvarez (6-1 248 Jr) PS#197.
DE Nick Melcher Sr. 6-3 250 6 tkls as rFr. 17 tkls in '02. 24 tkls, 3 sks LY. Added 22 lbs. Ernest Osborne (6-5 230 Sr) 25 tkls, 2 sks, 2Y. Zach Davidson is PS#147.
ILB PAUL TITHOF SO. 6-1 215 PS#406. 10 sts as rFr, 88 tkls, 10 tfl, 5 pbu. Dan Steinau (5-11 217 Sr) PS#434. 2 sts, 30 tkls last year. Darryl McFadden (6-3 251 rFr) PS#382.
ILB MIKE GIORGIANNI SR. 6-0 220 PS#348JC. 10 sts LY, 52 tkls, 8 tfl. **Josh Behrens** (6-1 248 Jr) PS#149. 4 sts, 26 tkls in '02. Inj LY. Anthony Belmonte (6-2 235 Jr) 36 tkls LY.
SS Jon Hall So. 6-0 200 PS#196. 19 tkls rFr, 5 tfl. Darrell Copeland (6-1 208 rFr) PS#389. 17 tkls as true. Dan Lemke (5-9 192 Jr). Chris Sheftic (6-1 221 So).
CB SCOTT ROBINSON SR. 5-11 189 12 sts at FS in '02, 55 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts at SS LY, 82 tkls, 16 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. Chad Feldpausch (5-11 190 So) 9 tkls LY. Ryan Powell (6-0 190 Sr).
CB DeRAE ALLEN rFr. 5-10 184 PS#308. 10 sts as true, 24 tkls, 2 pbu. Jimmie Vincent (5-9 186 So) PS#430. 2 sts, 14 tkls as rFr. Brandon Forrest (5-8 179 Jr).
WS Mark Hardy Sr. 6-1 188 29 tkls, 1 tfl in '03. Oseloka Keys (6-2 197 rFr) PS#171QB. Moved from QB to WS. Derek Szafranski (6-0 199 rFr) PS#429.
FS KEVIN FORD JR. 5-11 197 PS#214. 36 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 12 sts in '03. 111 tkls, 3 int, 10 pbu. **Shawntey Lopez** (6-0 212 Sr) **PS#142JC**. James Ellison (6-1 209 rFr).
P ADAM ANDERSON SR. 6-0 188 44 punts in '01, 37.9 avg. 21 punts in '02, 35.5 avg. 72 punts LY, **school record 43.9 avg, 40.2 net!** Jim Laney (6-4 199 rFr). PS#103K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Mark Bonds 5-10 227 PS#68
WR	Jamarko Simmons 6-2 216 PS#102
DL	Zach Davidson 6-2 231 PS#147
QB	Alex Engram 5-10 195 PS#94
WR	Brandon Ledbetter 6-5 198 PS#124
RB	Brandon Brady 5-11 201 PS#157
WR	Londen Fryar 5-11 181 PS#167
DL	Nick Varcadipane 6-2 255 PS#220
DB	Scooter McIntosh 6-1 197 PS#230
WR	Jerome Vann 6-3 199 PS#232
RB	Marc Orosz 5-10 172 PS#275
DB	Cornelius Robinson 6-2 191 PS#329
LB	Quentin Gray 6-3 250 PS#279
OL	Matt Williams 6-2 267 PS#436
WR	Fernand Kashama 6-3 208 PS#383
DB	Brian Bell 6-1 202 PS#478
DL	Cory Flom 6-3 272 PS#480
DL	Andy Endemann 6-2 312 PS#491JC
DB	Blake Sims 6-1 202 PS#538

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WM	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	UT Martin (Thur)	A						WMU is 12-2 SU & 2-4 ATS since 1990 in their home opener. Broncos are 2-6 ATS the last 3 years vs non-conference teams. W Michigan is 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS the last 10 games vs Kent St.
Sep. 11	at Virginia Tech	G						The Skyhawks were 2-10 last year as IAA Ohio Valley Conf members. Tenn-Martin played Ark St (only IA opp LY) & were outrushed 437-73.
Sep. 18	at Illinois	A						WMU is 0-2 SU & ATS & have been shutout in both meetings ('01 & '02). Broncos are 10-6 ATS the last 4 years on grass.
Sep. 25	at Ball St	G						This will be the 1st time WMU will play Illinois S/'47, which was their 1st ever meeting. W Michigan is 1-9 SU & 6-4 ATS with 1 outright upset vs the Big 10 S/'93.
Oct. 2								WMU is 10-4 SU, but 4-10 ATS in their L/14 MAC openers (3-1 ATS L/4). The Broncos are 9-1 ATS before a bye since 1995.
Oct. 9	Toledo	A						Could apply: W Michigan is 0-7 SU & ATS as a home dog the last 2 years. Broncos are only 2-12 SU & 4-10 ATS vs the Rockets the last 14.
Oct. 16	E Michigan (HC)	A						W Michigan is 11-3 SU but 5-9 ATS vs the Eagles since 1990. WMU was 3-0 SU & ATS from '99-'01, but have dropped their L/2 HC gms SU & ATS.
Oct. 23	N Illinois	A						Broncos are 20-9 SU all-time vs the Huskies, but have dropped the last 3. W Michigan has covered just 1 of the last 7 meetings ATS.
Oct. 30	at C Michigan	A						This instate rivalry has been played every yr S/'73 w/CMU leading 20-10-1 SU. WMU is 4-7 ATS the last 11 games vs CMU.
Nov. 6	at Bowling Green	G						The Broncos are 6-4-1 SU & 8-3 ATS since 1990 vs the Falcons. WMU is 3-6 SU & ATS the last 6 years in November road games.
Nov. 13	Miami, Oh	A						Broncos are 5-3 SU & ATS the last 4 years vs MAC East opponents. WMU is 9-5 ATS (11-3 SU) the last 14 home finales.
Nov. 20	at Marshall	A						In the 2000 reg season, WMU beat MU which was just their 6th loss in Huntington S/'91. Including the '99 & '00 MAC Title gms, WMU is 8-3 ATS the last 11 away finales.
Nov. 27								

GARY DARNELL (Career 48-40)(Div IAA 3-29)
8th Year at W Michigan

Darnell's records AT W MICHIGAN

45-36	Straight Up	12-7	Home Favorite
37-39	Vs The Spread	4-9	Home Underdog
14-16	Off A SU Loss	8-10	Away Favorite
28-30	Vs Conference	13-13	Away Underdog
	9-9 Vs Non-Conference		

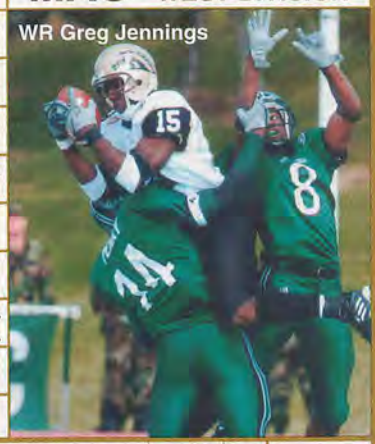
2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (9,20,2)
Lost: 17 (11,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,837

MAC - WEST DIVISION


WR Greg Jennings

STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	7-5	9-3	5-6	4-8	5-7	45-36
ATS	6-5	5-6	5-6	9-2	3-7	4-7	5-6	37-39
Home Fav	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	12-7
Home Dog	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	4-9
Away Fav	0-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	8-10
Away Dog	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	13-13
Favorite	2-2	2-4	3-3	5-2	2-4	2-2	4-0	20-17
Dog	4-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	1-3	2-5	1-6	17-22
Grass	5-3	3-4	3-3	6-0	0-3	3-2	1-1	21-16
Artificial	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	3-4	1-5	4-5	16-23
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-5	7-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	28-30
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	9-9
Off SU Win	4-3	2-4	3-4	6-2	2-3	0-3	2-3	19-22
Off SU Loss	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	14-16

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Phil Reed	189	801	57	744	8	3.9
Daniel Marks	**43**	**211**	**11**	**200**	**3**	**4.7**
Trovon Riley	**21**	**98**	**7**	**91**	**2**	**4.3**
Jon Drach	42	162	132	30	0	0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chad Munson	266	150	56.4	2123	18	13
Jon Drach	176	118	67.0	1499	13	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Jennings	**56**	**1050**	**18.8**	**14**	**94**
Kendrick Mosley	77	1019	13.2	6	55
Antonio Thomas	37	480	13.0	4	52
Tyson DeVree	**30**	**331**	**11.0**	**3**	**27**
Phil Reed	28	269	9.6	0	40
Tyrone Walker	**12**	**216**	**18.0**	**2**	**79**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Anderson	**72**	**3162**	**43.9**	**9**	**40.2**	**1**	**20**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robert Menchinger	41-41	5-5	2-7	1-2	0-1	8-15	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Babin	115	15	18	0	0
Kevin Ford	**111**	**1**	**0**	**10**	**3**
Jack Gitler	**88**	**7**	**12**	**1**	**1**
Paul Tithof	**88**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**1**
Jason Feldpausch	85	0	4	6	0
Scott Robinson	**82**	**3**	**13**	**3**	**2**
Willie Pope	67	0	1	10	4
Mike Giorgianni	**52**	**1**	**7**	**3**	**1**
Jonathan Jones	40	0	3	0	0
Paul Moersch	**38**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Anthony Belmonte	**36**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Dan Steinau	**30**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Mark Hardy	**29**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kendrick Mosely	38	429	11.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Jennings	**31**	**669**	**21.6**	**0**
Tyrone Walker	**15**	**301**	**20.1**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28	–
88	Raisin	NL	Fresno St	30-35	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE* - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	27.6	18	81	2.8	308	60.4	14.1	-4	2003	3	30.8	23	180	4.0	245	62.5	13.8
4	25.3	18	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	-14	2002	6	27.5	18	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0
5*	25.2	19	100	3.1	258	56.5	14.2	-1	2001	7	24.2	20	186	4.0	180	57.7	15.1
8	29.9	22	169	4.1	232	58.1	13.4	-4	2000	5	11.6	16	105	2.7	178	51.9	24.4
9*	31.1	22	102	3.4	312	59.9	13.3	-9	1999	8	28.5	23	181	4.2	228	58.8	14.4
9*	32.7	25	158	4.1	310	58.2	14.3	-5	1998	6	28.4	21	146	3.4	236	57.4	13.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan St	17	24-6	0.3	30-50	333	5	18	30-97	3.2	21-34	324	2	0
William & Mary	26	31-149	4.8	27-39	489	4	23	42-158	3.8	19-32	191	4	-2
Virginia	23	26-91	3.5	28-53	317	3	22	49-219	4.5	14-22	186	0	-6
at Ohio	19	38-128	3.4	22-39	315	1	18	48-170	3.5	13-29	223	4	+1
at E Michigan	15	31-95	3.1	19-32	282	2	9	39-88	2.3	11-20	46	6	+2
Bowling Green	13	20-57	2.9	18-36	330	3	29	49-224	4.6	27-39	286	2	-1
at N Illinois	11	18-(-2)	-0.1	18-37	229	7	29	60-238	4.0	19-27	276	0	-2
Marshall	13	29-47	1.6	17-30	155	4	23	46-239	5.2	21-27	326	1	+1
at Connecticut	21	30-53	1.8	29-41	391	3	31	41-225	5.5	25-37	343	0	+1
Ball St	20	35-167	4.8	20-23	250	0	23	34-111	3.3	27-44	326	1	+1
C Michigan	21	37-143	3.9	20-35	348	5	22	48-160	3.3	16-32	190	4	+1
at Toledo	15	25-39	1.6	24-35	262	2	25	49-227	4.6	22-33	225	2	0
TOTALS	214	344-973	2.8	272-450	3701	39	272	535-2156	4.0	235-376	2942	26	-4
AVERAGES	17.8	29-81	2.8	23-38	308	3.3	22.7	45-180	4.0	20-31	245	2.2	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+35'	26-55	W
Youngstown St	NL	46-28	–
at Missouri	+12'	34-48	L
at N Illinois	-8'	24-21	L
C Michigan	-14	38-16	W
at E Michigan	-8'	40-37 OT	L
Buffalo	-33	45-17	L
Ball St	-18	28-0	W
at Akron	-1	24-10	W
Marshall	+11'	17-31	L
at Toledo	+3'	21-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+33	7-19	W
at Iowa	+7'	27-21	W
Indiana St	NL	56-0	–
Toledo	+2	21-14	W
Ohio	-5'	23-10	W
at Marshall	+6'	30-10	W
N Illinois	-5'	52-22	W
at Kent St	-24	42-0	W
at Ball St	-22	42-3	W
at C Michigan	-35'	17-21	L
E Michigan	-26	28-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	48-7	–
at Virginia Tech	+15	0-31	L
at Michigan	+14	21-38	L
at E Michigan	-26	31-10	L
Akron	-10	31-14	W
Bowling Green	-8	37-28	W
at N Illinois	-5	12-20	L
at Miami, Oh	+3	11-25	L
at Toledo	+11	35-41	W
C Michigan	-17'	20-17	L
Ball St	-10	31-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	48-17	–
at Michigan	+22'	12-35	L
at Purdue	+17	24-28	W
Virginia Tech	+22'	0-30	L
at Buffalo	-11	31-17	W
UCF	+1'	27-31	L
at Bowling Green	+17	45-48 OT	W
N Illinois	+2'	20-24	L
at Ball St	-5'	7-17	L
E Michigan	-25'	33-31	L
Toledo	+7	21-42	L
at C Michigan	-2'	35-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+13'	21-26	W
William & Mary	NL	56-24	–
Virginia	+7	16-59	L
at Ohio	-2	39-32	W
at E Michigan	-14	31-3	W
Bowling Green	+9	21-32	L
at N Illinois	+11	10-37	L
Marshall	+8'	21-41	L
at Connecticut	+13	27-41	L
Ball St	-2'	28-20	W
C Michigan	-9	44-21	W
at Toledo	+11'	17-34	L

E MICHIGAN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - The Eagles have produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch who was the #2DC of DET in 1998 and then Walt Church who simply broke most of Batch's records. JUCO Jeff Crooks, who threw for 2,293 yards at JC in 2000, battled Troy Edwards for the starting QB job in both 2001 and 2002. Crooks played in just six games during those two years throwing for 406 yards. Edwards left last year one TD pass shy of Batch's record of career TD passes and Crooks won the starting job. On the third possession of the opener, Crooks was injured and would miss the rest of the season. He applied for and was granted a sixth year. Chinedu Okoro (PS#250) took over as the starter. Okoro threw for 1,360 yards (53.4%) with a 6-11 ratio while rushing for 35 gross yards. Beside his int's he had a problem holding on to the ball too long taking a lot of sacks. Against Toledo Ken Bohnet (PS#125), a 6-4 212 true frosh, took off his redshirt and played one series. He hit 10 of 13 for 102 yards in the 2H vs BG (the MAC's top defense) when Okoro had a sprained knee. After the coaching change, Bohnet started the last 3 games. For the season his stats were not impressive as he threw for 400 yards (57.4%) with a 1-5 ratio and 30 yards rushing but he did have a 2-1 record as a starter. Okoro was dismissed from the team during the offseason. This year they add in Ken's older brother Matt Bohnet (PS#100) a transfer from Iowa. Not listed below are Kory Cranor (6-0 195 rFr) and Brian Ceckiewicz (6-3 197 rFr) and keep in mind that new coaches like their own recruits so all three of this year's true frosh could contend. This position was clearly a weakness last year and has a lot more experience and talent.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 a Youngstown St transfer Ime Akpan, who benched 405 lbs, became the first 1,000 yard back here since 1994 with 1,221 yards (4.6) despite just 8 starts. He departed last year and the leading returning rusher was Ashantti Watson who had 123 yards (2.7). Watson would rush for just 45 yards (3.2) in 2003. Nelson Drew (5-11 208 Jr, PS#250WR) was Delaware's POY as a HS senior and attended Valley Forge Military in 2001. After rushing for 17 yards as a true frosh, but also having 146 KR yards, he had just 20 yards rushing last year. Stepping to the forefront was Anthony Sherrell. Sherrell who had 61 yards in 2002, burst for 160 yards in the opener vs E Tenn St. While his stats were solid, the team ranked just #115 in the NCAA in rushing with 76.6 ypg after the W Michigan game but that was due mostly to sacks yielded by Okoro. Sherrell had 187 yards rushing vs BG and became just the 8th EM RB to top 1,000 yards including his 230 yard effort against Ball St. Overall, Sherrell finished #2 in the MAC in rushing with an impressive 1,531 yards (4.5) including eight consecutive 100 yard efforts and also added 44 rec (6.9) and was voted 1st Tm MAC. Watson is the lone loss this year. Genyk is switching to the no huddle spread offense based by Northwestern where the RB is a key feature and keep in mind Damien Anderson had 2,000 yards rushing a few years back. Also in the mix at RB is Marlon Galbreath (5-11 200 rFr, PS#170), Kaliym Hazel (5-8 192 So, PS#91), DB transfer Nate Brooks, Pierre Walker (5-7 195 So, PS#217), Andrew Hamilton-Jacobs (6-0 175 rFr) and this year's true frosh signees. It will be tough for Sherrell to improve upon his numbers from last year but this unit is more experienced.

TB Anthony Sherrell

RECEIVERS - Last season EM had to replace Kevin Walter, their all-time leader in career rec yards and the first WR drafted in the NFL (#7DC NYJ) from EM since 1976. He had set a school record with 93 rec (old record 78) in 2002 and finished with 1,368 yards. Walter had more yards than the next three returnees combined and coupled with an inexperienced QB, that production was tough to replace. Chris R. Roberson who was the team's leading rusher in 2001 adapted well at WR with 40 rec (9.5) in 2002. Last year Roberson led the WR's with 34 (9.9). TE Kevin Zureki was voted team captain and was on the John Mackey Award list for top TE's in the country. He was a solid blocker and voted offensive MVP finishing with 12 starts (19 rec, 13.4). The team did pick up Trumaine Riley who was also recruited by Ohio St and he and Roberson had the best speed of the WR's. The unit also got an upgrade prior to the season with QB transfer Eric Deslauriers who is one of the top 5 QB prospects out of Canada. In ten starts at WR, he had 15 catches (14.7). This year the only loss is their solid TE Zureki and Roberson who moves to CB. Not listed in the two deep below are TE's Dan Parrish (6-2 224 Jr), Kevin Minor (6-2 246 So) and WR's Travis Lewis (6-3 191 rFr), Dan Fugate (6-2 190 So), Jerrue Pernell (5-10 198 So) and Kyle Horton (5-10 190 So). I look for more production from the WR's this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2002 OL was hit hard by graduation but paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but moved in DT Jason Robert who started the opener on the D-line and had 8 tackles but moved to OL and started the last 9 at RG. Despite the presence of a solid TB Anthony Sherrell, with an experienced group EM averaged just 3.1 ypc rushing last season while allowing 38 sacks but, as mentioned in QB's, Okoro had a tendency to hold the ball too long. This year the only loss from the unit is C Lloyd Wilson (10 sts, 2 yr st'r) and six players return with starting experience. I look for much improved production from the O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - With two starters back in 2002 EM allowed a horrifying 6.1 ypc rushing while the defense recorded just 10 sacks. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 9 starts and 31 tackles so it was a very experienced group. Starting DT Jason Robert did move to OL early in the year and returning starter DT Brian Jenkins did not play so actually only two starters returned. EM did improve allowing "just" 4.5 ypc rushing and the defense recorded 18 sacks. This year they move from a 3-4 to a 4-3 and have one extra position to fill. Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo was injured after five starts and was limited the rest of the year but should have a bigger impact. Not listed below is Nick Suszan (6-2 268 Sr), Josh McLean (6-2 257 rFr) and this year's true frosh, some of whom I expect to play immediately. While I do not see any Warren Sapp's or Michael Strahan's in this particular group, I think the unit will improve once again in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - EM is switching from a 4 man LB corp to a 3 man unit. Last year they had all 4 starters returning. This year two starters depart in ILB David Lusky (12 sts, 1st Tm MAC, 13 tfl) who led the MAC in tackles with 153 and Jamie Manor (12 sts, 71 tkls, 5 tfl). Since there is one less position, they do have 2 of 3 spots with returning starters and John Wester and Steven Bednarik have 8 career starts between them. Despite being slightly less experienced than the 2003 version, I think the LB's can only get better.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Eagles finished dead last in my pass D rankings in 2002 allowing 64% with a 28-4 ratio vs one of the lighter slates of opposing QB's. Last year they only had to replace one starter and managed to move up to #107 allowing 61.1% but with a much more respectable 15-6 ratio. This year everyone returns with the exception of CB Yves Dieudonne (20 tkls, 6 pbu), Nate Brooks and Pierre Walker who both move to RB after combining for 1 start and 49 tackles. They move in WR Chris R Roberson who has 32 starts on the offense in the last 3 years and led the team in rushing in 2001 and receiving in 2002. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jermaine Isaac (5-7 189 rFr), Zedrick Bryant (6-1 190 rFr), John Neely (6-1 190 So, 7 tkls) and this year's true frosh. I look for EM to show more improvement in the pass D rankings this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 EM ranked just #115 in my special teams rankings and were only #108 in 2002. Last year basically everyone returned with the exception of their kicker who hit just 3 of 9 FG's (3 misses 50+). Punter David Rysko was #1 in the MAC with a 41.6 avg in 2002 and avg'd 40.2 last season and will be tough to replace. I list the potential candidates below. K Andrew Wellock (PS#54) proved a pleasant surprise. Wellock hit his first 8 FG's and finished 14 of 17 with 2 misses from 50+ and is my 2nd Team MAC kicker this year. Trumaine Riley, who was recruited by Ohio St, was the top PR (10.4) and set an EM record for KR yards in a season (725). Last year the team did have to replace its four year LS Carson Dach who had signed with the NY Jets and EM suffered some special teams problems. PR Chris R Roberson, who averaged 11.0 in 2002, fumbled a punt vs W Illinois and another vs Navy which set up TD's and was replaced by Riley. Against W Illinois they gave up a 95 yard PR for a TD and EM fumbled on a KR at their own 2. On the positive side, at midyear WR's Riley and Roberson (two of their fastest players) were used to cover punts and Nelson Drew blocked two punts which were instrumental in the defeat of Ball St. All of the top returnmen are back as is Wellock and the unit improved to #98 last year and could continue to show improvement provided the new punter is effective.

COACHES - Jeff Genyk enters his first season as head coach after spending the previous five seasons under Randy Walker as Northwestern's RB coach and recruiting coordinator. Genyk had been on the Wildcats staff since 1992 and will turn 44 in August. At his press conference he said "We're going to host and win a Mid American Conference Championship". His OC is Howard Feggins who was the WR coach at Northwestern the past five seasons. His DC is Jay Peterson who was the DL/LB coach at Northwestern the past five years. Both coordinators were at Miami (OH) under Randy Walker prior to that but Genyk does not have head coaching experience and neither coordinator has been in that role.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jeff Woodruff reshaped the team from a finesse offense to a power offense and went through some growing pains. Last year, in his fourth season, they did return a veteran team losing just 16 lettermen and had 17 starters back which was the most in the league. EM has only had 6 winning seasons since 1974 with the 2002 team setting MAC and NCAA records for most points allowed in a season (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). Prior to last season Woodruff guaranteed the team would not finish last in the MAC as he entered his fourth season. Woodruff was fired when the team stood 1-8 with 3 games to go and RB Coach Al Lavan took over for the final 3 games and guided the team to a 2-1 record despite never being a coordinator or head coach. Thanks to those two wins, it was the first time since 2000 that the team did not finish last in the MAC. EM was outgained by 154.5 ypg in league play, the third worst mark but did have their moments including their upsets of Ball St and UCF and they only trailed Akron by 7 and had a 1st & goal at the 13 in the last minute but were SOD. They also led W Michigan 3-0 at the half. Last year's defense improved leaps and bounds from the 2002 group allowing "only" 30.9 ppg and 393 ypg. While last year's team had just 7 seniors on the 2 deep, this year's has 19 and is much more experienced but keep in mind, head coach Genyk's highest position held has been RB coach and now he takes the head man spot. EM pulls Buffalo and Kent out of the East. Since EM has the most experienced team in the MAC, they should be able to top last year's 3 win total but breaking in new schemes on both sides of the ball, and losing DC Tim Rose will probably have them finish below .500 once again, even though the schedule gives them seven winnable games.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Matt Bohnet Jr. 6-3 219 PS#100. **Iowa** transfer. **Ken Bohnet** (6-4 212 So) PS#125. 3 sts as true, 400 yds, 1-5 ratio. **Jeff Crooks** (6-1 210 Sr) 4 sts in 3 yrs.

RB ANTHONY SHERRELL SR. 5-10 193 PS#347. 12 sts, **1st Tm MAC**. 1531 yds (4.5). Nate Brooks (5-8 180 Sr) 10 sts at CB in '02. 101 tkls, 3 yrs. Nelson Drew (5-11 208 Jr).

WR ERIC DESLAURIERS SO. 6-4 201 Top 5 QB out of Canada. Moved to WR LY, 10 sts, 15 rec (14.7). Travis Lewis (6-3 191 rFr). Greg Lowe II (6-0 176 rFr) PS#372.

WR Chris Talley Sr. 5-11 181 PS#240. 9 sts in '02, 28 rec (14.8). 3 sts LY, 22 rec (10.0). Alonzo Harris (6-2 194 Sr) 12 rec, 2 yrs. Marc Mathieu (6-0 197 Sr) PS#295JC.

WR Trumaine Riley So. 5-8 161 Recruited by Ohio St. 1 st, 9 rec LY, also 881 return yds. AJ Bennett (5-9 193 Jr) 14 rec (16.7). LaGarian Houston (5-6 151 Jr) 2 starts.

TE ADAM JACOBS SR. 6-3 224 1 start in '01. 10 sts in '03, 9 rec (7.2). Kevin Howe (6-3 236 Jr) PS#150. 2 sts, 4 rec LY. Josh Riske (6-5 253 So) PS#172.

C MIKE ROMELI JR. 6-2 296 PS#188LB. 3 sts at LG as **true**. 12 sts at LG in '03. Brian Booth (6-4 278 Jr) 2nd string in '02. 2 sts at C in '03. Missed spring this year.

RG JASON ROBERT JR. 6-4 292 10 sts at DT as true, 25 tkls. Moved to RG LY and last 9 starts. Joe Karaska (6-3 321 So). Steven Godbold (6-2 285 Sr) 1 letter.

LG Jeromie Feuchter Sr. 6-4 316 2 year starter at RT at JUCO. 4 sts at RT here in '03. Khalid Walton (6-4 320 rFr) PS#615. Roshaun Harris (5-10 280 So).

RT SCOTT GOLEM SR. 6-5 285 PS#235. 4 sts at G as true. 6 sts at RG in '02 until injury. 8 sts at RT in '03. Chris Thomas (6-4 331 rFr) PS#591. Milford Academy.

LT TOM KALEITA SR. 6-6 318 1 st at TE as true. 12 sts at LT in '02. 12 sts at LT in '03. NFL potential. Mario Tucker (6-3 318 Sr) PS#435. 2nd string last year.

K ANDREW WELLOCK SO. 5-11 173 PS#54. 23 of 34 FG's in high school, long of 48. Hit 14 of 17 here **as true** long of 48, 2 misses from 50+! Brian Klaban (5-8 178 Jr).

DE Olivier Gagnon-Gordillo Jr. 6-3 240 PS#419. Canadian. 5 sts in '03, 27 tkls, 2.5 sks, 4 tfl. Brandon Watkins (6-1 241 So) 9 tkls **as true**. DeMarko Hughes (6-4 295 Fr) is PS#126.

DT MATT KUDU SR. 6-3 272 PS#364. Canadian. 7 sts, 41 tkls as true. 9 sts in '02, 39 tkls, 5 tfl. 9 sts LY, 31 tkls, 4.5 sks. Reggie Woods (6-3 287 So) PS#433.

DT ERIC PETTWAY SR. 6-1 262 12 tkls as true. 3 sts, 25 tkls in '02. 11 sts LY, 40 tkls, 2 tfl. Brandon Baker (6-3 288 Jr). Courtney Ford (6-4 271 So) 11 tkls as true.

DE MATT LISEK JR. 6-2 251 PS#249OL. 6 sts as rFr, 25 tkls, 2 sks. 9 sts, 24 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Gemayel Cowser (6-2 263 Jr) **6 sts** at RG in '02. **3 sts** at RG in '03.

WLB KEYVON BARBEE SR. 5-10 215 2 sts, 11 tkls as true. 3 sts in '02, 45 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts LY, 109 tkls, 6 tfl. Mike Raupp (5-11 213 rFr). Mackenzie Lyons (6-3 225 Fr) is PS#260.

MLB KEVIN HARRISON SR. 6-0 246 PS#250QB. 12 sts in '02, 83 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 91 tkls, 9 tfl. Steven Bednarik (6-2 226 Jr) 5 sts in '02, 39 tkls. 7 tkls in 2003 (long snapper).

SLB John Wester Jr. 6-1 235 PS#169. 3 sts as rFr, 16 tkls, 2 tfl. 26 tkls, 2 tfl LY. Corey Riley (6-1 210 rFr) PS#390. Brad Lloyd (5-11 220 Jr) PS#258JUCO, 5 tkls last year.

CB MICHAEL WOODS SR. 5-10 181 PS#439. 6 sts as true, 22 tkls. 9 sts in '02, 35 tkls. 11 sts LY, 62 tkls, 3 pbu. Geoffrey Pope (5-11 182 rFr) 11 tkls as rFr. Kris Jones (5-11 182 So).

CB CHRIS R. ROBERSON SR. 5-11 185 #1 with 755 rush in '01. WR in '02 & '03, 74 rec (9.7), 22 sts off. **Steven Lewis** (5-8 160 Jr) 11 sts LY, 42 tkls, 3 pbu in 2 years.

SS RONTRELL WOODRUFF SR. 5-11 201 PS#252. 3 sts in '02, 51 tkls, 3 tfl. 12 sts LY, 78 tkls, 5 tfl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Corey Parker (6-0 189 Sr) 1 start, 25 tkls in 2002.

FS JERRY GAINES SR. 6-1 185 8 sts as true, 33 tkls. 11 sts in '02, 73 tkls, 2 int. 12 sts LY, 48 tkls, 7 pbu. **Jereme Perry** (6-0 195 Sr) 2 sts, 49 tkls, 3 pbu last year.

P Kyle Ingraham rFr. 6-2 209 PS#103K in '03. #1 punter in spring this year. Kevin Obren (6-3 204 Jr) is #2 punter in spring. Marten Brudenell (5-11 182 Jr) was PS#59K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	DeMarko Hughes 6-4 295 PS#126
DB	Kyle Wasson 5-10 180 PS#122
DB	Duan Bracey 5-11 190 PS#194
TE	Desi Mayner 6-3 250 PS#74
QB	Blake Smith 6-2 190 PS#173
QB	Tyler Jones 6-2 185 PS#174
OL	Greg Egbuogu 6-3 290 PS#312
LB	Mackenzie Lyons 6-3 225 PS#260
OL	Brian Gulmon 6-5 280 PS#403
OL	Jake Bleeker 6-7 285 PS#424
DB	Tyler Griffin 5-9 180 PS#359
RB	Darran Matthews 6-0 205 PS#359
QB	Derek Incarnati 6-1 180 PS#286
LB	Jason Headen 6-3 215 PS#381
DL	John Bobrowski 6-3 240 PS#462
DL	Joe Charles 6-2 285 PS#468
DB	Victor Alejo 5-11 175 PS#474
DL	Jason Jones 6-5 220 PS#498
DL	Chris Larkins 6-3 260 PS#503
DB	Cortland Selman 6-1 215 PS#535
OL	Donald Murrell 6-4 310 PS#618

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Buffalo (Thur)	A						Eagles are 9-4 ATS as double digit MAC away dogs the last 5 years. E Michigan is 3-11 ATS in their 1st game of the season that is lined. EMU is 6-0 ATS the last 6 games vs Akron.
Sep. 11	at Florida	G						E Michigan is 5-4 SU & 1-4 ATS the last 9 years in home openers. EMU is 10-10 SU & 9-5 ATS the last 20 games in Ypsilanti, Michigan.
Sep. 18	Toledo	A						Eagles have lost 14 straight ATS games on grass since 1999. E Michigan is 3-18 ATS vs non-conference opponents the last 10 years.
Sep. 25	E Illinois	A						Eagles are 5-9 ATS off a SU loss the last 2 years. E Michigan is 3-7 SU & 6-4 ATS the last 10 games vs Toledo (1-3 L4Y).
Oct. 2	Idaho (HC)	A						The Panthers were 4-8 last year as a IAA Ohio Valley Conf member. EMU is 4-4 S/'97 in non-lined gms w/the 4 wins coming by a combined 17 pts.
Oct. 9	at Ball St	G						Eagles are 3-1-1 SU & 3-2 ATS in their 3rd straight home game S/'90. EMU is 1-6 SU & 1-5 ATS their last 7 Homecoming games.
Oct. 16	at W Michigan	A						Eagles are 9-2 ATS the last 11 years in their 1st MAC road game. EMU is 2-3 SU & 1-4 ATS the last 5 years vs Ball St.
Oct. 23								Eagles are 3-11 SU, but 9-5 ATS since 1990 vs the Broncos. EMU is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS in games prior to a bye since 1998.
Oct. 30	at Bowling Green	G						The home team is 6-0 ATS since 1990 in this series. Eagles are 13-7 ATS since 1994 in games played in the state of Ohio.
Nov. 6	† C Michigan (Ford Field)	A						Ford Field is the home of the Detroit Lions & the 2006 Super Bowl. EMU is 4-9-1 SU, but 9-5 ATS vs CMU since 1990 (2-4 ATS L6Y).
Nov. 13	at Kent St	A						Pending LW: Eagles are 4-11 SU & 10-5 ATS in November the L4Y. EMU is 6-2 SU & ATS since 1991 vs Kent St.
Nov. 20	N Illinois	A						48 days during the reg season is the longest EMU will go between HG's in Ypsilanti ever. E Michigan is 5-9 ATS in their last 14 home finales.
Nov. 27								

JEFF GENYK (Career 0-0)

1st Year at E Michigan

Genyk's records AT E MICHIGAN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conference		

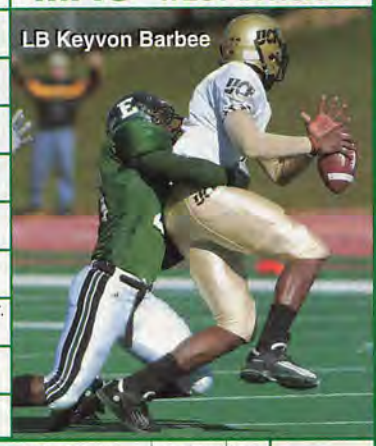
2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (20,23,2)
Lost: 9 (5,2,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,260

MAC - WEST DIVISION


LB Keyvon Barbee

STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroTurf)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-9	3-9	22-57
ATS	5-5	6-4	4-6-1	3-8	6-3	2-8	6-4	32-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-2	0-1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-6-1
Home Dog	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	4-1	11-9
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	2-2	3-2	2-4	1-4	4-1	1-5	2-3	15-21
Favorite	3-2	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	6-8-1
Dog	2-3	5-2	4-4	2-7	5-2	2-8	6-4	26-30
Grass	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-4	0-2	0-5	0-1	3-17
Artificial	5-4	4-2	3-4-1	3-4	6-1	2-3	6-3	29-21-1
vs Conf	5-4	6-3	4-3-1	2-5	6-1	2-6	5-3	30-25-1
vs Non-Conf	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	2-13
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-0	7-12
Off SU Loss	4-2	6-2	3-2-1	2-5	5-2	1-5	4-4	25-22-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Sherrell	**338**	**1577**	**46**	**1531**	**12**	**4.5**
Ashantti Watson	14	46	1	45	0	3.2
Ken Bohnet	**18**	**30**	**68**	**-38**	**1**	**-2.1**
Chinedu Okoro	47	35	199	-164	2	-3.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chinedu Okoro	251	134	53.4	1360	6	11
Ken Bohnet	**68**	**39**	**57.4**	**400**	**1**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Roberson	**34**	**338**	**9.9**	**2**	**22**
Anthony Sherrell	**44**	**304**	**6.9**	**1**	**68**
Kevin Zureki	19	254	13.4	3	40
AJ Bennett	**14**	**234**	**16.7**	**0**	**34**
Eric Deslauriers	**15**	**221**	**14.7**	**1**	**44**
Chris Talley	**22**	**220**	**10.0**	**0**	**30**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Rysko	81	3260	40.2	10	34.9	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andrew Wellock	**23-23**	**4-4**	**7-7**	**3-4**	**0-2**	**14-17**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Lusky	153	2.5	10	2	2
Keyvon Barbee	**109**	**1.5**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Kevin Harrison	**91**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Rontrell Woodruff	**78**	**0**	**5**	**5**	**1**
Jamie Manor	71	2.5	3	2	2
Michael Woods	**62**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Jereme Perry	**49**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Jerry Gaines	**48**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**0**
Eric Pettway	**40**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Matt Kudu	**31**	**4.5**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Nate Brooks	**28**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
O Gagnon-Gordillo	**27**	**2.5**	**4**	**1**	**0**
John Wester	**26**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trumaine Riley	**15**	**156**	**10.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Trumaine Riley	**41**	**725**	**17.7**	**0**
Chris Roberson	**7**	**118**	**16.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pioneer	NL	Louisiana Tech	3-14	–
87	California	NL	San Jose St	30-27	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	17.1	15	117	3.1	154	54.2	15.8	-6	2003	9	30.9	20	191	4.5	202	61.1	12.7
4	23.8	19	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	-22	2002	6	47.2	25	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0
4	17.9	17	109	3.2	192	50.0	16.8	-7	2001	6	32.4	20	178	4.0	198	54.6	11.6
6*	19.0	17	95	3.0	219	59.3	16.5	+1	2000	6	31.8	21	194	4.5	211	56.1	12.7
7*	21.7	16	83	2.6	227	54.8	14.2	0	1999	7	30.7	20	157	3.6	229	56.3	12.6
4	19.6	19	89	2.6	274	57.7	18.4	-1	1998	3	28.1	23	166	3.7	225	59.2	13.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
E Tenn St	16	35-134	3.8	15-26	223	3	15	41-167	4.1	14-23	120	1	0
W Illinois	14	21-(-2)	-0.1	26-44	252	5	22	48-203	4.2	9-21	201	2	+1
at Akron	20	27-59	2.2	25-47	225	5	22	44-168	3.8	22-33	303	3	+1
at Navy	17	22-32	1.5	20-37	239	2	23	65-372	5.7	6-10	92	0	-5
Maryland	13	39-149	3.8	14-20	126	1	22	41-199	4.9	16-21	268	0	+1
W Michigan	9	39-88	2.3	11-20	46	6	15	31-95	3.1	19-32	282	2	-2
at Toledo	19	38-129	3.4	16-34	118	2	25	38-172	4.5	26-33	307	0	-3
Bowling Green	18	42-144	3.4	14-24	170	5	26	46-305	6.6	17-25	187	0	+1
at C Michigan	13	39-124	3.2	13-29	129	5	24	47-227	4.8	18-24	185	2	0
UCF	13	47-152	3.2	8-18	116	1	12	47-135	2.9	7-18	46	2	+1
Ball St	12	53-238	4.5	6-9	52	1	18	27-63	2.3	27-48	273	2	+3
at N Illinois	16	47-155	3.3	12-24	148	2	15	36-188	5.2	11-26	159	4	-4
TOTALS	180	449-1402	3.1	180-332	1844	38	239	511-2294	4.5	192-314	2423	18	-6
AVERAGES	15.0	37-117	3.1	15-28	154	3.2	19.9	43-191	4.5	16-26	202	1.5	-0.5

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+32	7-51	L
at Miami, Oh	+24'	14-35	W
Akron	+1	38-17	W
at Louisville	+23	10-45	L
W Michigan	+8'	37-40 OT	W
Ohio	-1	27-26	T
at Toledo	+10'	20-13	W
at UCF	+8	6-31	L
Ball St	-11	31-21	L
at C Michigan	-3'	26-29	L
at N Illinois	+4'	23-30	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-20	32-25	L
Miami, Oh	+10	17-34	L
at S Carolina	+23	6-41	L
at Temple	+14'	40-49	W
UCF	+5'	10-31	L
Toledo	+17'	14-42	L
at Ball St	+6	14-33	L
at Bowling Green	+9'	6-20	L
C Michigan	-9	31-15	W
N Illinois	+14'	39-32	W
at W Michigan	+26	0-28	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	16-12	–
at Maryland	+25	3-50	L
Indiana St	NL	14-21	–
W Michigan	+26	10-31	W
at Connecticut	-1'	0-19	L
Ball St	+9	14-35	L
Buffalo	-3	24-20	W
at N Illinois	+24	17-40	W
at C Michigan	+13	30-35	W
at Toledo	+33	7-28	W
at Akron	+17	62-65	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+37	7-56	L
Toledo	+22	13-65	L
SE Missouri St	NL	35-32	–
at Maryland	+34'	3-45	L
S Illinois	NL	48-45 2OT	–
Akron	+11	42-34	W
at Ohio	+8	27-55	L
at Ball St	+15	17-42	L
C Michigan	+10	21-47	L
at W Michigan	+25'	31-33	W
N Illinois	+23	21-49	L
at Bowling Green	+32	21-63	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	28-21	–
W Illinois	NL	12-34	–
at Akron	+19'	17-24	W
at Navy	+12'	7-39	L
Maryland	+34	13-37	W
W Michigan	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+27	14-49	L
Bowling Green	+28	20-33	W
at C Michigan	+7'	10-38	L
UCF	+7	19-13	W
Ball St	+10	38-14	W
at N Illinois	+26	24-38	W

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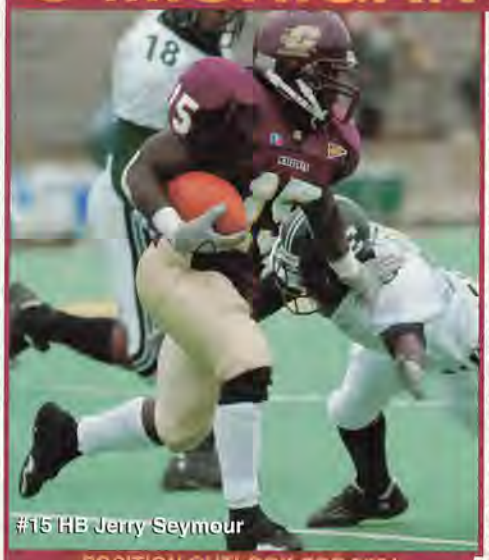
#15 HB Jerry Seymour

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000 rFr Derrick Vickers alternated with Pete Shepherd, who was CM's #2 all-time career passing leader. Vickers played on and off in his four years and in 2002 both Kent Smith (32 passes) and Grant Arnoldink (10 passes) saw action as did four game 2001 starter Derek Gorney who graduated. Jeff Perry, who had not seen any action in his first two seasons due to injuries, had 2 TD's in the spring game and won the staring job in the fall. Perry guided the team to a pair of wins over IAA schools including his 2 yard TD option run with :17 left against E Kentucky. He was, however, injured vs Ball St and missed the rest of the year. That brought Vickers back in. Vickers, in his eight starts, threw for 1,345 yards (54.6%) with an 11-7 ratio while also rushing for 131 yards and leaves #2 in career pass attempts, completions and total offense and #3 in passing yards and TD's at CM. Perry opted not to return for his senior season. Remember new coaches do like their own recruits so Brian Brunner (PS#89) has a good shot at the job. Walk-on Grant Arnoldink was the backup QB and after Vickers was just 2 of 13 for 75 yards against Toledo, Arnoldink hit 9 of 20 for 103 but attempted only one other pass and that was vs W Michigan. Surprisingly Kent Smith (6-5 205 Jr, PS#288) who led two late TD drives vs Toledo in '02, did not see action despite the fact he has great size and a strong arm. Also in the mix at QB is Nick Gildersleeve (6-1 185 rFr, PS#251). This will be a learning year for the CM QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Robbie Mixon began 2001 as a starter and rushed for 223 yards in the first 3 games but Terrence Jackson took over and powered to seven straight 100 yard rushing games en route to 1,194 yards (4.7). He did all of this despite playing with a cast on his left hand due to a thumb injury. Kenan Lawhorne had 506 yards (5.1) and an additional 190 yards receiving. Jackson missed the first five games of 2002 with a broken bone in his right foot. Mixon stepped up and set school and MAC records with 377 yards rushing against E Mich and finished #3 in the NCAA in all-purpose yards including 1,361 yards rushing (5.3) Jackson had just 399 yards (3.9) and Lawhorne 328 (5.0). Last year Mixon departed but they did welcome back a healthy Jackson as well as Lawhorne. Jackson rushed for 104 yards against Michigan and then got banged up against New Hampshire. That allowed the emergence of diminutive Jerry Seymour (5-8 190). Seymour, in just 9 games as a true frosh, rushed for 1,117 yards (5.4) and Coach DeBord said that with him being just 5-8 nobody gets a clean hit on him. Jackson appeared in 11 games rushing for 803 yards (4.0) but never recaptured his 2001 magic. Lawhorne rushed for 245 yards (6.4) playing in all 12 games. This year they must replace both Jackson and Lawhorne as well as FB Adam Supianoski (4 rec). I list two backups below and also in the mix at RB this year is Spencer Lewis (5-10 225 Jr) who has 160 yards total offense in two years and Mike Pryce (5-10 190 Jr) who has 4.5 speed. When the team uses a FB they have Troy Peyerk (6-0 230 Jr) who had 4 starts and 32 yds and Bryan Lindstrom (6-0 230 Sr). Seymour was MAC Frosh of the Year and should be even stronger but this unit is not quite as deep as it was last year with both Jackson and Seymour.

RECEIVERS - The 2002 receiving corps lacked speed and DeBord said 3 of his 4 fastest receivers missed the year including Willie Hill, Obed Cetoute Genaille and Scott Gibson all who possessed 4.4 speed or better. Last year they had to replace their #1 receiver but had those additions as well as Jovan Witherspoon (PS#43) who originally signed at Notre Dame and played at Northwestern. Hill stepped to the forefront and was leading the team with 22 rec (11.6) when he was lost for the season vs BG. True frosh Damien Linson (PS#209) took off his redshirt and had 7 rec in the final six games. Justin Harper had 45 rec (9.8) as well as 732 yards on returns. Steve Messam went from 26 rec in 2002 to just 17 (10.7). TE Tory Humphrey (PS#116) has seen his rec total drop in all 3 seasons from 24 to 22 to 14. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This year they must replace Hill and Messam. Witherspoon could be a key as he is 6-3 205 with 4.46 speed and benches 225 twelve times but has yet to live up to his athletic ability. This will be his fifth HC. Not listed below are TE Dave Kurzen (6-6 252 Sr, PS#113, 1 st, 7 rec) and Dave Condeni (6-4 230 So, PS#122). This was far from an overwhelming group last year and I like the athletic talent and perhaps new coach Kelly can get more out of them.

OFFENSIVE LINE - CM averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing in 2000 but were much stronger in DeBord's final three years averaging 4.3, 4.4 and 4.3 and the team allowed just 18, 14 and 21 sacks in that span. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup including a 1st Tm MAC performer. This year they have more experience. The only losses are LG Derek McLaughlin (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and backup Jay Gillette. I list the 2 deep below and this is a solid veteran unit that looks to be one of the MAC's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - CM's D was solid in 2002 allowing just 3.6 ypc rushing while recording 29 sacks as they had six of their top seven DL's back. Last year the losses were heavier as they had to replace 3 starters and one backup. True frosh Dan Bazuin led all frosh in the NCAA with 14 tfl and was 4th in MAC voting for Frosh Player of the Year. He returns as does two other starters. The only losses are DE Matt Wohlgemuth (12 sts, 54 tkls, 10 tfl) and DE Ike Ajoku (4 sts, 26 tkls, 4 tfl). They add in Anthony Rogers (PS#55) who should team with Bazuin as a top-notch DL combo. The team allowed 5.2 ypc rushing last year but this unit is more experienced and Bazuin is now a soph.

LINEBACKERS - CM had to replace two starters last year and the overall defense was #115 in the NCAA. This year the only loss is WLB Ed Hillery (11 sts, 49 tkls, 5 tfl). They add in rFr De'Onte Burnam (PS#88) who could earn a starting job this year. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Thomas Keith (6-1 225 rFr), Victor Doman (6-2 225 rFr, PS#446) and Josh Reardon (6-1 220 Sr, 13 career tkls). This unit is more experienced and talented than it was heading into last season.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CM was just #104 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and put a priority on pass defense last spring. They had to replace two starters so improvement was expected but CM finished #111 in the rankings allowing 64.5% with a 19-8 ratio despite the presence of 2nd Tm MAC SS James King. This year everyone returns and I list the 2 deep below plus they have some additions including JUCO Pacino Horne (PS#268). Not listed below is Fabrice Raymond (5-10 180 Jr, 10 tkls in '02, PS#372), Doug Kress (6-2 200 So, 11 tkls), Charles Archie (6-0 190 So, PS#303), Curtis Cutts (6-1 205 rFr), Matt Gorman (6-1 210 So, PS#300QB) and this year's true frosh signees. I expect solid improvement in the pass D numbers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - CM finished at #101 or below in my special teams rankings from 1998-2000 but improved to #62 in 2001 thanks to two big additions. James King had an amazing 8 blocked kicks and P Brian Brandt became the first CM punter since they moved to Kelly/Shorts Stadium in 1972 to average over 40 yards. In 2002 they surprisingly dropped to #110 even though both returned. In that year Mike Gruzwalski hit 7 straight FG's and finished 14 of 19 with a long of 40. Last year they had to replace their top KR but had everyone else back. As you would expect with both King and Brandt back again last year they improved to #88 and Brandt averaged 43.1 per punt which was the second best in school history. Unfortunately he departs and I list the punting candidates below. The top PR was Justin Harper (5.7) and he also led the team in KR's (19.6) and should improve. Gruzwalski only attempted six FG's last year and also returns. The special teams MVP was Jacob Brown and he is back to assist the coverage units. With the loss of their outstanding punter, this unit looks a little weaker in 2004.

COACHES - Frank DeBord surprisingly resigned in mid-December after four years as head man here, even though his contract ran through 2006. They bring in Brian Kelly who has been the HC at Div II Grand Valley State for 13 years and compiled a record of 118-35-2. He is well thought of in the state of Michigan and will handle the OC duties himself. The DC is John Jancek who will also handle the LB's and also comes over from Grand Valley St. Kelly never had a losing season with the Lakers and won the Div II National Titles in 2002 and 2003 finishing 2nd in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

CM used to have a solid team and in fact won the Div II National Championship in 1974 and then moved to the MAC in 1975. Four of the first five years in MAC play they finished #1 or #2 and went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 getting to a pair of bowl games. In a 17 year streak from 1974-'90 they had zero losing seasons. Since their last bowl in 1994 they've suffered 7 out of 8 losing seasons. Mike DeBord had an inexperienced team in his first couple of seasons but in his 3rd year they averaged 427.9 ypg offense which was 2nd best in the MAC. DeBord talked about them possibly having a surprise winning season in 2002. They opened the year 3-0 for the first time since 1986 and led Indiana 26-16 at the half. Unfortunately the team went just 4-17 in the last 21 games and DeBord surprisingly stepped down in December saying the losing was too much to take. Last year CM was 1-7 in league play and was outgained by an average of 140.1 ypg, the second worst mark in the conference. New head man Brian Kelly inherits a veteran team and his Div II offense in 2001 averaged 600.8 ypg. This year a new QB will benefit from the return of 1,000 yard rusher Jerry Seymour and their top receiver plus four starters on the O-line. CM does have a chance to improve upon last year's 23.1 ppg. The defense had just 5 starters back last year and allowed 502 ypg and I rated them #117 on that side of the ball. This year they have 9 starters back on defense and should be vastly improved. They draw Kent and Buffalo from the MAC East and the 17 returning starters are 2nd most in the league. CM's true battle in the MAC West is for 4th place and they host 2 of their 3 competitors for that spot. Early success usually has new head coaches thriving and a key to their MAC season could be their MAC opener vs Kent St. Despite the wealth of starters returning, they have to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball, so this figures to be another sub-.500 season for the Chippewas.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Brian Brunner Fr. 6-2 205 PS #89. Grant Arnoldink (6-4 220 Sr) 156 pass yds the last 2 years. Kent Liddell-Smith (6-5 205 Jr) PS #288. Nick Gildersleeve (6-1 185 rFr).
RB JERRY SEYMOUR SO. 5-8 190 PS#187. 3 sts as true, 1117 rush (5.4), **2nd Tm MAC**. Isaac Brown (6-1 199 So) PS#258, 22 yds as true. Ramono Flowers (5-10 190 rFr) PS#307.
WR Jacob Brown Sr. 6-2 205 4 rec as true. 3 starts in '02, 6 rec. 5 starts in '03, 8 rec (16.6). Jon Lapsley (6-3 190 Fr) **PS#106**. Jemmy Jasmin (5-9 175 rFr) PS#175.
WR SCOTT GIBSON JR. 6-3 185 PS#360. 5 sts in '03, 13 rec (19.2). **Jovan Witherspoon** (6-3 205 Sr) **PS#43**. ND & Northwestern. 12 rec (7.8) at NW in '01. 4.46 spd.
WR JUSTIN HARPER JR. 5-11 185 .4 starts as rFr, 19 rec (8.9) 11 starts LY, 45 rec (9.8), 732 return yards. Damien Linson (6-0 175 So) PS#209. 7 rec (8.7) as true. 4.5 speed.
TE TORY HUMPHREY SR. 6-3 240 PS#116. 4.6 spd. 24 rec (9.9) as true. 22 rec (12.5) in 2002. 9 sts LY, 14 rec (15.1). Joseph Staley (6-5 230 So) 4 sts, 11 rec (11.8) as true.
C ERIC GHIACIUC SR. 6-3 295 PS#271. 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at C in '02. 12 sts at C LY. Mike Decker (6-4 265 rFr). Craig Knudson (6-0 210 So) LS. 3 games as true.
RG DREW MORMINO SO. 6-4 275 PS#288 in '02. 12 sts as rFr. Michael Raffaeli (6-5 290 rFr) PS#274. Pat Gamboney (6-3 280 rFr). Desmond Harris (6-4 285 rFr) PS#373DL.
LG Dean Zarafonetis Jr. 6-4 310 PS#252. Shoulder injury as rFr, no game action. 5 games in '03, 1 start. Eric Karbowski (6-3 286 So) 1 start, 3 games as rFr.
RT JEFF JENEROU JR. 6-7 297 PS#255. 5 starts, 9 games as rFr. 9 sts in '03 (inj 3), 2 letters. Robert "Bo" Stanger (6-4 320 So) 1 game as rFr.
LT ADAM KIEFT SR. 6-7 320 PS#244. 8 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '02. 12 sts in '03 3L & **2nd Tm MAC**. Brandon Zukoff (6-5 300 rFr) PS#284.
K MIKE GRUZWALSKI JR. 5-8 165 PS#88. 14 of 19 FG's in 2002, long of 40, 1 of 3 from 40+, 4 of 6, long of 33 last year. Matt Foster (6-0 170 So) 0 of 2 FG's as a true.

DE WILLIAM BROOKSHIRE SR. 6-3 250 20 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 16 tkls, 1.5 tfl in '02. 8 sts in '03, 49 tkls, .5 sks, 4 tfl. Eric Tunney (6-3 240 rFr) PS#305. 125 tackles as a senior in HS.
MG TONY THOMPSON JR. 6-1 290 PS#265. 22 tkls, 2 tfl as true. 12 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 tfl. Caleb Anthony (6-4 270 Jr) 1 tkl LY. Troy Golba (6-4 290 So). James Cooper (5-11 265 Jr).
DT Kalani Muragin Sr. 6-2 280 11 sts, 33 tkls, 3 sk, 2 tfl '02. 26 tkls, 3 tfl last year. **Anthony Rogers** (6-1 240 rFr) **PS#55LB**. Temirez Williams (6-1 265 Jr) PS#362JC.
DE DAN BAZUIN SO. 6-3 250 4.7 speed. PS#294. 12 sts as rFr, 70 tkls, 6 sks, 8 tfl, 1 pbu, #4 in MAC Frosh POY vote. Damon Petty (6-4 270 So) 8 tkls.
WLB JON NELSON SR. 6-1 220 PS#235. 8 tkls, inj'd as rFr. 5 sts in '02, 36 tkls, 1 tfl, 1 int. 9 sts LY, 75 tkls, 4 tfl. Leython Williams (6-0 225 Fr) 6 tkls as true. Josh Reardon (6-1 220 Sr).
MLB ANTHONY TYUS SR. 5-11 225 5 sts as rFr, 45 tkls, 6 tfl. 7 sts in 02, 63 tkls, 5 sks. 11 sts in '03, 125 tkls, 11 tfl. James Reese (6-1 225 Jr) PS#305. 12 tackles in 2 years.
SLB Omari Colen Sr. 6-1 205 7 sts, 53 tkls in '02. 2 sts, 4 tkls, inj'd LY. Jason Smith (6-1 200 Jr) 1 st, 9 tkls. **De'Onte Burnam** (6-0 230 rFr) **PS#88**. Mike Ogle (6-2 230 So) 6 tkls LY.
CB MARLIN MAXWELL JR. 5-9 175 4.4 speed. 11 sts as rFr, 73 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. Jesse Daily (5-10 180 So) PS#290. 4.5 spd. 4 sts, 20 tkls in '02. 2 sts, 33 tkls, 4 pbu in '03.
CB RICHARD KIEL SR. 5-10 180 PS#169. 6 tkls as rFr. Inj & out '02. 7 sts LY, 45 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. Derrick Holoman (5-10 180 Sr) 4.36 spd. 25 tkls in '01. 5 sts, 17 tkls last year.
SS JAMES KING SR. 6-1 215 86 tkls, 11 tfl, **8 blk'd kicks** as rFr. 12 sts, 100 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 143 tkls, 12 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC**. Tyrone Kelly (6-1 190 So) PS#238, 13 tkls. Orlando Walton (6-0 190 So) PS#311. 2 sts, 31 tkls. Pacino Horne is PS#268JUCO.
FS MICHAEL THOMAS SR. 5-8 189 13 tkls in '02. 10 sts, 54 tkls, 2 pbu in '03.
P. Tony Mikulec rFr. 5-10 180 Was listed as backup punter as a true but did not punt. Grant Arnoldink (6-4 220 Sr) backup QB also. Replacing Brian Brandt & his 43.1 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

WR	Jon Lapsley 6-3 190 PS#106
QB	Brian Brunner 6-2 205 PS#89
DB	Pacino Horne 6-0 190 PS#268JC
DL	Temirez Williams 6-1 265 PS#362JC
OL	Andrew Hartline 6-4 260 PS#452
LB	Antrione Archer 6-3 210 PS#314
RB	Evan Brownie 6-3 226 PS#358
DL	Steven Friend 6-3 242 PS#400
WR	Darren Martin 6-4 177 PS#387
DL	Christopher Boss 6-3 225 PS#463
DB	Vincent Hicks 5-10 170 PS#503
DB	Ronnie Jackson 5-10 165 PS#506
DL	Philip Telfer 6-4 235 PS#534
OL	Mark Barbaglia 6-5 260 PS#579
OL	Adam Benke 6-6 277 PS#581
OL	Andrew Cribbs 6-4 270 PS#589
DB	Raeshon Ball 5-8 170 PS#575
DB	Mark Lewis 6-1 190 PS#490JC

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#112

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								New HC Brian Kelly came from Grand Valley State University where his teams won Division II National Titles in 2002 & 2003. CMU is 5-0 ATS as an away favorite since 1999.
Sep. 4	at Indiana	A						C Michigan is 3-7 ATS in season openers since 1991. CM is 0-8 SU & 1-7 ATS vs the Big 10 S/'94 being outscored on avg 44-13.
Sep. 11	at Michigan St	G						Pending LW: CMU is 5-15 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1996. C Michigan is 4-10 ATS since 1995 in their 2nd back-to-back away game.
Sep. 18	SE Missouri St	A						The Indians were 5-7 LY as a member of IAA's Ohio Valley Conference. This will be SE Missouri St's 3rd straight AG & 2nd in a row vs a DIA opp.
Sep. 25								
Oct. 2	Kent St	A						CMU is 0-5 SU S/'99 after a bye (being outscored 185-51), but have covered the L/2 gms. Chippewas are 5-2 SU but 2-5 ATS vs Kent St since 1993.
Oct. 9	Bowling Green (HC)	A						CMU is 4-12 SU but 10-6 ATS as a MAC home dog (0-8 SU & 3-5 ATS L/8). The dog is 7-1 ATS the last 8 in this series (CM 6-1 ATS last 7).
Oct. 16	at N Illinois	A						CMU is 0-4 ATS in their 1st AG after being in Mt Pleasant for 3 or more wks. C Michigan is 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS vs N Illinois since 1998.
Oct. 23	at Toledo	A						The home team is 3-1 ATS since 2000 in this series. In the last 4 meetings UT has won by an average score of 42-15.
Oct. 30	W Michigan	A						These instate rivals are about 2.5 hrs away from one another (161 miles) The home team is 7-3 ATS since 1994 in this series.
Nov. 6	† E Michigan (Ford Field)	A						The dog is 10-4 ATS in this series since 1990. C Michigan is 0-6 SU & ATS the L2Y in their final 3 games of the season.
Nov. 13	at Buffalo	G						CMU is 2-0 SU & ATS outscoring UB 2-1 in their only meetings ('99 & '01). Chippewas are 2-10-1 SU & 4-9 ATS in road finales since 1991.
Nov. 20	Ball St	A						Chippewas are only 4-5 SU & 3-6 ATS in home finales. C Michigan is 2-5 SU, but 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs Ball St (0-2 ATS L2Y).
Nov. 27								

BRIAN KELLY (Career Div II 118-35-2)
1st Year at C Michigan

Kelly's records AT C MICHIGAN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
		0-0	Vs Non-Conference

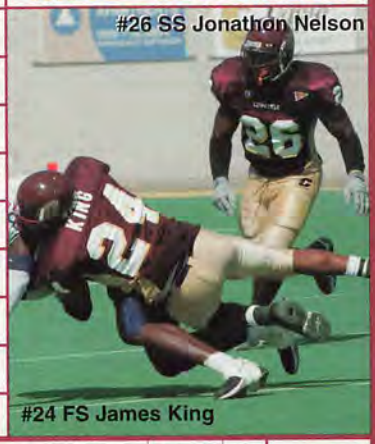
2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,21,4)
Lost: 15 (11,3,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,919

MAC - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,199)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	6-5	4-7	2-9	3-8	4-8	3-9	24-55
ATS	4-7	5-5	4-6	3-8	7-3	5-6	3-7	31-42
Home Fav	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	6-6
Home Dog	0-2	1-0	2-1	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	10-9
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	2-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	5-3
Away Dog	2-2	2-3	0-4	0-6	5-0	0-4	1-5	10-24
Favorite	2-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	3-1	1-0	11-9
Dog	2-4	3-3	2-5	3-7	6-2	2-5	2-7	20-33
Grass	2-2	0-1	2-3	0-3	2-0	0-1	1-3	7-13
Artificial	2-5	5-4	2-3	3-5	5-3	5-5	2-4	24-29
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	27-29
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	4-13
Off SU Win	0-2	1-4	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	6-15
Off SU Loss	3-5	4-0	3-4	3-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	24-24

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerry Seymour	205	1141	24	1117	8	5.4
Terrence Jackson	199	836	33	803	8	4.0
Kenan Lawhorne	38	258	13	245	2	6.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Derrick Vickers	216	118	54.6	1345	11	7
Jeff Perry	105	61	58.1	646	5	3
Grant Arnoldink	21	9	42.9	103	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Justin Harper	45	441	9.8	2	36	
Willie Hill	22	256	11.6	1	50	
Scott Gibson	13	249	19.2	2	43	
Tory Humphrey	14	212	15.1	2	72	
Steve Messam	17	182	10.7	3	31	
Jacob Brown	8	133	16.6	1	72	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brian Brandt	71	3058	43.1	2	35.1	1	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Gruzwalski	35-35	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-0	4-6	33

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James King	143	6	6	5	0
Anthony Tyus	125	3	8	3	1
Jon Nelson	75	0	4	1	0
Marlin Maxwell	73	0	2	6	2
Dan Bazuin	70	6	8	1	0
Mike Thomas	54	0	1	2	0
Matt Wohlgemuth	54	3	7	0	0
Eddie Hillery	49	2	3	2	1
William Brookshire	49	0.5	4	0	0
Richard Kiel	45	0	1	7	2
Jesse Dailey	33	0	0	4	0
Tony Thompson	32	1	1	0	0
Orlando Walton	31	0	0	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Justin Harper	15	86	5.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Justin Harper	33	646	19.6	0	
Jerry Seymour	16	330	20.6	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	Raisin	+14	San Jose St	24-48	L
94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.1	21	196	4.3	175	55.1	16.1	-4	2003	4	35.7	26	246	5.2	256	64.5	14.1
8*	22.3	20	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	+3	2002	8	32.0	21	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6
6*	22.8	21	199	4.3	181	52.2	16.6	-5	2001	8	31.5	21	208	4.7	232	52.0	14.0
6*	12.5	14	92	2.6	179	51.2	21.8	-6	2000	6	34.2	23	268	5.1	150	51.1	12.2
6*	20.8	19	142	3.3	218	53.5	17.3	+3	1999	6	31.3	20	172	4.2	214	51.1	12.3
8	20.8	19	179	4.0	189	46.7	17.7	+3	1998	10	23.0	20	165	3.7	190	48.7	15.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE							
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Michigan	20	45-218	4.8	18-29	150	0	31	46-342	7.4	22-36	273	0	-1
New Hampshire	28	60-352	5.9	19-28	172	0	20	38-149	3.9	25-44	212	1	0
E Kentucky	19	38-139	3.7	18-32	234	2	32	52-218	4.2	24-34	396	4	+2
at Ball St	10	36-121	3.4	10-26	142	3	22	47-206	4.4	24-36	215	2	-1
at Bowling Green	17	42-158	3.8	15-29	126	2	31	46-210	4.6	25-36	298	2	+1
N Illinois	21	45-145	3.2	17-30	215	3	19	47-206	4.4	17-27	198	4	-3
Toledo	15	36-135	3.8	11-33	178	1	35	62-422	6.8	23-36	221	0	0
at UCF	20	41-198	4.8	10-24	118	1	28	47-209	4.4	26-33	252	1	+1
E Michigan	24	47-227	4.8	18-24	185	2	13	39-124	3.2	13-29	129	5	0
Akron	21	41-214	5.2	17-28	155	1	29	53-191	3.6	27-34	416	3	0
at W Michigan	22	48-160	3.3	16-32	190	4	21	37-143	3.9	20-35	348	5	-1
at Navy	29	62-283	4.6	20-28	233	2	28	52-530	10.2	3-6	114	0	-2
TOTALS	246	541-2350	4.3	189-343	2098	21	309	566-2950	5.2	249-386	3072	27	-4
AVERAGES	20.5	45-196	4.3	16-29	175	1.8	25.8	47-246	5.2	21 32	256	2.3	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	33-17	–
at Syracuse	+30	7-47	L
at Purdue	+38	16-58	L
Miami, Oh	+19	16-24	W
at W Michigan	+14	16-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	38-19	W
N Illinois	-2	27-31	L
at Bowling Green	+5'	7-31	L
Toledo	+6'	13-32	L
E Michigan	+3'	29-26	W
at Ball St	-2'	27-21	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Purdue	+38	0-48	L
Akron	+6	17-7	W
at Wyoming	+13	10-31	L
Boise St	+10'	10-47	L
at Toledo	+22'	0-41	L
Kent St	-4	21-24 2OT	L
at Ohio	+24	3-52	L
Ball St	+5	34-38	W
at E Michigan	+9	15-31	L
W Michigan	+35'	21-17	W
at N Illinois	+24	6-40	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	42-28	–
at Michigan St	+27	21-35	W
Toledo	+24'	28-52	W
at Buffalo	-7	16-8	W
Ohio	+8	3-34	L
at Marshall	+23'	21-42	W
N Illinois	+8'	24-33	L
at Ball St	+11'	34-38	W
E Michigan	-13	35-30	L
at W Michigan	+17'	17-20	W
at Boise St	+24	10-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	34-10	–
Wyoming	-3'	32-20	W
at Akron	-1	24-17	W
at Indiana	+5'	29-39	L
at Boston Coll	+20	0-43	L
Bowling Green	+15	35-45	W
at N Illinois	+9'	0-49	L
Marshall	+20'	18-23	W
at E Michigan	-10	47-21	W
at Toledo	+14	17-44	L
Ball St	-2'	21-38	L
W Michigan	+2'	10-35	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan	+33	7-45	L
New Hampshire	NL	40-33	–
E Kentucky	NL	42-41	–
at Ball St	+5'	14-27	L
at Bowling Green	+28'	3-23	W
N Illinois	+17'	24-40	W
Toledo	+14'	13-31	L
at UCF	+7	13-31	L
E Michigan	-7'	38-10	W
Akron	+7	28-40	L
at W Michigan	+9	21-44	L
at Navy	+20	34-63	L

BALL ST CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Talmadge Hill (PS#121) departs as the school's career leader in TD passes and is also 2nd in passing yards. The last two years he split time with Andy Roesch (PS#63). Hill was a better runner and Roesch the better passer. Last year Roesch began the year as starter but was injured in Wk 2 and did not return until Miami (OH), a game in which he hit just 1 of 10 passes with 3 int's. Hill started against Toledo and had a huge game with 307 yards passing but he eventually lost his job to Roesch in the season finale. For the season Hill threw for 1,691 yards (60.9%) with a 13-6 ratio while rushing for 416 gross yards. Roesch, playing in 8 games, threw for 992 yards (53.9%) with an 8-6 ratio with just 31 yards rushing. Unfortunately this year both depart. Joey Lynch (PS#254) is former HC Bill Lynch's son and opted to stay in the program and threw for 3,261 yards with 34 TD's and 13 rushing TD's as a senior in HS. He beat out Todd Racine (6-4 216 So, PS#240) for the 3rd string job last year. Lynch played in 6 games engineering a TD drive vs Boston College hitting 3 of 3 for 47 yards. Casey Gillin (6-2 195 rFr) was PS#96QB and had a fantastic HS senior season throwing for 3,927 yards (69.8%) with 60 TD's (state record) and only 9 int's. He was the offensive scout team MVP here and is my favorite to win the starting job as he is a Hoke recruit. Also in the mix are this year's true frosh. Last year Ball St set school records for passing yards, TD passes, completions and pass attempts and this unit is far less experienced than it was heading into 2003.

RUNNING BACKS - Ball St had to replace their star offensive player, RB Marcus Merriweather who was just the 9th player in MAC history to top 4,000 yards in his career and left as the school's all-time career rushing leader, beating out Bernie Parmalee (3,483) who went on to play for the Dolphins. He set the single season school record for rushing in 2001 and then broke it in 2002 with 1,618 yards. The team also had to replace its starting FB last year. The top returning rusher, Scott Blair, took over the starting job and after rushing for 388 yards in his first two years, led the team with 604 (4.4) with his best effort being a 127 yards vs C Mich the only 100 yard game by a RB in 2003. He had a knee injury in August and wore a brace for the first three games. Charles Wynn had 76 yards in 2002 and 359 (3.7) last year after being slowed by a hamstring injury in August. FB Brad Seiss had 143 yards (3.5) but moves to LB this year. Trying to get more speed into the backfield Hoke moved WR Larry Bostic in for 5 rush attempts vs Pitt and he ended the year with 23 carries (2.6). They almost took the redshirt off true frosh Tyrone Simmons (6-1 193 rFr) who ran 10.65 in the 100m. Simmons could be the frontrunner for the job this year. I list the 2 deep below and also in the mix are TB Brenton Martin (6-1 196 So), William Birdsong (5-10 191 Jr), Seth Rainey (5-11 216 rFr, PS#416), Keidrick Stout (5-8 202 So) and FB's Garret Bova (6-0 226 So), Jason Sieman (6-3 217 So) and Alex Moore (6-1 243 rFr). This unit has more experience than it did heading into last year and can only improve after the 114.8 ypg rushing, which was their lowest average since 1999.

RECEIVERS - Last season the team had to replace 2 starters but had 3 of the top 4 receivers back including frosh sensation Dante Ridgeway. As a true frosh, Ridgeway had 44 rec's (12.6) despite not starting. In his first year as a starter, he simply broke the school record for rec's (89) and total yards (1075, 12.1). He finished #2 in the MAC in rec's. Another true frosh, Bryan Williamson (PS#121), took over a starting spot by seasons end and finished with 36 rec's (13.4). The always dangerous Larry Bostic, who was a returnman/RB/WR, was #2 with 38 rec's (11.5). Basically all of the key players return from last year (except Bostic who is at RB) and I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below are WR's Floyd Reddick (6-0 200 rFr, PS#258), Derek Broussard (6-1 190 So, PS#206), Jason Barnes (5-11 196 Sr, PS#263) and this year's true frosh. This unit has added talent and while it may not match last year's numbers in overall rec's, especially with an inexperienced QB, it looks stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Ball St had 3 starters returning but lost both starting OT's to injury early in the year. The team averaged just 3.8 ypc rushing but the O-line allowed a very reputable 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup due to graduation. The numbers slipped to 3.3 ypc rushing, their worst in four years but once again the unit allowed just 21 sacks. In each of the last two years Ball St held WM rush DE extraordinaire Jason Babin without a sack, including last year when LT Justin Schneider and Joel Hofmann combined for that feat. Schneider returns as do five others with starting experience. They do lose RT/RG Travis Barclay (12 sts, 2nd Tm MAC, 3 yr st'r) and LG Joel Hofmann (12 sts) but everyone else from the 2 deep returns. I look for better production from the offensive front in 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Ball St had to replace 3 starters and the defense allowed 4.6 ypc while recording just 15 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter but starting DE Blair Kramer lost his job. Ball St's numbers did not improve much as they still allowed 4.6 ypc rushing while recording 19 sacks. This year they must replace DT Greg Pagnard (9 sts, 18 tkls, 2 sks) and DE Paul Strabavy (11 sts, 35 tkls, 4 sks, 4 tfl), but do have six of the top 8 back including 5 players with starting experience. Not listed below are Martin Miekczynski (6-2 283 Jr, PS#315DL) and Jacob Jordan (6-3 263 rFr). While a little less experienced, I expect more production in the 2nd year of Hoke's defense.

LINEBACKERS - LB Lorenzo Scott led the team in tackles in each of his first 3 seasons and nearly did so a 4th straight time last season. He had 138 tackles finishing #2 on the team and also had 19 tfl. After having just 6 sacks his first 3 years he had one sack in each of the first four games but went sackless the rest of the season in what was still an outstanding year. Last year's LB corps only had to replace one starter and this year the losses are a little heavier as Scott (1st Tm MAC, 12 sts) departs as does SLB Justin Riley (11 sts, 83 tkls, 7 tfl) and backup LB Greg Engel (24 tkls). They move in RB Brad Seiss who had 165 yards on offense and Donta Smith who was very productive one year removed from an ACL and should be even more productive this season. This has the makings of a decent group but is less experienced and must replace its star.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ball St was #106 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and had to replace two starters last year. They did have 3 players back with 5 or more starts and managed to move up to #102 allowing 62.6% with a 22-6 ratio. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are FS Doug Owusu (12 sts, 55 tkls, 4 pbu), CB Jesse Avant (PS#67, 12 sts, 9 pbu, 42 tkls), CB Quentin Manley (12 sts, 74 tkls, 3 pbu) and 3rd stringer CB Cory Crumpton (9 tkls). While 5 of the top 8 are back, the group is less experienced and they probably won't move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ball St's highest finish in my special teams rankings was #38 in 2001 but they slipped to #76 in 2002. Last year it appeared everyone would return except for their top PR but their unit went through some significant changes. Starting P Reggie Hodges (PS#76) was ruled academically ineligible. Phillip Ems took over the punting duties and averaged just 37.4 after Hodges averaged 41.3 and 40.3 the previous two years. K Langford, who had a streak of 12 straight FG's end in 2002, missed 3 FG's and an xp early and lost his starting job to true frosh Brian Jackson. Jackson hit 11 of 16 FG's with a long of 43. Special teams did have some problems during the year as a fumbled snap on a punt set up BC for an 11 yard TD drive, and EM blocked a punt setting up a 1 yard TD and a fumbled punt set up a 20 yard TD drive. The unit finished a poor #97 and did not have a specific special teams coordinator last year. Hoke said he may even coach the special teams himself in the same style as Frank Beamer. Ems did have a 78 yard punt vs Kent which tied a school record and David Gater was special teams POY for a 2nd straight season notching 18 tackles and 2 blocked kicks. The good news here is basically everyone is back and Hodges returns. This could be one of the most improved special teams in the country.

COACHES - HC Brady Hoke lettered here from 1977 to 1980. He was the Michigan DL coach for the six years prior to coming here last season and enters his second year. Last year his OC, Don Treadwell, left for Cincinnati. The new OC is Ed Stults who was the Jacksonville St OC in 2001 and 2002. While last year's offense set school records for TD passes, completions, pass attempts and passing yards, Hoke wants more running. DC Mark Smith was Indiana St's DC in '01 & '02 and enters his second year here.

SS Justin Beriault

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Lynch led the team to a MAC Title in 1996 and then after a downturn, they rebounded to be MAC West co-champs in 2001. They complied a 12-10 record in MAC play in his final 3 seasons and ironically after the team's first non-losing season since 1996, Lynch was let go. All six of Ball St's losses that year were to quality opponents including 2 BCS conference foes. Former coach Lynch said that budget restraints at the school limited him to mostly in-state recruits and he called the facilities probably the worst in the MAC. Ball St will add permanent lighting for the stadium this year. Both to upgrade the stadium and increase attendance. Last year Brady Hoke inherited a veteran unit with 44 returning lettermen but brought in new schemes that were more complex than in previous years. They did open 1-0 for the first time since 1995 but it was a victory over a IAA team in front of a stadium record crowd of 23,549 with portable lights. They also won their MAC opener which was the first time since 1995, beating C Michigan. They then stunned Toledo 38-14, and were 4-4 (3-1 in the MAC), so the Hoke era was off to a great start. Last year I called for Ball St to suffer a losing season and have their first losing season in MAC play in over 3 years. The Cardinals did just that going 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the MAC. Attendance did get better last season but is still a far cry from 1997 when they averaged 20,257. This year Ball St returns just 12 starters and the 21 lettermen lost are the highest in the conference. It looks like it will be a rebuilding year for the Cardinals but I like Brady Hoke as he is a disciplinarian and wants a physical, tough team much like Boston College. He has his players go through a wrestling competition during drills. The schedule is not easy for Hoke in this rebuilding year with three tough non-conference games vs likely bowl squads and they are breaking in a new QB with just 3 pass attempts at that position. I think Hoke will have this team contending shortly but it looks like a second consecutive losing season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Casey Gillin rFr. 6-2 195 PS#96. Scout Tm Off POY. **Joey Lynch** (6-2 182 So) PS#254. 3-3 for 47 yds, 6 games LY. #1 QB in spg. Todd Racine (6-4 216 So) PS#240.
RB SCOTT BLAIR SR. 6-1 209 PS#240. 1 st, 388 yds (3.3) in '01 & '02. 9 sts LY, 604 yds (4.4). **Larry Bostic** (5-7 177 Jr) PS#186. 5 sts, 61 rec (11.9) 86 rush yds (3.2) 2 years.
TE MICHAEL STEINHAUS SO. 6-3 248 PS#51TE. 6 sts, 8 rec as true. **FB Brad Salyer** (5-11 235 So) PS#434. 3 sts, 68 total yds. Aaron Matthews (5-10 221 So) PS#383DB.
WR DANTE RIDGEWAY JR. 6-1 199 44 rec (12.6)! 11 sts, #2 in MAC, 89 rec (12.1) LY. Chris Jackson (6-0 189 So) PS#349 who was #3 WR in spg. Nathan Gill (5-10 194 So).
WR BRYAN WILLIAMSON SO. 6-3 204 PS#121. 6 sts as **true**. 36 rec (13.4). **Ryan Hahaj** (6-3 198 Jr) PS#225. 23 rec (9.0) in '02. **8 sts,** 29 rec (11.2) LY. Terry Moss (5-10 182 So).
TE MARK FRANKLIN SR. 6-4 255 PS#61. 1 st, 6 rec in '02. 11 sts, 10 rec (9.4) LY. Bryan Smith (6-4 256 Jr) PS#123. Brad Wilson (6-3 235 So) PS#472LB.
C NICK TABACCA SR. 6-3 288 PS#435. 2nd string as rFr. 9 sts in '02 at LG. 12 sts at C in '03. Dustin Brown (6-3 282 rFr) PS#504. **LS** Michael Hay (6-1 238 So).
RG MIKE BROWN SO. 6-4 301 PS#231DL. 7 sts as rFr (5 at RG, 2 at OT). Scott Bradtmiller (6-4 275 rFr) PS#559. Carey Siminski (6-4 267 rFr). Ryan Barclay (6-3 295 rFr).
LG JEFF RAMSEY SR. 6-3 277 PS#359OL. Last 8 sts at RG in '02. Last 5 sts at LG in '03. Patrick Neils (6-2 298 Jr) PS#287. 2nd string LY. Justin Hartig (6-4 267 rFr).
RT Ryan Steele So. 6-6 273 4 sts @ LG as rFr, #1 RG in spg. Adam Rothstein (6-4 300 Jr) 1 start at RG in '03. Ryan McKee (6-5 272 So) PS#384DL.
LT Justin Schneider So. 6-5 294 5 sts at RT as rFr incl L/4. Kevin Neville (6-7 285 rFr) PS#582. Ty Knisley (6-5 330 Sr) 2nd string in '02 & '03. Jerome Tilmon (6-1 265 Sr).
K BRIAN JACKSON SO. 5-7 180 PS#101. 49 yd FG, 40 of 40 xp career, 15 of 24 FG's in HS. 11 of 16 FG's as true LY, L/43, 1 miss from 50+. Matthew Terkhorn (6-0 205 rFr).

DE Vincent Davis So. 6-3 235 PS#211DL. 13 tkls, 3 sks, 3 tfl as rFr. Temidayo Macarthy (6-4 246 rFr) PS#492. Travis Lee (6-6 258 rFr). Mike Miller (6-4 275 Jr) 2 tkls in '02.
DT RILEY LARIMORE SO. 6-2 248 10 sts at DE as rFr, 34 tkls, 2 tfl. **Tom Keller** (6-3 290 So) **PS#134.** 12 tkls as rFr. **Nick Graymire** (6-2 271 Jr) PS#347. 3 sts, 25 tkls in '02.
DT CONRAD SLAUGHTER SR. 6-2 276 15 tkls as true. 12 sts in '02, 29 tkls, 5 tfl. 12 sts in '03, 24 tkls, 6 tfl. Justin Schweighardt (6-1 265 Jr) PS#223OL. 3 sts, 13 tkls, 4 tfl in 2003.
DE Blair Kramer Jr. 6-3 254 PS#198. 7 starts as rFr, 24 tkls, 4 tfl. 3 starts, 21 tkls, 1 tfl last year. Lorenzo Wims (6-3 256 So) PS#228LB. 8 tkls, 2 tfl as a true frosh.
WLB Brad Seiss So. 6-0 221 PS#155RB. 1 st at TB LY, 143 yds rush (3.5), 5 tkls. Mike Dorulla (6-0 214 rFr). **Andrico Spates** (6-0 215 Jr) **PS#178.** 13 tkls in '02. RS LY.
MLB DONTA SMITH JR. 6-0 232 **PS#110RB.** Scout Tm POY in '01. ACL in '02. 10 sts LY, 57 tkls, 5 tfl. Andy Stark (6-1 234 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkls 2Y. Alan Buckley (6-0 224 So) 20 tkls LY.
SLB Anthony Corpuz So. 6-2 220 2 sts as rFr, 21 tkls, 1 tfl. Travis Mikalauskas (6-2 233 Jr) PS#209DL, 7 tkls. Cortlan Booker (6-2 229 rFr) PS#294. Scott Randolph (6-1 211 Sr).
CB Randall Means So. 5-9 176 6 tkls as true. Joshua Taylor (5-10 190 Fr) PS#272JC. Orig signed w/C Mich. Chris Allen (5-10 173 rFr) PS#382. James Johnson (5-10 175 So).
CB Tommy Schembra Sr. 6-0 182 PS#318. 6 tkls in '02. 23 tkls, 2 tfl, 3 pbu in '03. Ricky Rakestraw (5-9 160 So) PS#505. 1 tkl last year. Jamar Simpson (5-10 198 rFr).
SS JUSTIN BERIAULT SR. 6-3 200 PS#222. 11 sts, 117 tkls in '01. 12 sts, 121 tkls, 6 tfl in '02. 11 sts, #1 w/145 tkls, 6 pbu, 6 tfl LY. Eddie Burk (5-11 201 rFr). Albert Redd (6-2 207 So) PS#218QB.
FS Erik Keys So. 5-10 204 PS#152. 1 st at SS as rFr, 43 tkls, 1 sk. David Gater (5-11 194 Jr) 12 tkls as rFr. 18 tkls LY, 2x ST POY. Desmond Hall (5-10 183 Jr) 4 tkls.
P Reggie Hodges Sr. 6-0 205 PS#76. 64 punts as true, 36.3 avg, 27.9 net. 60 punts in '01, 41.3 avg, net of 36.1. 57 punts '02, 40.3 avg (23 inside 20) 34.4 tm net. Inel LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Warren Suess 6-4 190 PS#102
OL	Adam Cole 6-6 275 PS#202
RB	Dan Dunford 5-10 175 PS#165
RB	Adell Givens 5-11 190 PS#167
DB	Lavell Mosley 6-2 185 PS#233
OL	Eric Larrimer 6-5 285 PS#287
WR	Ryan Patrick 5-10 170 PS#203
LB	Wendell Brown 6-0 215 PS#219
LB	Byron Miles 5-10 220 PS#250
OL	Brian Trowman 6-5 315 PS#355
DB	Joshua Taylor 5-10 190 PS#434JC
WR	Louis Johnson 6-1 175 PS#269
RB	Jovens Degage 5-11 180 PS#331
OL	Dan Gerberry 6-3 275 PS#480
QB	Cole Stinson 6-4 235 PS#293
LB	Gonzalo Barinaga 6-2 220 PS#364
WR	Darius Hill 6-6 205 PS#377
DB	Dominique Bryson 5-10 175 PS#485
DL	Amara Koroma 6-2 250 PS#502
DB	Trey Lewis 6-0 190 PS#517
DL	Casey Sponseller 6-2 230 PS#530
OL	Jason Sippel 6-4 245 PS#629
WR	Kenny Meeks 6-2 220 PS#457
DL	Jonathan Belcher 6-2 270 PS#710
DB	Bryant Haines 6-5 205 PS#893

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BALL ST CARDINALS

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#86

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Boston College (Thur)	G						Ball St is 8-4 ATS the last 12 road openers. Cardinals are 5-2 ATS the last 7 games vs current Big East teams. BSU is 9-15 ATS in September since 1997 (4-3 ATS since 2002).
Sep. 11	at Purdue	G						Cardinals are 3-10 ATS since 1999 as a home dog. Ball St is 8-6 SU, but 1-6 ATS in homeopeners since 1990(L/4 unlined).
Sep. 18	at Missouri	A						BSU is 12-8 ATS the last 4 years as an away dog. Ball St is 0-12 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the Big 10 Conference.
Sep. 25	W Michigan	G						Cardinals are 0-6 SU & ATS vs Big 12 teams since 1992. Ball St is 7-18 ATS on artificial turf since 1997.
Oct. 2	at Toledo	A						The visitor is 3-8 ATS the last 11 meetings between these teams. The Cardinals are 1-7 SU & ATS their 1st MAC home game the L8Y.
Oct. 9	E Michigan (HC)	G						The home team has won & covered the L3Y (BSU the dog in all 3). Ball St is 9-18 ATS since 1997 in MAC road play.
Oct. 16	at Bowling Green	G						Cardinals have covered 3 of their last 4 Homecoming games. The visitor is 7-4 ATS the L/11 meetings in this series (only 1-3 ATS L4Y).
Oct. 23	at Akron	A						The SU winner in 5 of the last 6 games has won by 18 or more pts. The home team is 1-3 ATS since 1996 in this series.
Oct. 30	N Illinois	G						The last time BSU visited the Rubber Bowl, AU totaled 557 yds winning 52-14 (-7.5). Ball St is 4-6 SU & 3-7 ATS since 1999 vs MAC East opponents.
Nov. 6								The Cardinals are 1-6 ATS the last 7 years in this series. Ball St is 2-4 SU & ATS prior to a bye since 1998 (2-0 SU & ATS L2Y).
Nov. 13	UCF	G						In '98 UCF got non-covering 37-14 (-31) win as an Indep. This is 1st MAC battle. Cardinals are 2-5 ATS in the 2nd of a 2 game homestand.
Nov. 20	at C Michigan	A						BSU is 5-2 SU, but 2-5 ATS their last 7 games vs C Michigan (2-0 L2Y). Ball St is 2-5 ATS the last 7 road finales.
Nov. 27								

BRADY HOKE (Career 4-8)

2nd Year at Ball St

Hoke's records AT BALL ST

4-8	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Underdog
4-3	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Underdog
		1-2	Vs Non-Conference

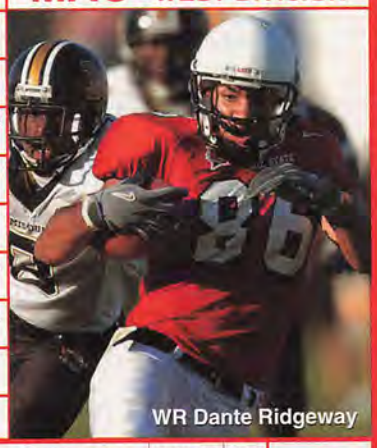
2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,21,3)
Lost: 21 (7,11,3)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,710

MAC - WEST DIVISION


WR Dante Ridgeway

STADIUM: BALL STATE STADIUM (22,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	0-11	5-6	5-6	6-6	4-8	26-53
ATS	3-7	4-7	2-9	5-5	5-5	7-4	4-7	30-44
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	6-5
Home Dog	1-1	2-0	0-4	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	6-11
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-6
Away Dog	1-4	2-5	2-5	3-1	3-1	4-3	2-3	17-22
Favorite	1-2	0-2	0-0	2-2	1-3	2-0	1-2	7-11
Dog	2-5	4-5	2-9	3-3	4-2	5-4	3-5	23-33
Grass	3-4	4-3	1-6	4-3	2-5	6-2	3-3	23-26
Artificial	0-3	0-4	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-4	7-18
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-4	4-3	5-3	3-5	20-34
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	10-10
Off SU Win	2-2	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-3	4-2	0-4	8-15
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-6	1-9	3-2	4-1	3-1	4-3	19-26

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Scott Blair	137	640	36	604	5	4.4
Charles Wynn	97	367	8	359	1	3.7
Talmadge Hill	90	416	148	268	2	3.0
Brad Seiss	41	149	6	143	1	3.5
Larry Bostic	23	81	21	60	0	2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Talmadge Hill	253	154	60.9	1691	13	6
Andy Roesch	165	89	53.9	992	8	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dante Ridgeway	89	1075	12.1	10	54
Bryan Williamson	36	481	13.4	1	42
Larry Bostic	38	438	11.5	4	36
Ryan Hahaj	29	324	11.2	2	47
Scott Blair	19	125	6.6	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Philip Ems	68	2545	37.4	5	32.3	3	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Jackson	25-26	6-6	3-3	2-6	0-1	11-16	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Beriault	145	0	6	6	1
Lorenzo Scott	138	4	15	3	0
Justin Riley	83	2	5	2	1
Quentin Manley	74	0	2	3	1
Donta Smith	57	0	5	1	0
Douglas Owusu	55	0	0	4	1
Erik Keys	43	1	0	0	0
Jesse Avant	42	0	5	9	1
Paul Strabavy	35	4	4	1	0
Riley Larimore	34	0	2	0	0
Greg Engel	24	0	0	0	0
Conrad Slaughter	24	1	5	0	0
Tommy Schembra	23	0	2	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Hahaj	25	175	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Larry Bostic	28	565	20.2	0
Terry Moss	12	218	18.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42	L
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.8	18	115	3.3	228	58.3	15.7	-5	2003	7	32.2	21	198	4.6	190	62.6	12.0
8*	23.2	20	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	-5	2002	5	27.8	21	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6
7*	24.4	20	165	3.6	178	52.1	14.0	-8	2001	10	26.9	19	153	4.3	210	53.0	13.5
7*	19.3	19	165	3.4	155	57.1	16.6	-14	2000	7	31.7	18	170	4.4	200	47.3	11.6
4*	14.3	16	98	2.6	161	59.1	18.1	-8	1999	8	32.8	21	235	4.8	169	58.0	12.3
8*	13.6	16	143	3.5	139	48.2	20.7	-4	1998	3	31.2	21	211	4.8	220	64.2	13.8

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Indiana St	12	31-91	2.9	14-30	204	1	15	50-113	2.3	14-26	70	5	+4
Missouri	13	28-41	1.5	23-34	203	4	25	47-290	6.2	18-29	171	1	0
at Pittsburgh	19	37-92	2.5	19-30	192	1	24	36-188	5.2	19-33	285	2	0
C Michigan	22	47-206	4.4	24-36	215	2	10	36-121	3.4	10-26	142	3	+1
at Boston Coll	18	34-94	2.8	17-33	242	1	28	46-259	5.6	22-30	209	1	-2
at Kent St	16	45-138	3.1	16-27	164	1	21	40-160	4.0	17-41	205	2	+3
Miami, Oh	10	31-29	0.9	12-30	153	3	25	40-168	4.2	25-35	235	1	-4
Toledo	21	43-198	4.6	22-27	307	0	24	27-120	4.4	33-42	320	1	+3
at N Illinois	22	34-199	5.9	24-40	240	2	23	57-252	4.4	14-19	185	1	-4
at W Michigan	23	34-111	3.3	27-44	326	1	20	35-167	4.8	20-23	250	0	-1
at E Michigan	18	27-63	2.3	27-48	273	2	12	53-238	4.5	6-9	52	1	-3
Bowling Green	16	31-116	3.7	21-43	211	3	23	48-295	6.1	16-29	150	1	-2
TOTALS	210	422-1378	3.3	246-422	2730	21	250	515-2371	4.6	214-342	2274	19	-5
AVERAGES	17.5	35-115	3.3	21-35	228	1.8	20.8	43-198	4.6	18-29	190	1.6	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana	+24	9-21	W
at Wisconsin	+36	10-50	L
Toledo	+6'	10-23	L
at Army	+9'	21-41	L
Akron	+1	9-31	L
at N Illinois	+9	17-37	L
at W Michigan	+18	0-28	L
Ohio U	+7'	25-37	L
at E Michigan	+11	21-31	W
at Bowling Green	+15'	14-35	L
C Michigan	+2'	21-27	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida	+45	19-40	W
W Illinois	NL	14-24	–
at Kansas St	+46	0-76	L
N Illinois	+11	14-43	L
at Miami, Oh	+28	15-10	W
E Michigan	-6	33-14	W
at Buffalo	-10'	44-35	L
at C Michigan	-5	38-34	L
W Michigan	+22	3-42	L
at Toledo	+32	3-31	W
Connecticut	-16'	29-0	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+21	0-30	L
at Kentucky	+11	20-28	W
N Iowa	NL	39-42	–
Miami, Oh	+6'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-9	35-14	W
Toledo	+23'	24-20	W
at Connecticut	-10'	10-5	L
C Michigan	-11'	38-34	L
Kent St	-6'	18-31	L
at N Illinois	+10'	29-33	W
at W Michigan	+10	35-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+14	6-41	L
Indiana St	NL	23-21	–
at Clemson	+27'	7-30	W
at Connecticut	+6	24-21 OT	W
N Illinois	+2	29-41	L
at Toledo	+18	17-37	L
E Michigan	-15	42-17	W
at Bowling Green	+21	20-38	W
W Michigan	+5'	17-7	W
at C Michigan	+2'	38-21	W
Buffalo	-16	41-21	W
at Marshall	+15	14-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	31-7	–
Missouri	+14	7-35	L
at Pittsburgh	+30'	21-42	W
C Michigan	-5'	27-14	W
at Boston Coll	+22	29-53	L
at Kent St	+2'	34-17	W
Miami, Oh	+16	3-49	L
Toledo	+12	38-14	W
at N Illinois	+15'	23-48	L
at W Michigan	+2'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-10	14-38	L
Bowling Green	+14'	14-41	L

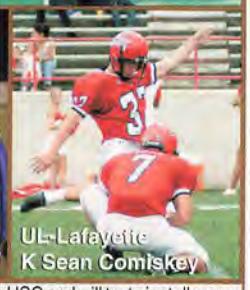
SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Buck Pierce, New Mex St	Travis Cox, Utah St	Aaron Leak, Troy St	Steven Jyles, UL Monroe
RB	Patrick Cobbs, N Texas	Shermar Bracey, Ark St	Kevin Payne, UL Monroe	Tony Joseph, New Mex St
RB	DeWhitt Betterson, Troy St	Emmanuel Marc, Utah St	Eugene Gross, Middle Tenn	Akeem Anthony, Idaho
WR	Kerry Wright, Middle Tenn	Johnny Quinn, N Texas	Orlando Winston, Idaho	Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas
WR	Jason Samples, Troy St	Drouzon Quillen, ULM	Jerrin Holt, Middle Tenn	Jerome Stegall, Ark St
TE	Andy Blount, North Texas	Jason Stephens, Utah St	Luke Smith-Anderson, Idaho	Mike Brooks, Arkansas St
C	Andy Brewster, N Texas	Glenn Propst, New Mex St	Hayden Wadsworth, ULM	Ronnie Harvey, UL-Lft
G	Steve Subia, New Mex St	Elliott Tupea, Utah St	Greg Hodges, UL-Lafayette	Sam Vegas, Arkansas St
G	Steven Gibbs, Arkansas St	Junior Louissaint, Troy St	Jade Tadvick, Idaho	Germayle Franklin, MT
T	Bruce Hampton, ULM	Donald Penn, Utah St	Hank Therien, Idaho	Jason May, N Texas
T	Nick Cole, New Mexico St	Julius Gant, Middle Tenn	Matt Roth, Arkansas St	Henry Tellis, Troy St
DL	Demarcus Ware, Troy St	Ronald Tupea, Utah St	Myron Anderson, Ark St	Bobby Payne, Middle Tenn
DL	Mike Pruitt, North Texas	Jared Naylor, New Mex St	Thomas Johnson, Mid Tenn	Mike Anderson, Idaho
DL	Jeff Littlejohn, Middle Tenn	Alfred Malone, Troy St	Marshall Delesdernier, UL-Lft	Aubrey Dorisme, N Mex St
DL	Adrian Awasom, N Texas	Brent Pollock, Utah St	Chris Anderson, Middle Tenn	Brandon Guillory, ULM
LB	Leverne Johnson, Troy St	Dennis Burke, Mid Tenn	Jimmy Cottrell, New Mex St	John Howell, New Mex St
LB	Robert Watts, Utah St	John Winchester, ULM	Alvin Fite, Middle Tennessee	Steven Tookes, Ark St
LB	LeUndo Adams, Ark St	Richard Glover, N Mex St	Robby Farmer, Troy St	Stanley Smith, UL-Lft
CB	Danny Tolbert, Mid Tenn	Cash Mouton, UL Monroe	Walter Priestley, North Texas	Travin Moore, UL Monroe
CB	JR Ruffin, Idaho	Johnny Faulk, Troy St	TJ Covington, North Texas	DeMarcus Green, Mid Tenn
SS	CC Brown, UL-Lafayette	Shelton Williams, ULM	Markeith Knowlton, N Texas	Alex Peoples, Arkansas St
FS	Jonas Buckles, N Texas	Chris Harris, UL Monroe	Derrick Ansley, Troy St	Lawrence Guynes, Idaho
K	Sean Comiskey, UL-Lft	Nick Bazaldua, N Texas	Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	Mike Barrow, Idaho
P	Joel Stelly, UL Monroe	Brad Kadlubar, N Texas	Thomas Olmsted, Troy St	Jared Little, Arkansas St
KR	Charles Estes, UL Monroe	Jerome Dennis, Utah St	Ja'Mel Branch, North Texas	Gill Byrd, New Mexico St
PR	Ja'Mel Branch, N Texas	Jerrell Carter, UL-Lft	Tony Pennyman, Utah St	Charles Estes, UL Monroe

Middle Tennessee
WR Kerry Wright

UL-Monroe
OT Bruce Hampton


UL-Lafayette
K Sean Comiskey

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. N TEXAS - All of my sets of Power Ratings rate NT as the top team in the conference and surprisingly rate them #1 in offense this year. My ratings have Troy St ranked #1 on defense but they do not play the Trojans, instead facing Florida Atl. Even though NT only outgained league foes by 27 ypg last year, they are the most dominating team in the league and have the added advantage of bowl practices the last 3 years while their opponents have not. Since FAU is a designated league game, NT actually has 5 home games in SBC play & just 3 road trips, all in winnable spots. NT has the longest current conference winning streak in the NCAA (18) and have a shot to extend that to 26 by seasons' end.

2. TROY ST - Ironically, Troy's inaugural SBC game will be at Marshall in a designated league game. They may start the season off at 0-1 in league play but I have them favored in their last 7 SBC games. They also have the added edge of not having to face NT this season. Troy has my #1 defense in the league and the offense figures to be much improved over last season. Coach Blakeney is 8-5 vs current SBC teams and that is with a team that had just moved to IA three years ago. Troy figures to give NT the hardest battle for the SBC Title.

3. MIDDLE TENNESSEE - MT was the favorite to win the SBC in each of their first two years but came up short each time and surprisingly have been 4-8 in each of the last two seasons. The Blue Raiders finished 2nd in the SBC last year, thanks to their season ending win at Arkansas St. Despite their 4-3 conference record, they were actually outgained by 79.9 ypg. They must replace their QB but have 14 starters back and probably have the 2nd best overall athletic talent in the league. They need some of their players to live up to their vast potential like DL's Jeff Littlejohn (PS#14) and Chris Anderson (PS#20) who originally signed at Miami (FL) and Florida St respectively. The talent is there for MT to make a run at the SBC Title but they must face the other 3 top contenders (N Texas, N Mex St, Troy St) all on the road.

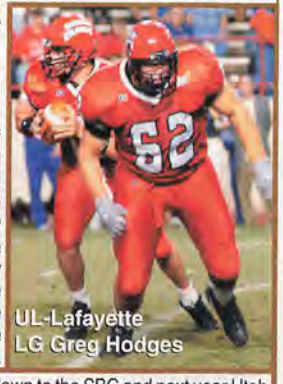
4. UL MONROE - ULM gets to avoid two of the league's top teams, New Mexico St and Troy St. Charlie Weatherbie took over the team in mid-summer of last year, missing out on spring practice. It was a very difficult situation and ULM was -19 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 312). This year things should be markedly different as they have 15 starters back. Now that they are familiar with Weatherbie and his systems, they should have better fortune in turnovers. Playing Florida Int'l and Florida Atl as league games is also a big plus and I see ULM going from their last place finish last year to the upper half of the SBC this season.

5. NEW MEXICO ST - The most dominant team statistically in the SBC last year was New Mexico St. Despite their poor 2-5 record in league play, NMS actually outgained league foes by 113.3 ypg! That makes them very underrated this year. Unfortunately, in what will be their last year in the SBC, the schedule maker was not kind (as you would expect). They have 3 designated games vs New Mexico, a much improved UTEP and Florida Atl. They do not play two of the three lower echelon SBC teams, Idaho and Arkansas St. Despite that fact, I rate NMS as the third most talented team in the league. They are capable of achieving a winning record, not only in SBC play, but overall.

6. UTAH ST - The Aggies' brief stay in the SBC ends this year. Last season, teams that were moving on to different conferences had it rough as their conference foes geared up for them. Those teams also complained that they did not get fair treatment from league officials. Two bright spots for Utah St are the facts that last year they outscored opponents by the widest margin of all SBC teams (11.0) and outgained conf foes by 70.1 ypg. They have one of the top QB's in the league in Travis Cox. Utah St will have a hellacious road schedule, traveling 23,338 round trip miles with just four home games. They do not play Louisiana-Lafayette but instead battle UNLV in a designated conf game which is not a good switch for the Aggies. This team has the second fewest returning starters in the league and coupled with the schedule, figure to finish on the bottom side of the ledger.

7. IDAHO - Idaho's new Head Coach, Nick Holt, comes over from USC and will try to install a new attitude in the Vandals. Idaho was not bad last year as they actually outgained league foes by 18.5 ypg and outscored them by 2.9 ppg despite their 3-4 league record. Unfortunately Idaho has the least experienced team in the conference with just 8 starters returning this year and has to learn new systems on both offense and defense. The schedule gives them a shot at escaping the basement for a second consecutive season as they host 3 winnable SBC games and were close to a winning season in SBC play last year.

8. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE - For the 2nd straight year, the Ragin' Cajuns have few returning starters with 12 back this year (11 LY). Last year's team opened at 0-7 but won 4 of their last 5 for a 2nd place SBC finish although they did have the advantage of Florida Int'l counting as a league game. This year the schedule is tougher. Home games against league powers Troy St and N Texas may have them favored in just one league game this season. Rickey Bustle is doing a fine job and two of my seven sets of Power Ratings actually call for a winning season but I disagree. I think they will finish in the lower half of the SBC standings.


UL-Lafayette
LG Greg Hodges

9. ARKANSAS ST - ASU was only 11 points away from the SBC Title in 2002 and last year only needed to win their final game at home to finish in 2nd but lost to Middle Tennessee St. A couple of things disturbed me about last year's results. First of all, ASU was actually outgained in league play by 123 ypg, and outscored by 15.8 ppg, both worst in the conference. They trailed by double digits in their three SBC wins. That, coupled with the fact that their defense allowed 33.4 ppg last season and only returns four starters, means that the offense will likely have to be the best under Roberts. The schedule is also difficult as they may be an underdog in up to their first nine games and most of the winnable SBC games are on the road. ASU has won 3 league games in each of their first two years and even with an extra game added this season, it will be difficult for them to match that total.

Sun Belt Notes: Conference reorganization has trickled down to the SBC and next year Utah St and New Mexico St depart for the greener pastures of the WAC. Interestingly, after Utah St had been accepted, they constructed a half page stadium placard with the words "Bye, Bye Sun Belt". Fans were instructed to hold it overhead while cheering. That should have the rest of the SBC schools on notice this year. Two new teams to IA ball are Florida Atl and Florida Int'l. While I list them with the Independents this year, they will be joining the SBC next season. Troy St is a very solid addition that comes in for the 2004 schedule. N Texas opened SBC play with a loss but have since won 18 straight league games and have been the representative in all 3 New Orleans Bowls holding a 1-2 SU record. Once again, the SBC struggled in non-conf play going just 1-21 vs BCS schools (N Texas beat Baylor) and 7-39 in non-conf games overall including a surprising 4-5 mark vs IAA foes. That was actually an improvement over the previous 2 seasons. In 2001, SBC was 1-4 SU vs IAA teams with their league champ being just 5-6 overall and they improved to 8-3 SU vs IAA teams in 2002. Sun Belt games which will count towards conference play are the following: Troy St (Marshall & Fla Atl), Louisiana-Lft (LA Tech), N Texas (Fla Atl), Arkansas St (Memphis), New Mexico St (New Mexico, UTEP & Fla Atl), Utah St (UNLV), UL Monroe (Fla Int'l & Fla Atl) & Idaho (Hawaii). As you would expect, N Texas leads the conference with seven 1st Tm picks and Troy, in their first year, is second with four. UL Monroe has 14 players that make my All-SBC Team which is second most in the league trailing only N Texas, while Troy St and Middle Tennessee have 13 each overall.

2003 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Off	Conf Rank	Rush Off	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Off	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Off YPP	Conf Rank	Off TO	Conf Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
79	N Mexico St	22.0	7	465.3	1	245.1	1	4.8	1	220.1	6	65.1	1	21.1	8	10.0	3	15.0	6
84	Middle Tenn	31.0	3	369.3	6	112.0	8	2.9	8	257.3	3	60.2	5	11.9	3	12.0	5	16.0	7
94	N Texas St	33.9	2	379.0	5	211.7	2	4.6	2	167.3	8	59.3	6	11.2	1	9.0	1	9.0	3
96	Utah St	29.8	4	391.8	4	135.8	5	4.0	4	256.0	4	61.8	3	13.1	4	9.0	1	21.0	8
100	Idaho	27.3	5	438.1	2	145.9	4	4.0	3	292.3	2	62.3	2	16.1	7	17.0	7	8.0	2
105	UL Monroe	26.0	6	356.8	7	120.8	6	3.1	7	236.0	5	56.6	7	13.7	5	14.0	6	14.0	5
109	Louisiana Lft	35.8	1	415.2	3	115.6	7	3.2	6	299.6	1	60.6	4	11.6	2	11.0	4	6.0	1
111	Arkansas St	20.7	8	316.3	8	148.7	3	3.8	5	167.7	7	50.5	8	15.3	6	17.0	7	9.0	3

2003 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '03 Ranking	Team	PPG	Conf Rank	Total Def	Conf Rank	Rush Def	Conf Rank	YPC	Conf Rank	Pass Def	Conf Rank	%	Conf Rank	Def YPP	Conf Rank	Def TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
50	N Texas St	20.3	2	306.4	1	83.1	1	2.6	1	223.3	5	62.1	6	15.1	3	9.0	7	18.0	1
77	Utah St	18.8	1	321.7	2	132.8	3	3.2	2	188.8	1	53.3	1	17.1	2	9.0	7	17.0	2
88	N Mexico St	24.6	4	352.0	3	132.6	2	4.1	4	219.4	3	56.6	2	14.3	5	10.0	6	13.0	3
95	Idaho	24.4	3	419.6	4	199.0	7	4.5	6	220.6	4	63.2	8	17.2	1	17.0	1	11.0	5
102	Arkansas St	36.5	6	439.3	6	159.3	4	3.9	3	280.0	7	60.4	4	12.0	7	17.0	1	12.0	4
103	Middle Tenn	30.7	5	449.2	8	168.0	5	4.1	5	281.2	8	61.9	5	14.6	4	12.0	4	8.0	8
109	Louisiana Lft	36.8	7	444.6	7	198.6	6	4.7	8	246.0	6	58.6	3	12.1	6	11.0	5	10.0	6
114	UL Monroe	36.8	8	419.8	5	206.7	8	4.6	7	213.2	2	62.3	7	11.4	8	14.0	3	9.0	7

2003 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
N Texas	7	0	237	142	9	4	358	285
UL-Lafayette	4	3	225	228	4	8	266	415
Middle Tenn	4	3	213	204	4	8	332	375
Arkansas St	3	4	131	273	5	7	242	401
Utah St	3	4	193	136	3	9	264	315
Idaho	3	4	191	171	3	9	248	314
New Mexico St	2	5	154	172	3	9	262	341
UL Monroe	1	6	180	249	1	11	239	467

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2002 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	6	0	159	59	8	5	249	192
N Mexico St	5	1	177	160	7	5	327	328
Arkansas St	3	3	125	109	6	7	259	361
Middle Tenn	2	4	158	151	4	8	297	332
UL Monroe	2	4	140	176	3	9	236	451
UL-Lafayette	2	4	117	178	3	9	203	352
Idaho	1	5	123	166	2	10	285	428

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2001 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	5	1	200	104	5	7	275	293
Middle Tenn	5	1	248	152	8	3	408	286
N Mexico St	4	2	209	163	5	7	286	400
UL-Lafayette	2	4	163	192	3	8	234	365
UL Monroe	2	4	105	152	2	9	148	351
Arkansas St	2	4	90	194	2	9	177	357
Idaho	1	5	234	292	1	10	313	495

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2003 SUN BELT LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Kerry Wright, MT	12	73	1280	9	106.7	6.1	17.5
Fred Stamps, UL-Lafayette	12	62	973	7	81.1	5.2	15.7
Ronshay Jenkins, NMSt	12	57	928	4	77.3	4.8	16.3
Chris Cooley, Utah St	10	62	732	6	73.2	6.2	11.8
Orlando Winston, Idaho	12	55	807	7	67.3	4.6	14.7
Mack Vincent, ULM	12	62	700	9	58.3	5.2	11.3
Johnny Quinn, N Texas	13	34	709	3	54.5	2.6	20.9
Chris Stallworth, Utah St	10	37	483	4	48.3	3.7	13.1
Mike McCoy, Idaho	11	32	478	1	43.5	2.9	14.9
Kevin Payne, ULM	12	41	488	3	40.7	3.4	11.9

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Patrick Cobbs, NT	11	307	1680	5.5	19	152.7
Zach Gerstner, Idaho	12	256	1157	4.5	5	96.4
Kevin Payne, ULM	12	248	976	3.9	6	81.3
David Fiefia, Utah St	12	206	967	4.7	7	80.6
Eugene Gross, MT	12	189	735	3.9	10	61.2
Tony Joseph, NMSt	12	129	712	5.5	2	59.3
Shermar Bracey, Ark St	12	112	530	4.7	8	44.2
Don Calloway, MT	10	89	424	4.8	1	42.4

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Scott Hall, N Texas	186	107	57.5	5	1732	9.3	13	153.4
Buck Pierce, NMSt	170	118	69.4	6	1510	8.9	7	150.6
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	247	148	59.9	8	2077	8.4	15	144.1
Andrico Hines, Middle Tenn	253	153	60.5	3	1742	6.9	7	125.1
Travis Cox, Utah St	415	235	56.6	7	2791	6.7	18	124.1
Floyd Smith, ULM	22	9	40.9	3	186	8.5	2	114.7
Steven Jyles, ULM	360	201	55.8	12	2112	5.9	14	111.3
Paul Dombrowski, NMSt	109	56	51.4	7	821	7.5	3	110.9
Jerry Babb, UL-Lafayette	259	146	56.4	8	1502	5.8	6	106.6
Elliot Jacobs, Ark St	273	145	53.1	13	1537	5.6	10	103.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Travis Cox, Utah St	12	102	53	415	2791	2844	237.0
Steven Jyles, ULM	11	62	59	360	2112	2171	197.4
Andrico Hines, Middle Tenn	11	107	315	253	1742	2057	187.0
Brian Lindgren, Idaho	11	15	-44	247	2077	2033	184.8
Buck Pierce, NMSt	11	87	277	170	1510	1787	162.5
Jerry Babb, UL-Lafayette	11	68	232	259	1502	1734	157.6
Patrick Cobbs, NT	11	307	1680	1	10	1690	153.6
Elliot Jacobs, Ark St	12	52	217	273	1537	1754	146.2
Scott Hall, NT	13	68	74	186	1732	1806	138.9
Paul Dombrowski, NMSt	10	106	391	109	821	1212	121.2

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Les Echols, Ark St	12	61	62	123	10.3
Robert Watts, Utah St	12	50	68	118	9.8
Cody Spencer, NT	13	53	68	121	9.3
Chris Hurd, NT	13	67	53	120	9.2
Mike Anderson, Idaho	12	49	54	103	8.6
Will Martin, Middle Tenn	12	49	51	100	8.3
Chris Harris, ULM	11	37	50	87	7.9
Rodney Wilson, Utah St	12	38	56	94	7.8
Terrance Washington, Utah St	12	33	60	93	7.8
Maurice Sonnier, ULM	12	46	47	93	7.8
John Winchester, ULM	12	51	40	91	7.6
Steven Tookes, Ark St	12	47	43	90	7.5
Johnathan Burke, Ark St	12	62	25	87	7.3
Taylor Casey, NT	13	47	47	94	7.2
Alex Peoples, Ark St	10	34	37	71	7.1
Jimmy Cottrell, NMSt	12	43	40	83	6.9
Patrick Libey, Idaho	12	44	37	81	6.8
Chad Pool, Idaho	12	31	46	77	6.4

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Ronald Tupea, Utah St	6	43
Aubrey Dorisme, NMSt	6	28
Brandon Kennedy, NT	6	30
Evan Cardwell, NT	6	41
Chris Sneed, NMSt	5	36
Kody Kraus, Idaho	5	21
Michael Pruitt, NT	5	25
Jon Bradley, Ark St	4	21
Corey Conde, ULM	4	21
Devarick Scandrett, MT	4	22

TFL

	NO	YDS
Brandon Kennedy, NT	24	65
Les Echols, Ark St	22	43
Jon Bradley, Ark St	13	37
Evan Cardwell, NT	13	55
Antonio Floyd, UL-Lafayette	12	84
Brian Howard, Idaho	11	25
Chris Sneed, NMSt	11	46
Chris Hurd, NT	11	29
Ronald Tupea, Utah St	11	47
Nate Putnam, Utah St	10	45

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Joel Stelly, ULM	12	67	3099	46.3
Ryan Downes, Idaho	12	64	2702	42.2
Robert Billings, Middle Tenn	11	61	2568	42.1
Brad Kadlubar, NT	13	73	2951	40.4
Ben Chaet, Utah St	12	71	2860	40.3
Steven Smith, NMSt	10	38	1490	39.2
Grant Autrey, UL-Lafayette	12	77	3018	39.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Charles Estes, ULM	24	177	0	7.4
Rod Bryant, Idaho	26	130	0	5.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Charles Estes, ULM	36	988	1	27.4
Matt Miller, Idaho	23	503	0	21.9
Bill Sampy, UL-Lafayette	25	467	0	18.7
Chris Easley, Ark St	28	511	0	18.2
Eugene Gross, Middle Tenn	26	467	0	18.0

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Brian Kelly, Middle Tenn	12	13	16	81.2	47
Dario Aguiniga, NMSt	12	13	23	56.5	53
Sean Comiskey, UL-Lafayette	12	12	15	80.0	48
Nick Bazaldua, NT	13	10	15	66.7	49
Tyler Kuecker, ULM	12	8	10	80.0	47
Ben Chaet, Utah St	12	3	4	75.0	36
Eric Neihouse, Ark St	12	3	7	42.9	26

NORTH TEXAS EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - N Texas has not had highly productive QB's. The first QB in four years to top 50% completions was Scott Hall who threw for 1,638 yards (51.3%) with a 19-12 ratio in his second year as a starter (2001). Hall is a proven leader who compiled a 38-3 record as a starting QB in HS. He injured his shoulder in two-a-days in 2002 and then re-aggravated it in the opener against Texas after hitting just 4 of 13 for 35 yards. It looked like he would be able to return by midseason but the team opted to redshirt him due to the emergence of Andrew Smith. Smith threw for 2,281 yards and 23 TD's as a senior in HS and started the final 12 games throwing for 1,206 yards (46.4%) with a 7-9 ratio while rushing for 143 gross yards. He has a strong arm and is very mobile but surprisingly the offense did not take advantage of his mobility often during the season. Smith struggled in the early going hitting just 41% with a 2-4 ratio for 516 yards (80.3 pass eff rating) in non-conf play but in the last 7 games had a 5-5 ratio completing 53% and a 125.2 pass eff rating. Last year Hall was not 100% in the spring and he and Smith split snaps. Smith would start the first 4 games with Hall sharing the duties. Hall got his first start vs UL-Lft in Wk 5 and threw for a career high 222 yds and had the starters job the rest of the year. In the first four games NT averaged just 125 ypg passing and over the last 9 they averaged 161. In fact Hall led the SBC in pass eff with his best game being a 10 for 13, 230 yard effort against MTSt. For the season Hall threw for 1,732 yards (57.5%) with a super 13-5 ratio while rushing for 217 gross yards. Smith threw for 187 yards (37.1%) with a 1-4 ratio while rushing for 37. Both return this year. Cullen Mills (6-3 218 So), Joey Byerly (6-4 254 rFr, PS#266DL) and Jonathan Leans (6-5 218, PS#265WR) add depth. Hall, now firmly entrenched as the starter, should have his best season yet as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the Mean Green had to replace Ja'Quay Wilburn who left as the school's all-time leading rusher. JUCO Kevin Galbreath stepped in and led the team with 1,225 yards (4.3) tying an NT record with five consecutive 100 yard games. True frosh Patrick Cobbs rushed for 449 yards (4.5). Galbreath and Cobbs set the school record for yards (2,059) by a RB duo in 2002. Galbreath led the team with 1,298 (4.8) while Cobbs added 761 (4.8). Last year Galbreath and FB Michael Hickmon both departed. Cobbs rushed for just 38 yards in the opener with 131 vs Baylor. He was injured and missed the next two games. When he returned he had 157 yards against UL-Lft and then topped 200 yards rushing in four of their final seven regular season games and simply led the NCAA in ypg rushing. Justin Claborn was moved over from LB to FB in the spring and played well. After four games Roy Bishop (PS#181) was actually the team's leading rusher with 218 yards but he finished the season with just 273 yards (4.3). Kevin Moore (5-9 193 So) added 267 (3.9) and James Mitchell (5-9 192 So) had 46 (6.6). Claborn had just 11 rush attempts for zero yards but had 10 rec (6.7). Claborn is the only loss from this unit. I list the FB's below but not listed is Jarret Patyten (5-8 215 So), Brandon Scruggs (6-2 249 Jr) and this year's true frosh including Jamario Thomas (PS#43) who is one of NT's biggest recruits ever. Cobbs is not huge (5-9 205) and does not have 4.4 speed but has excellent vision and cutback ability. He will be a candidate for this year's Doak Walker Award and could even top 2003's outstanding numbers, a season in which he was the SBC's Offensive POY.

RB Patrick Cobbs

RECEIVERS - In 2002 basically everyone returned to this unit but many of the players stats dropped because of a rFr QB that did not throw as much and their WR Coach had resigned after Wk 1. Last year they had to replace their leading receiver and their starting TE but had their #2 and #3 men back including Michael Thrash (Eagles star James' younger brother). The big news was the development of Johnny Quinn who took over the starting job and ended up leading the team with 34 rec and a super 20.9 ypc as a rFr. He has added 18 pounds since his true frosh season. Backup TE Andy Blount was second with 22 rec (18.5) and Ja'Mel Branch was #3 with 22 (9.7). Another emergence was Joel Nwigwe who is the fastest WR on the team and avg'd 22.6 ypc. Quinn tied a school record with 3 TD's vs UL-Lft and Thrash did miss a good portion of the season with a muscle pull. This year they must replace Thrash and starting TE Randy Gardner (4, rec). Gardner was a much bigger blocker at 245 lbs than Blount (who weighed in at 215 last year but has bulked up to 240). Not listed below are TE's Rusty Beck (6-4 220 Sr, PS#133), Robert Harmon (6-4 265 So), WR's Chris Mitchell (6-3 210 Jr) and Jesse Jensen (6-2 225 Jr). With the top four receivers back, this unit looks stronger in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NT's OL paved the way for a 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st and 2nd Tm SBC member and then lost projected starting LG Dylan Lineberry prior to the season. Surprisingly the rather inexperienced line opened holes for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks. This year they lose RG Nick Zuniga (13 sts, 1st Tm SBC 3Y, 4 yr st'r) and RT Ian Hobbs (7 sts). Eight of the top 10 return and I list the 2 deep below which includes 5 players with starting experience, four of whom started 9 or more games. This group is more experienced than the 2003 version and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NT allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing while recording 42 sacks and the large presence on the DL was Brandon Kennedy who was SBC POY in 2002 with 76 tackles and 10 sacks. All four starters on the D-line earned 1st Tm or 2nd Tm SBC honors. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups but had 5 of the top 8 back and added in JUCO DT Mike Pruitt (PS#11), a rare VHT here. NT allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing but the sack total dropped some to 26 with Kennedy earning a second straight SBC Defensive POY honor but saw his sack total drop to 6. This year he departs but 7 of the top 8 return and Pruitt should have a bigger impact. They also lose DE Luke Conder (2 sts, 15 tkls, 3 tfl). Not listed in the 3 deep below is DE Eli Hutchinson (6-4 240 Jr, PS#389JC), Blake Burruss (6-7 252 rFr, PS#296), Lawrence Brown (6-3 210 rFr, PS#437), Josh Alexander (6-3 282 rFr, PS#359OL), Ronald Hull (6-3 258 So) and this year's true frosh. While this unit has even more experience than the 2003 version, it will be tough to replace a talent like Kennedy but Pruitt gives them a solid option.

LINEBACKERS - N Texas arguably had the best LB corps in the SBC in 2002 and returned all 3 starters last year and clearly had the conference's top LB corps. This year the group is much less experienced. They must replace WLB Chris Hurd (13 sts, 1st Tm SBC, 120 tkls, 9 tfl), SLB Taylor Casey (13 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 94 tkls, 8 tfl), MLB Cody Spencer (1st Tm SBC, 13 sts, 121 tkls, 7 tfl, #6DC OAK) as well as backups Koryee Wyatt (4 sts, 6 tkls) and Justin Claborn (2 tkls). The most experienced returnee is SLB Shawn Early (12 tkls) and a couple of LB's return that had 8 tackles. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Olmo Lara (5-11 237 Jr), Anthony Grant (6-2 263 Jr, PS#359), Cliff Higgs (6-1 222 rFr), Roderick Cotton (5-10 202 So) and this year's true frosh. This is the question mark of the N Texas team this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished #79 in my pass D rankings in 2001 and returned all 4 starters in 2002 moving up to #36. They lost their best cover CB (1st Tm SBC) in Don McGee last year and a backup but had six of the top eight back. Surprisingly NT dropped to #85 in my pass D rankings allowing 61.4% with 20 TD's but they did have 18 int's. This year they once again lose one starter in SS Craig Jones (1st Tm SBC, 79 tkls, 3 pbu) as well as CB Jeremy Pearl (4 sts, 28 tkls, 2 int's). Jonas Buckles is the star of the group and Markeith Knowlton moved from safety to CB last year but should move back to SS this year if JUCO TJ Covington (6-2 190) is as good at cover corner as he was at JC. Since I feel last year's unit underperformed, this year's group, which has a little more experience, should move way up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 the Eagles finished #114 in my special teams rankings but improved in 2001 to #54 and in 2002 (#41). Basically everyone returned last year and the unit was clearly the SBC's best. In fact they finished #5 in my overall NCAA rankings. K Nick Bazaldua hit 10 of 15 FG's with a long of 44 in 2002 and last year again hit 10 of 15 with 2 of his misses from 50+ and a long of 49. P Brad Kadlubar averaged 40.4 per punt with a super net of 38.8. The PR unit, after avg'ing only 3.1 ypr after five games finished the year avg 9.2. The team avg'd 19.0 on KR with Ja'Mel Branch (19.7) and Kevin Moore (25.2). Six blocked punts aided the lofty finish. Both excellent K's are back as are their top returnman so this looks like one of the premiere special teams units in the NCAA.

COACHES - Darrell Dickey enters his seventh season as the head man here after he barely survived in '01. He was justly awarded with a 3 year contract extension after that season and since that turning point of mid-2001 his team is 23-11. Dickey has won the SBC Coach of the Year for 3 straight seasons. The DC is Kenny Evans. He is in his seventh year with the team (2nd as DC). Evans has thirteen years experience as a DC in IAA. The OC is Ramon Flanigan who was a QB at SMU and enters his 2nd year as the OC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since the middle of 2001 N Texas has now had 18 straight conference wins, the longest such streak in the nation outscoring conf foes by an avg of 16.3 ppg in that span. N Texas has an edge over the rest of their SBC opponents as they have been to three straight bowl games giving them extra practices. Despite three straight bowls, they have had just two winning seasons in IA ball since 1980 (they were in IAA from '83-'94 were they had 6 winning seasons). Last year NT had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the conference and rolled once again with a 9-3 regular season mark. Their offense had just 4 starters back but increased its ppg from 19.2 to 28.4. This year they have the most explosive offense yet under Dickey led by RB Patrick Cobbs, a veteran QB, a solid receiving corps and a top-notch O-line. The question marks on defense come at LB and who will replace Brandon Kennedy, their star DL. NT took a step back defensively last year allowing 21.5 ppg after yielding 14.8 in 2002. All of my sets of power ratings call NT the strongest team in the conference this year and surprisingly have the best offense and the #2 defense. It should be a slam dunk for them to win the SBC once again as they avoid their most likely toughest foe (Troy St) and instead play Florida Atl. A couple of things concern me in the fact that NT benefitted from +10 in turnovers last year and in conference play, were actually outFD'd by NMSt, Mid Tenn and were even on FD's with Idaho and UL Monroe. In fact, in league play NT only outgained opponents by 57.4 ypg so they were not as dominating as their 7-0 league record shows. One of the reasons for the slow growth at NT was that Dickey took over a team that was built on JUCO's and opted to go the freshmen route but in 2003 he surprisingly signed 7 JUCO's. Still, this team looks like the class of the SBC but faces Texas, Colorado and Baylor on the road. While they will be favored over Baylor, I think they have a shot at an upset in the other two which will have them one of the rare non-BCS conference teams with a shot at a BCS Bowl.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB SCOTT HALL SR. 6-2 212 30 sts in 4Y. 4342 pass (52%), 38-23 ratio, 928 rush. #1 SBC pass eff LY. Andrew Smith (6-0 191 Jr) 16 sts, 1573 ttl yds in 2 years.

RB PATRICK COBBS SR. 5-9 205 **#1 NCAA 1680 yds LY, 1st Tm SBC**, 10 sts, 3Y, 2890 yds (5.1). Kevin Moore (5-9 193 So) 267 (3.9). Roy Bishop (6-2 227 Jr) 3 sts, 273 yds.

FB Cordale Baldwin So. 5-10 195 PS#306. 6 games, 3 yds as true. James Mitchell (5-9 192 So) 46 yds, 9 games. Dupree Jones (5-10 208 Sr) PS#406JC last year.

WR JA'MEL BRANCH SR. 5-7 171 34 rec (12.7) as true. PS#130, 27 rec, 2nd Tm SBC in '02. 2 LY (9.7). Joel Nwigwe (5-11 180 Jr) 1 st, 11 rec (**22.6**). TJ Culberson (5-10 164 Sr).

WR JOHNNY QUINN SO. 6-0 199 12 sts as rFr, 34 rec (20.9). Zach Muzzy (5-10 175 rFr) 3 rec (23.0) until injury LY. Kevin Howard (5-8 180 Sr) 34 rec (13.2) in '01 & '02.

TE Andy Blount Sr. 6-4 240 3 sts, 26 rec (17.1) in 3 yrs. Added 25 lbs. Beau Davidson (6-4 230 Jr) PS#198JC. Syr transfer. Matt Bradshaw (6-4 245 Sr).

C ANDY BREWSTER SR. 6-2 275 12 sts at 247 lbs as rFr. 13 sts in '02. 13 sts in '03, **1st Tm SBC**, 213 KD's. Ephraim Patterson (6-3 280 Jr) DL last year.

RG Aaron Harvey Sr. 6-1 312 Late JUCO signee LY and 2nd string. Dylan Lineberry (6-3 310 So) PS#497. Academically ineligible LY. Evan Raush (6-3 343 So).

LG LONNIE CHAMBERS SR. 6-3 290 PS#431JC. 10 sts as here LY (4 at RT, 6 at LG). Jonathan Jusiewicz (6-4 288 Sr) PS#435. 2nd string for 2Y. Joel Foster (6-4 268 So) DL LY.

RT WESTON THAGGARD JR. 6-4 295 8 games as rFr. 11 sts at LT in '03. Damien Nobles (6-4 289 Sr) PS#401JC. 2 sts at RT LY. Robbie Vanderslice (6-4 265 So).

LT JASON MAY JR. 6-4 295 PS#267. 9 sts in '03 (7 at RT, 2 at LT) 2 letters. Jeremy Brown (6-5 299 rFr) PS#198DL. Scout team MVP on offense last year.

K NICK BAZALDUA JR. 5-10 171 10 of 15 FG's, L/44 in '02. 10 of 15 FG's last year, long of 49, 2 miss 50+. Denis Hopovac (5-10 181 Jr). Kristian Montoya (5-10 175 rFr).

DE ADRIAN AWASOM SR. 6-5 275 13 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 8 sks LY. 44 tkls, 12 sts, 4 sks, 3 tfl, **1st Tm SBC**. Joel Foster (6-4 268 So) 6 tkls LY. Lee Clay (6-3 212 Jr) 4 tkls.

DT Mike Pruitt Sr. 6-1 288 **PS#11JUCO**. 26 tkls, 5 sks, 5 tfl in '03. Chris Miller (6-1 270 Jr) PS#269. 5 tkls LY. Kurk Francis (5-11 303 So). Adam Venegas (6-3 301 rFr).

DT EVAN CARDWELL SR. 6-3 283 13 sts in '03, 39 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl. Montey Stevenson (6-2 267 rFr) PS#258. Sky Pruitt (6-2 295 So). TJ Raymond (6-2 310 rFr).

DE TOMMY HARRISON SR. 6-3 235 14 tkls, 2 tfl in '01 & '02. 12 sts in '03, 23 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl. Raifu Durodoye (6-1 237 rFr) PS#325RB. Aaron Chavers (6-2 245 Sr) 13 tkls last year.

WLB Travis Thompson So. 6-2 225 PS#252JC. Derek Mendoza (6-1 248 rFr). Maurice Holman (6-1 225 rFr) PS#416. Ilias Simpson (6-4 206 Sr) 8 tackles last year.

MLB Arther McNac Jr. 6-0 260 PS#512JC LY. 5 tkls here LY. Isaac Colbert (6-1 234 rFr) PS#610. Kelly Fallin (6-4 226 So) PS#144TE. David Pitts (5-9 208 So) TTech trans.

SLB Shawn Early Jr. 6-0 215 PS#147. 12 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Philip Graves (6-2 211 So) PS#263RB. 8 tkls LY. Montrell Parks (6-2 223 Sr) 5 tkls in '02. Montrail Mitchell (6-0 186 Jr).

CB TJ Covington Jr. 6-2 190 PS#342JC. In for fall. LaMario Hollis (6-0 177 So). Brandon Jackson (6-1 190 Fr) is PS#250WR. Remon Williams (5-10 206 Jr).

CB WALTER PRIESTLEY SR. 5-10 185 12 sts, 38 tkls, 4 pbu in '01. 12 sts in '02, 29 tkls, 3 pbu. 13 sts LY, 47 tkls, 2 int. Dominique Mackey (6-1 196 Jr) PS#319, 8 tkls. Tyrone Carter (5-8 176 So).

SS MARKEITH KNOWLTON SR. 6-0 205 2 sts, 20 tkls as true. 1 st in '02, 33 tkls. 9 sts @ CB LY, 52 tkls, 4 int, 3 pbu. Allan Harrison (6-2 199 So) PS#300, 9 tkls as true. Christopher Walthall (6-0 200 rFr).

FS JONAS BUCKLES SR. 5-11 213 **PS#47DB. 1st Tm SBC in '01 & '03**, 2nd Tm in '02. 159 tkls, 7 tfl, 11 int, 15 pbu in 3Y. Cass Starks (6-1 205 So). Gerrad Hall (6-1 183 So).

P BRAD KADLUBAR SR. 5-11 198 PS#75. **2nd Tm SBC 2Y.** 85 punts in '02. 42.6 avg, net of **37.2**. 73 punts last year. 40.4 avg, **net of 38.6**, 23 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Jamario Thomas 5-11 195 PS#43
LB	Travis Thompson 6-2 225 PS#252JC
QB	Tye Rexrode 6-3 200 PS#138
QB	Daniel Meager 6-1 180 PS#168
DL	Kevin Wright 6-2 263 PS#231
DB	TJ Covington 6-2 190 PS#342JC
OL	Chad Rose 6-3 285 PS#365
WR	Brandon Jackson 6-1 190 PS#250
DL	Jeremiah Chapman 6-4 245 PS#344
WR	Roy Covington 6-1 180 PS#287
LB	Colt Mahan 6-1 205 PS#292
LB	Brandon Monroe 6-2 220 PS#391
WR	Brock Stickler 6-3 210 PS#399
RB	Thomas Pratt 5-10 205 PS#436
DB	Deavin Cox 5-9 195 PS#489
DL	Issac Thomas 5-11 290 PS#536
DL	Micah West 6-3 280 PS#542
OL	Brady Harman 6-6 300 PS#1058

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DICKEY's records AT N TEXAS

30-41	Straight Up	9-2	Home Favorite
36-30	Vs The Spread	6-10	Home Underdog
19-16	Off A SU Loss	5-4	Away Favorite
19-14	Vs Conference	16-14	Away Underdog
		17-16	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,19,3)
Lost: 13 (4,9,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,694

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 4	at Texas	G					
Sep. 11	Florida Atlantic	A					
Sep. 18	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 25	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 2	Middle Tenn	A					
Oct. 9	at Utah St	A					
Oct. 16							
Oct. 23	New Mexico St (HC)	A					
Oct. 30	UL Monroe	A					
Nov. 6	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 13	Idaho	A					
Nov. 20	at Arkansas St	G					
Nov. 27							

2004 Angles, Trends & Notes

North Texas has won the Sun Belt conference 3 straight years.
The Mean Green is 17-7 ATS when a favorite since 1996.
NT is 5-21 SU vs non-conference opponents losing by an avg of 13 ppg.

Eagles are 0-5 SU & 4-0 ATS S/'81 vs Texas w/the avg score of 27-11.
NT is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS in lined season openers.

The Owl's HC is ex-Miami, Fl HC Howard Schnellenberger.
2003 Owls averaged 28.4 ppg while allowing 20.9 ppg.

NT is 1-7 SU & ATS in the 1st of 2 or more straight road games since '99.
The Eagles are 8-15 ATS on grass since 1999.

North Texas is 1-3 SU & 1-2 ATS vs Baylor since 1982.
LY's game was NT's 1st ever win over Baylor in the 12 games series.

North Texas is 3-0 SU & ATS all-time in this series.
The Eagles are 10-3 ATS the last 8 years as a home favorite.

NT is 0-3 ATS the L/3 in this series, all 3 games being played in Denton.
The Eagles are 4-1 ATS prior to a bye since 2000.

NT is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS in this series, 4-0 SU & ATS at home (100-61 pts).
The Mean Green just 3-1 ATS off a bye since 2001.

North Texas is 2-1 SU & 1-2 ATS in Sun Belt Conference play.
The Eagles are 1-4 ATS in 2nd of back-to-back home games since 1998.

North Texas is 4-0 SU & ATS vs Louisiana-Lft since 2000.
NT has outscored ULL 126-40 in those 4 games, including 2 shutouts.

N Texas is 2-1 ATS & has outscored the Vandals 84-41 the L/3 meetings.
Mean Green is 8-1 ATS the last 9 final home games.

The Eagles are 6-2 ATS in the last 8 season finales.
NT has outscored the Indians 116-24 the last 3 meetings & are 2-1 ATS.

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-5	9-3	33-46
ATS	4-6	7-4	3-8	5-5	8-3	7-4	6-6	40-36
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-1	9-3
Home Dog	1-0	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	7-10
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-2	6-4
Away Dog	2-5	5-1	2-5	3-3	3-1	3-1	0-3	18-19
Favorite	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	4-2	6-3	15-7
Dog	3-5	6-4	3-8	5-5	5-2	3-2	0-3	25-29
Grass	1-1	3-1	0-5	1-2	3-2	4-2	0-4	12-17
Artificial	3-5	4-3	3-3	4-3	5-1	3-2	6-2	28-19
vs Conf	2-3	2-1	2-4	2-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	21-17
vs Non-Conf	2-3	5-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-3	19-19
Off SU Win	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	5-0	4-2	4-4	17-11
Off SU Loss	2-4	6-2	3-5	4-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	21-20

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Patrick Cobbs	307	1771	91	1680	19	5.5
Roy Bishop	63	287	14	273	3	4.3
Kevin Moore	68	297	30	267	3	3.9
Scott Hall	68	217	143	74	1	1.1
Andrew Smith	18	37	60	-23	0	-1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Scott Hall	186	107	57.5	1732	13	5
Andrew Smith	35	13	37.1	187	1	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Johnny Quinn	34	709	20.9	3	54
Andy Blount	22	415	18.9	5	48
Joel Nwigwe	11	249	22.6	3	63
Ja'Mel Branch	22	213	9.7	0	37
Michael Thrash	6	75	12.5	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Kadlubar	73	2951	40.4	19	38.8	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Bazaldua	44-45	6-6	2-3	2-4	0-2	10-15	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cody Spencer	121	2	5	3	3
Chris Hurd	120	2	7	2	1
Taylor Casey	94	2	6	4	2
Craig Jones	79	1	4	3	0
Brandon Kennedy	73	6	14	2	0
Jonas Buckles	54	0	1	6	3
Markeith Knowlton	52	0	4	3	4
Walter Priestley	47	0	1	4	2
Adrian Awasom	44	4	3	1	0
Evan Cardwell	39	6	5	0	0
Jeremy Pearl	28	0	0	2	2
Michael Pruitt	26	5	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Mel Branch	12	92	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Quinn	11	110	10.0	0
Ja'Mel Branch	11	217	19.7	0
Kevin Moore	10	252	25.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45	L
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19	W
03	New Orleans	+4	Memphis	17-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	27.5	16	178	4.1	150	54.2	11.9	+10	2003	8	21.9	17	105	2.9	213	61.4	14.5
10*	19.2	15	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	+4	2002	9	14.8	16	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7
6*	22.9	16	158	3.7	146	49.8	13.3	+6	2001	6	24.4	19	137	3.9	219	62.1	14.6
7*	14.7	11	134	3.4	107	46.9	16.4	+4	2000	5	27.3	20	183	4.4	197	61.3	13.9
5*	10.7	12	136	3.6	110	40.4	22.9	+2	1999	8	26.5	20	217	4.8	184	61.3	15.1
8	15.7	13	142	3.5	117	43.4	16.4	+4	1998	6	27.0	22	215	4.8	202	60.3	15.4

	OFFENSE						2003 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Oklahoma	11	35-75	2.1	7-25	79	3		21	32-105	3.3	28-41	286	1	-1
Baylor	21	47-327	7.0	9-15	124	0		15	33-85	2.6	19-29	183	3	+4
at Air Force	13	35-45	1.3	13-22	215	4		24	60-271	4.5	10-16	156	0	+1
at Arkansas	10	40-116	2.9	6-14	81	2		16	38-143	3.8	14-23	183	0	-3
Louisiana-Lft	20	47-229	4.9	9-16	222	1		11	31-27	0.9	22-38	200	1	+1
at Idaho	17	48-245	5.1	14-24	125	1		17	28-92	3.3	23-41	310	2	+2
Utah St	20	49-209	4.3	8-14	109	2		19	25-78	3.1	26-38	230	5	0
at Middle Tenn	16	40-138	3.5	10-13	230	0		21	37-75	2.0	23-33	252	3	+1
Troy St	13	46-141	3.1	11-15	127	0		11	30-87	2.9	11-31	124	3	+3
at UL Monroe	20	48-142	3.0	12-18	215	1		20	28-106	3.8	23-39	230	1	+1
Arkansas St	23	49-337	6.9	10-17	185	1		13	35-41	1.2	13-24	149	3	+1
at New Mexico St	12	44-182	4.1	4-11	85	3		18	42-163	3.9	16-22	206	3	+1
† Memphis	11	33-122	3.7	9-21	152	3		15	45-88	2.0	17-24	254	1	-1
TOTALS	207	561-2308	4.1	122-225	1949	21		221	464-1361	2.9	245-399	2763	26	+10
AVERAGES	15.9	43-178	4.1	9-17	150	1.6		17.0	36-105	2.9	19-31	213	2.0	0.8

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	+2	3-26	L
at LSU	+34	0-52	L
at Texas Tech	+31	21-14	W
at Baylor	+11'	10-23	L
at Idaho	+20	10-28	W
Boise St	+7	17-10	W
Arkansas St	+1/2/E	10-14	L
at Nevada	+11	28-41	L
at TCU	+22	3-27	L
at New Mexico St	+12	9-22	L
Utah St	+4	7-34	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	+6	7-20	L
at Texas Tech	+30'	7-13	W
at UNLV	+16'	0-38	L
at Kansas St	+51'	10-55	W
Samford	NL	41-6	–
Utah St	+1	12-17	L
at Boise St	+27	0-59	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+4'	13-0	W
Idaho	+13'	14-16	W
at Arkansas St	+7'	28-53	L
New Mexico St	+11	30-23	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	+17	5-19	W
at Oklahoma	+41	10-37	W
Texas Tech	+18	14-42	L
at S Florida	+12	10-28	L
at UL Monroe	-6	17-19	L
Middle Tenn	+14	24-21	W
Arkansas St	-6'	45-0	W
at New Mexico St	+9	22-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-10	42-17	W
at Idaho	-3	50-27	W
at Troy St	+6	16-18	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+35	0-27	W
Nicholls St	NL	23-0	–
at Alabama	+21	7-33	L
at TCU	+12'	10-16	W
at Arizona	+14'	9-14	W
S Florida	+2	17-24	L
at Arkansas St	-8'	13-10	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-4	27-0	W
UL Monroe	-17	41-2	W
Idaho	-14	10-0	L
New Mexico St	-6	38-27	W
at Middle Tenn	-2'	30-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma	+31'	3-37	L
Baylor	-14'	52-14	W
at Air Force	+9'	21-34	L
at Arkansas	+21	7-31	L
Louisiana-Lft	-18'	44-23	W
at Idaho	-7	24-14	W
Utah St	-14	37-27	L
at Middle Tenn	-2'	33-28	W
Troy St	-10'	21-0	W
at UL Monroe	-17'	28-26	L
Arkansas St	-20	58-14	W
at New Mexico St	-8	13-10	L

TROY ST TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Hansell Bearden took over the starting job in 2002 and in his 12 starts threw for 1,462 yards (43.4%) with a poor 6-16 ratio but did rush for 468 yards as he struggled to understand the complexities of the Trojan spread offense. His mobility did help the team cut down on their sack total (19). Aaron Leak who was PS#29 and originally signed at N Carolina, did not join the team until August but immediately took over as the #2 QB and he is a rare VHT here. Bearden and Leak each played against K-State and when Bearden bruised his ribs vs Minnesota, Leak and JUCO Franco Johnson played. Leak led the only TD drive against the Gophers and got most of the reps as the #1 QB the following week vs UAB when he led the team to 387 yards offense, rushing for 81 and passing for 131. The next week against SEL, the team managed 454 yards offense with Leak throwing for 237. While Leak was the starting QB vs Marshall, he only hit 5 of 15 and was replaced vs Virginia after opening 6 of 19. Leak did not have quite the impact I expected as he threw for 1,427 yards completing a poor 42.5% with a 7-12 ratio while rushing for 443. Bearden threw for 185 yards (41.7%) with an 0-3 ratio but departs. Not listed below at QB is Josh Russell (6-0 190 Jr) who is a holder on special teams. This year they add Zach Richardson (6-5 205 rFr), VHT Carl Meadows who had 6 starts and 1153 pass yds at ETenn St last year and true frosh DT McDowell who originally committed to Nebraska. With Leak now having a season as well as a spring under his belt, I look for significant improvement as this position goes from a weakness, which it has been the last two years, to a strength.

RUNNING BACKS - LeBarron Black led the team in rushing in 2002 with 757 yards but only averaged 3.6 ypc. DeWhitt Betterson got less than half the carries but almost topped him yard-wise with 711 yards (7.0). Betterson is a big, bruising back but was also a track champ in HS. The #3 rusher in 2002 was Marrio Fraser (PS#210) who rushed for 255 yards (5.3) The 2003 unit appeared to be in good shape with the only loss being Black. In the first five games there were three different leading rushers with Fraser leading the team twice. Jermaine Richardson, who was suspended for the opener, led the team with 110 yards against SEL. Richardson was lost with a season ending injury vs Marshall. Unfortunately Fraser ran into off-field problems and was suspended and quit the team. Moving into the #2 spot was walk-on Marlo East (5-11 198 PS#406) who had 27 yards on 14 carries. Joel Whinghter moved into the #3 spot but he too went down to a season ending injury. Basically Betterson was the main rusher and after logging 34 carries vs Florida Int'l, he had 33 against MTSt and then set a school record with 46 carries (team had 77 plays) against Utah St for 230 yards. Betterson would become the first 1,000 yard rusher here since 1996 when they played in IAA ball with 1,161 yards (4.8). They do lose FB Chris Cox (10 sts, 55 ttl yds). The good news for Troy is that not only is Betterson back, but Richardson returns from injury. I like FB Sean Dawkins (PS#102) who played as a true frosh last year and I list the rest of the FB's below. This unit has more experience and Betterson could improve upon last year's numbers and is one of the top RB's in the SBC.

RECEIVERS - Troy St had an NFL prospect returning in 2002 in Hayward Skipper who had 4.3 speed but Jason Samples stepped up. He became the go-to man and was making some spectacular rec's including two vs Iowa St, a game in which he had 10 rec's. While the team had to replace Skipper and four other players from this unit who combined for 11 starts, Samples was back and once again led the team with 48 rec's (12.9) while also throwing 2 passes and rushing 8 times on reverses. Samples has explosiveness and speed and is the team's best deep threat. The #2 receiver turned out to be JUCO Bryant Stewart who had 17 rec's (17.1) starting in 9 games. Stewart had 80 rec's (17.1) as a soph at JC. Eugene Hampton had just 1 rec in the first 5 games but had 5 vs Virginia and returns. I list the rest of the 2 deep below. Not listed below are Mike McCarty (6-0 166 Jr), James Earl Cray (5-10 177 So, PS#384), Blake Broadhurst (5-9 170 Jr) who is a sprinter on the track team, Zsan Robinson (6-1 191 So, PS#220), Jamaal Smith (5-10 167 Jr , 1 rec) and Paul Sheffield (6-5 209 rFr, PS#385). The team must replace TE Adrian Moore (11 sts, 15 rec, 10.1) but has basically everyone else back and with the return of their top guy and better QB play, I look for solid improvement in the receiving stats this year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Troy's O-line struggled in their first year of IA ball averaging just 2.8 ypc rushing and allowing 42 sacks. In 2002 all five starters returned and the unit improved to 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and two backups and Blakeney said they looked discombobulated in the spring but were adding bigger, more athletic guys and had the chance to be better. After just five games, they lost starting RG Donnie Bostian to injury. Troy dropped to 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. This year the only loss is RT Branden Hall who was a three year starter and had excellent size (6-4 318). I list the 2 deep below and there is a possibility that C Lee Milliner will move permanently to G but he should move back to C if Bostian returns as he missed spring due to his broken leg. This year the group looks more experienced than it was heading into last season and is now in the second year of the I-formation offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Troy St's defense allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace their star DE Osi Umenyiora who was #2 in the NCAA with 16 sacks (#2DC of NYJ). They also lost a 7th round DC and another starter plus two backups who combined for one start and 62 tackles. The unit had just one starter back, Demarcus Ware, who after recording 20 tfl in 2002, had another 16 last year. 2003's lightly experienced group allowed 3.4 ypc rushing while recording just 17 sacks despite the presence of Ware. This year the unit looks stronger as the only loss from the 2 deep is DE Cedric Phillips (12 sts, 43 tkls, 4 sks). Three starters return but Torre Lankford will likely lose his starting NT job as two year starting Georgia Tech transfer Alfred Malone moves in. This is a deep unit and not listed in the 2 deep below is Eddy Ruiz (6-3 268 rFr, PS#246), Chase Carlton (6-1 213 So, 2 qbh) and JUCO Elbert Shumake (6-2 255, PS#468). The Trojans look much tougher up front on D this season.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Trojans had a very inexperienced unit that had to replace all 3 starters and they lost starting LB Leverne Johnson to a broken arm after seven games and starting SLB Ronald Harper after 3 games to a knee injury. This year the unit is more experienced as everyone returns including six players with starting experience. Not listed in the 2 deep below is David Johnson (5-11 222 So) who had 9 tackles as a true frosh, Hunter Adams (5-9 221 Jr) who squats 700 lbs, and Romanique Lewis (6-2 200 rFr). This should be a much improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Troy St finished #74 in my pass D rankings despite an injury plagued secondary in 2002. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and had their star returning in SS Rayshun Reed who missed most of 2002. Reed had 10 starts, 65 tackles, 12 pbu and must be replaced but everyone else returns. Derrick Ansley had a phenomenal season with 9 int's including a 70 yarder for a TD vs Marshall. The backup CB's have combined for nine career starts. Troy moved up to #54 in my pass D rankings allowing 59% but with just an 11-16 ratio. Even with the loss of Reed, this unit could climb higher in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2001 Troy St finished #65 in my special teams rankings but had to replace their P, K and explosive KR. In 2002 they had a lot of special teams breakdowns to finish just #113. They did make a significant signing in Thomas Olmsted (PS#14K). Olmsted averaged a solid 42.4 on punts in 2003 (39.9 as a true frosh) and the team did cut the blocked punts down from 4 to 3. After hitting 11 of 15 FG's with a long of 43 in 2002, he slumped some last year hitting just 6 of 13 with a long of 38, missing all 4 from 40+. Their top PR, Rayshun Reed (6.6), departs but their top KR, Toris Rutledge (20.8), returns. The team did allow a 54 yard fake punt for a TD against MTSt to go along with 2 blocked punts for TD's. Adrian Ghent blocked two punts last year and returns. Overall, Troy finished just #96 in my special teams rankings and with the presence of a solid K/P like Olmsted, I see improved play in 2004.

COACHES - This is Larry Blakeney's 14th year and he is 108-48-1 as the team moved up from Div II to IAA and finally to IA in 2001 under his tutelage. The team won three Southland Conference Titles in the final five years of IAA ball and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, S Florida, MTSt and finished #6 in IAA. Last year he had a pair of new coordinators. Mark Fleetwood took over as OC after being The Citadel's QB coach for 2 years and switched the team from the confusing spread offense to the I-formation. They lost their outstanding DC Wayne Bolt to UAB but brought in Vic Koenning. He was just 5-29 in three seasons as the HC at Wyoming but was the DC for 3 years prior and the team had much success with him in that role.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Troy St suffered their first losing season in five years in 2002 as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams. They expanded the stadium last year to 30,000 and switched to an Astroplay surface. Last year they had 8 road games and posted the highest travel mileage total in school history (7,270 miles). They took on ten IA foes and had just 9 starters returning with Blakeney calling the team as depleted as he could remember on both sides of the ball after graduation. The offense averaged just 253.2 ypg vs IA teams in 2002 and did not improve much last year at just 264.9 vs their ten IA foes. This year they figure to be far more potent on offense with 8 starters back and I look for huge improvement from VHT QB Aaron Leak in his second year as a starter. Troy has always played quality defense and this is their best unit yet. They have two NFL caliber players up front in DE Demarcus Ware and DT Alfred Malone, a top-notch LB corps and an experienced secondary. I rate them the best defense in the SBC this year. Last year Troy upset Marshall a week after the Herd had upset K-St and Troy St earned points in the AP poll for the first time ever. This is a more experienced team than the 2003 version and I expect them to have great success in the SBC in their inaugural year. Ironically, their first game is at Marshall. With their outstanding defense and improved offense, I definitely call for Troy to have a winning record overall, their first winning record vs all IA competition, and be a contender for the SBC crown in a year they do not play league favorite N Texas. Troy is my 9th most improved team in the country (see page 19).

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB AARON LEAK SR. 6-3 200 **PS#29**. 4 pass att as rFr at N Carolina. 10 sts LY, 1427 pass (43%) 7-12 ratio, 443 rush. Carl Meadows (6-3 190 So) 6 sts at E Tenn St LY.

RB DeWHITT BETTERSON SR. 6-0 218 Big & 4.5 spd. 711 yds (7.0) in '02. 12 sts, 1161 yds (4.8) LY. Jermaine Richardson (5-10 180 Sr) PS#171. 203 yds (7.0) 4 games until inj LY.

FB Sean Dawkins So. 5-10 225 PS#102RB. 11 games as true, 7 yds. +40 lbs. Kenny Cattouse is PS#98RB. Trayeon Smith (5-7 233 Jr). Chris Stanfield (5-11 238 Jr).

WR BRYANT STEWART SR. 5-11 204 80 rec (17.1) at JC in '02. 9 sts here LY, 17 rec (17.1). Eugene Hampton (6-2 175 So) PS#186DB. 9 rec in '03. Martin Teal (6-5 210 So) 4.5 spd.

WR JASON SAMPLES SR. 6-0 196 PS#256QB. 10 sts, 30 rec in '01. 12 sts, 45 rec (12.3) in '02. 12 sts, 48 rec (12.9) in '03. Toris Rutledge (6-0 187 Jr) 4 sts, 12 rec (11.3) in 2003.

TE Jordan Lesley Sr. 6-2 238 2 tkls at LB as true. 2 sts at TE LY, 4 rec (13.0). Joe Munson (6-4 230 Sr) JUCO. 4 tkls LY. Rob Austin (6-5 252 So) 1 rec as true. RS in '03.

C James Gardner So. 6-3 308 PS#371 in '02. Enrolled in '03 and RS, added 28 lbs. Zach Yenser (6-2 280 So) PS#371. Orig at E Tenn St. Tyler Crumpler (6-2 305 rFr).

RG LEE MILLINER SR. 6-3 275 JV in 2000. RS in '01. 51 snaps in 2002. 12 sts at C in '03. Kirbie Bodiford (6-4 279 So) 4 sts, 10 games at RG in '03. Will Cook (6-6 290 rFr).

LG JUNIOR LOUISSAINT SR. 6-1 277 PS#136JUCO. 0 sacks allowed in 2 yrs at JC. 12 sts here in '03. **Donnie Bostian** (6-6 321 Sr) **10 sts** at RG in '02. 5 sts until broken leg LY.

RT James Edwards Jr. 6-5 297 PS#491. 7 games, 85 plays as rFr. 3 starts at RG in '03. Dallas Sikes (6-6 297 rFr) PS#325. RS last year. Will Chambliss (6-6 285 Fr).

LT HENRY TELLIS SR. 6-5 309 7 games, 74 snaps in '01. 10 games, 167 snaps, 14 KD's in '02. 12 sts at LT LY. Kenny Griffin (6-3 302 So) 8 games as a rFr. +27 lbs.

K THOMAS OLMSTED JR. 6-3 218 **PS#14**. Hit 11 of 15 FG's here in '02, long of 43. Only 6 of 13 FG's in '03, long of 38. Greg Whibbs (5-9 175 rFr) PS#74K, 53 yd FG in HS.

DE DEMARCUS WARE SR. 6-5 240 14 tkls as true, 4 tfl. 11 sts in '02, 72 tkls, **9 sks**, 10 tfl. 12 sts, 62 tkls, 6 sks, 10 tfl LY, 4.52 spd. Larry Brown (6-3 239 Jr) 9 tkls in two years.

DT ALFRED MALONE SR. 6-4 300 PS#142. 9 sts at **Georgia Tech**, 3 tfl in '01. 12 sts in '02 at GT, 25 tkls, 4 tfl. Trans. David Trample (6-4 271 Jr) 13 tkls. Dominique Bacon (6-5 243 So).

NG ERIC THOMAS SR. 6-0 289 12 sts at DT LY, 38 tkls, 8 tfl. 225 lbs 28x's. **Torre Lankford** (6-1 276 Jr) **12 sts at NT**, 58 tkls, 4 tfl LY. Franklin Lloyd (5-10 302 Jr) 18 tkls, 4 tfl.

DE Cedric Sullivan Sr. 6-3 237 10 sks @ JC in '02. 30 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl here LY. John Jackson is PS#395JC. Jamaal Holt (6-1 258 Sr) 440 bench. 18 tkls, 2 sks last year.

SLB ROBBY FARMER SR. 6-1 227 20 tkls in '01, broke leg. 32 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 75 tkls, 6 tfl, **225 lbs 26x's**. Keith Staple (6-2 270 Jr) PS#199, 225 lbs 27x's, 25 tkls in 2 years.

MLB LEVERNE JOHNSON JR. 6-0 232 PS#135. 49 tkls, 5 tfl in '02. 7 sts in '03 (broke arm), 55 tkls, 3 tfl. Torrence Smith (6-0 226 So) 2 sts, 475 bench, 32 tkls, 2 tfl as rFr. 4.6 speed.

WLB BERNARD DAVIS JR. 6-1 215 PS#271. 32 tkls as rFr. 11 sts LY, 68 tkls, 4 tfl. Arthur Adams (5-9 212 Sr) 3 sts, 53 tkls. Ronald Harper (6-0 210 Sr) 3 sts LY. 59 tkls in 3Y.

CB FREEMAN WHITE SR. 5-10 167 11 sts, 45 tkls, 3 int, 13 pbu in '01. 12 sts in '03, 63 tkls, 7 pbu. Adrian Ghent (5-10 175 Jr) L/5 sts as **true**. 68 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu in 2 years.

CB JOHNNY FAULK JR. 5-10 167 12 sts as rFr, 60 tkls, 2 int, 7 pbu. 12 sts LY, 54 tkls, 2 int, 9 pbu, 5 tfl. Jermaine Miller (6-0 165 Jr) 4 sts in '02. Erick Wright (5-11 160 Sr).

SS Clint Coe rFr. 6-2 180 PS#420. Brother is at Okla St. Sherrod Martin (6-1 190 Fr). Travis Moss (5-10 181 Jr) JC in '03. Marcus Richardson (6-0 190 rFr) PS#261.

FS DERRICK ANSLEY SR. 6-1 171 PS#247QB. 3 sts in '01, 55 tkls, 3 int. 12 sts in '02, 82 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu. 12 sts LY, 94 tkls, **9 int**, 10 pbu! 38.5 VL. Brannon Condren (6-1 191 So).

P THOMAS OLMSTED JR. 6-3 218 PS#14. 72 punts as true, 39.9 average net of 31.4. 78 punts in '03, long of 56, 42.4 avg, net of 36.3. Jason Wright (6-1 224 So). +19 lbs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	DT McDowell	6-0 185 PS#37
RB	Kenny Cattouse	5-11 200 PS#98
DL	Brandon Suggs	6-2 260 PS#161
RB	Rhoderick Carroll	5-10 220 PS#225
DL	John Jackson	6-4 250 PS#395JC
DB	Tavares Williams	6-1 185 PS#341
DB	Leodis McKelvin	5-11 180 PS#345
DB	Darius Williams	5-10 170 PS#362
LB	Yannick Brown	6-2 200 PS#293
DL	Steve McLendon	6-3 260 PS#362
RB	Llewellyn Cook Jr	5-11 170 PS#343
DL	Eibert Shumake	6-2 255 PS#468JC
DL	Shosei Yamauchi	6-3 240 PS#427
LB	Trinidy Thomas	6-2 190 PS#404

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0-1	Vs Independent	11-9	Away Underdog
	13-11 Vs Non-Independent		

2003 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

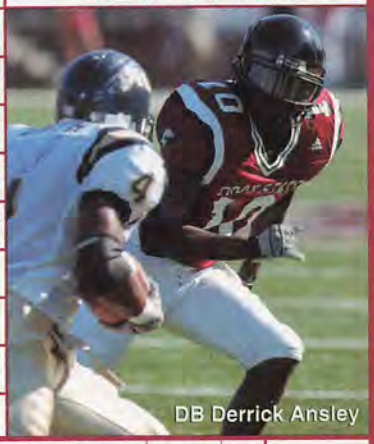
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (28,25,3)
Lost: 10 (5,5,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,091

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Marshall	A						Troy State joins the Sun Belt Conference this year. TSU is 12-1 SU, but just 1-3 ATS L3Y at Movie Gallery Stadium. This year will be the 1st time in history all TSU games will be lined.
Sep. 11	Missouri	A						Troy St is 0-3 SU, but 3-0 ATS the last 3 years in road openers. This will be designated as a Sun Belt Conference game for Troy State.
Sep. 18	at New Mexico St	G						Blakeney is 59-8-1 SU at home & 13-0 SU in home openers. This is the 1st time TSU will host a BCS conference school.
Sep. 25	at S Carolina	G						Troy St is 4-2 ATS the last 6 games on natural grass. The Trojans are 2-6 ATS vs current Sun Belt teams.
Oct. 2	Utah St	A						Troy St is 1-2 SU, but 3-0 ATS the last 3 years vs the SEC. The average combined total in the 3 games with the SEC is 24 ppg.
Oct. 9								The visitor has won & covered each of the last 2 years. Could apply: Troy St is 0-3 ATS as a home favorite.
Oct. 16	at Arkansas St	G						Troy St is 2-5 SU & 1-1 ATS averaging 13 ppg after a bye since 1997. Could apply: TSU has been an AF just once, a 44-12 (-12) win vs UL Monroe.
Oct. 23	at LSU	G						TSU is 0-5 SU & 2-3 ATS being otuscored 164-47 in their 2nd straight AG the L2Y. LSU is 1 of 2 bowl teams from LY TSU will face TY (Tigers were BCS Champs).
Oct. 30	Idaho	A						Vandals are the 4th tm TY Troy St will meet for the 1st time (NM St, S Car, & LSU). Pending earlier results: TSU comes into 2004 at 6-5 ATS after a SU loss.
Nov. 6	Florida Atlantic (HC)	A						Trojans are 11-1-1 SU on Homecoming under Larry Blakeney (1st lined HC gm TY). This will count as a SBC gm, as Fla Atlantic will become a member next season.
Nov. 13	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Trojans have covered every road finale (3-0) since moving up to IA in '01. TSU is 1-6 SU all-time vs LA-Lft being outscored by an avg of 42-17 a gm.
Nov. 20	Middle Tenn	A						The Trojans are 1-10 SU & 0-2 ATS vs the Blue Raiders. Troy St is 5-2 SU, but 0-3 ATS in home finales since 1997.
Nov. 27								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STADIUM: MOVIE GALLERY STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-4	11-2	9-3	7-4	4-8	6-6	50-33
ATS	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-3	4-6	13-12
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	3-5	11-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	4-5	12-9
Grass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-3	2-1	8-6
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-5	5-6
vs Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Non-Indep	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-2	4-6	13-11
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-2	1-3	4-7
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-3	6-5

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeWhitt Betterson	244	1203	42	1161	9	4.8
Marrio Fraser	55	274	8	266	2	4.8
Aaron Leak	126	443	235	208	3	1.7
Jermaine Richardson	29	206	3	203	0	7.0
Jason Samples	8	51	20	31	1	3.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Aaron Leak	259	110	42.5	1427	7	12
Hansell Bearden	48	20	41.7	185	0	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jason Samples	48	620	12.9	5	47	
Bryant Stewart	17	291	17.1	1	62	
Adrian Moore	15	152	10.1	1	25	
Toris Rutledge	12	136	11.3	0	18	
Eugene Hampton	9	116	12.9	0	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Thomas Olmsted	78	3304	42.4	4	36.3	3	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Thomas Olmsted	21-24	3-4	3-5	0-4	0-0	6-13	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derrick Ansley	94	0	2	10	9
Robby Farmer	75	0	6	3	0
Bernard Davis	68	0	4	5	1
Rayshun Reed	65	0	1	12	1
Freeman White	63	0	1	7	0
Demarcus Ware	62	6	10	1	0
Torre Lankford	58	2	2	1	0
Leverne Johnson	55	0	3	1	1
Johnny Faulk	54	0	5	9	2
Neal Oates	53	2	7	1	0
Arthur Adams	53	0	1	4	1
Cedric Phillips	43	4	5	2	0
Eric Thomas	38	1	7	0	0
Adrian Ghent	35	0	2	3	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Rayshun Reed	20	131	6.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Toris Rutledge	16	333	20.8	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	15.4	16	155	3.6	139	42.4	19.1	+4	2003	4	22.7	18	126	3.4	224	59.0	15.4
8	18.2	18	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	-10	2002	8	21.0	15	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2
4*	22.4	19	103	2.8	210	56.5	14.0	-1	2001	8	24.5	19	173	3.8	193	49.8	15.0
6*	27.5	17	152	4.0	172	53.7	11.8	+12	2000	6	16.1	16	103	3.0	197	52.1	18.7
8*	29.5	18	195	4.3	221	57.0	12.8	0	1999	8	18.2	17	97	3.0	189	50.4	15.7
–	22.9	17	164	3.5	137	58.3	15.2	+8	1998	–	16.0	16	86	2.7	204	52.5	18.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Kansas St	10	37-39	1.1	11-30	99	7	19	43-147	3.4	10-24	245	3	0
at Minnesota	15	40-125	3.1	10-31	64	4	26	55-292	5.3	11-18	176	0	0
at UAB	19	51-256	5.0	11-18	131	0	19	28-89	3.2	20-38	248	1	+2
SE Louisiana	22	37-217	5.9	12-22	237	2	14	22-(-22)	-1.0	32-50	258	6	-1
Marshall	13	48-254	5.3	6-17	95	1	18	27-98	3.6	33-52	319	1	+3
at Nebraska	10	37-66	1.8	11-23	84	6	15	47-186	4.0	9-15	160	0	-1
Fla International	21	52-204	3.9	12-22	220	2	12	23-59	2.6	17-32	212	3	-1
at Virginia	17	40-140	3.5	12-29	174	2	24	42-173	4.1	24-37	250	0	-2
at N Texas	11	30-87	2.9	11-31	124	3	13	46-141	3.1	11-15	127	0	-3
at Middle Tenn	23	46-202	4.4	12-29	147	2	16	42-195	4.6	16-23	182	1	-1
at Utah St	17	61-223	3.7	7-18	105	2	17	32-111	3.5	21-37	196	1	+6
UL Monroe	16	35-42	1.2	17-41	192	3	17	31-37	1.2	28-52	317	1	+2
TOTALS	194	514-1855	3.6	132-311	1672	34	210	438-1506	3.4	232-393	2690	17	+4
AVERAGES	16.2	43-155	3.6	11-26	139	2.8	17.5	37-126	3.4	19-33	224	1.4	0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	NL	31-24	–
at Alabama St	NL	27-20	–
S Florida	NL	41-24	–
at Middle Tenn	NL	48-31	–
Northwestern St	NL	24-21	–
at SW Texas St	NL	24-17	–
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	27-7	–
at McNeese St	NL	7-24	–
Jacksonville St	NL	35-16	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama A&M	NL	28-13	–
at Appalachian St	NL	34-30	–
Alabama St	NL	62-19	–
at S Florida	NL	10-20	–
at Northwestern St	NL	17-24	–
SW Texas St	NL	31-17	–
at Sam Houston St	NL	23-21	–
Nicholls St	NL	41-9	–
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	6-0	–
McNeese St	NL	20-16	–
at Jacksonville St	NL	28-0	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+49	14-42	W
at Middle Tenn	+14	17-54	L
Nicholls St	NL	26-0	–
at Miami, Fl	+50	7-38	W
at Miss St	+24	21-9	W
CS-Northridge	NL	44-31	–
S Utah	NL	20-17	–
at Maryland	+22'	14-47	L
at UL Monroe	-12	44-12	W
Jacksonville St	NL	21-3	–
N Texas	-6	18-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+32	16-31	W
at UAB	+1'	26-27	W
S Utah	NL	40-15	–
at Iowa St	+17	12-42	L
at Missouri	+12	7-44	L
Austin Peay	NL	41-3	–
at Miss St	+11	8-11	W
at Marshall	+20	7-24	W
Florida Atlantic	NL	21-6	–
at Arkansas	+24	0-23	W
† Florida A&M	NL	24-7	–
Utah St	-7'	16-19 OT	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas St	+37'	5-41	W
at Minnesota	+24'	7-48	L
at UAB	+11'	20-9	W
SE Louisiana	NL	28-0	–
Marshall	+12'	33-24	W
at Nebraska	+27	0-30	L
Fla International	NL	21-10	–
at Virginia	+21	0-24	L
at N Texas	+10'	0-21	L
at Middle Tenn	+4	20-27	L
at Utah St	+6'	23-14	W
UL Monroe	-14'	28-24	L

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

RB Eugene Gross

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - MT has produced some fine QB's. Wes Counts led the NCAA with a 72.6% completion rating in 2001. He had a 17-4 ratio in 2002 Andrico Hines battled Josh Harris (PS#72) and Andre Green (PS#121) to replace him. Hines would throw for 1,753 yards (58.4%) but only had a 6-7 ratio and rushed for 645 gross yards. He was injured and Harris became the first frosh to start here since Kelly Holcomb (1991). Unfortunately Harris broke his collarbone on the second series and Green started the next week but they even used RB ReShard Lee as the QB in the 2H, passing the ball six times. Hines and Harris returned last year and Hines was SBC Offensive POW three times (Missouri, Idaho, Troy St) and had a streak of 126 passes without an int. Hines was banged up once again missing the equivalent of three games due to injuries and Clint Marks (PS#168) got in two starts throwing for 593 yards (65.1%) with a 7-3 ratio. Hines threw for 1,742 yards (60.5%) with a 7-3 ratio and departs. Marks is a very accurate passer and in two spring scrimmages in 2003 he combined to hit 21 of 24 passes. Harris played in four games and threw for 347 yards (60.4%) with a 4-2 ratio. Not listed below is Sam Hunt (6-4 212 rFr, PS#217). I think Marks will do a fine job but he is not as dangerous a runner as Hines (435 gross rush yds in '03) and not as experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Blue Raiders had to replace their top two RB's including the outstanding Dwone Hicks. The leading returning rusher was Don Calloway who had 819 yards rushing in three years with his best season being 2000 where he rushed for 420 (5.1). The team suffered some injuries as Calloway missed a few games due to injury. Physical runner Kevin Davis (5-9 223 So) broke his femur in Wk 6 and backup Kelvin German (PS#155DB) played in just 9 games due to a broken arm. At one point, to save the redshirt on Terry Jackson (PS#151) they moved CB Tyrone Hicks to RB but Hicks did not get a carry either and was able to redshirt. Eugene Gross, who was a wishbone QB in HS had 7 starts and led the team with 735 yards (3.9). He also added 25 rec's (6.9) while being the team's top KR. Calloway had just 424 yards (4.8) in 6 starts and is the only loss from this unit. Davis got in one start for 193 yards (4.9) and German had 71 yards (4.4) and both are back as is Terry Jackson. Lee Baker had 2,380 yards and 21 TD's at JUCO the last 2 years and was also a dangerous returnman but will start at WR here. When the team uses a FB, Nick McAfee (6-0 250 Sr) had 4 starts and 6 rec's and is backed by Ralph Gunter (6-0 252 rFr, PS#345) and Matt Little (6-0 238 So). This unit has far more experience than it did heading into last year and should have better health.

RECEIVERS - Last season MT had to replace their highest DC ever in Tyrone Calico (#2DC TEN). He had 4.34 speed and even cleared 374 lbs tying Daryl Gardner for the Strength Coaches record. I wrote last year that I had expected big things from Kerry Wright (PS#34) in his first two seasons but he was disappointing with just 18 rec's. With one other starting WR departing, they needed him to step up and that he did. Wright set MT and SBC records with 1,280 single season yards receiving and a school record 9 TD rec's. The unit was hit by injures last year. Backup WR Pierre Ingram (6-4 212 So) broke his foot and missed the 2H of the year, WR Chris Henry missed two games and Pedro Holiday missed one. This year the only losses are starting WR Wardell Alsup (11 sts, 27 rec, 11.0), backups Ryan Edmiston (1 st, 4 rec), Sam Williams (PS#39 QB, 10 rec) and Hashem Joyner (1 st, 3 rec). I list the 2 deep below and 5 different players have starting experience. It will be tough for Wright to improve upon last year's numbers but overall this unit is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 and 2001 MT averaged 5.3 and 5.5 ypc rushing. In 2002 the number dropped to 4.7 despite the entire 2 deep returning. Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 41 starts so the unit was very inexperienced. The O-line paved the way for just 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. This year they must replace LG Bill Brasch (10 sts), C Brandon Westbrook (12 sts, 1st Tm SBC), RT Brandon Parker (4 sts) and Josh Willoughby (6 sts). DL Marcus Gates (6-2 268 So) 3 tkls moves to C. Starting LT Willie Hall had six starts but missed the last three games with injury and is basically a returning starter so the unit has three back. McCollum usually does a good job molding the OL and this year's group is much more experienced than last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - MT allowed 4.3 ypc rushing while recording just 13 sacks in 2002 with an inexperienced defensive front. Last year basically two starters returned and Miami (FL) transfer VHT Jeff Littlejohn (PS#14) took over one starting DT spot. Overall MT still allowed 4.2 ypc rushing while recording 20 sacks. This year they lose DE Demetrios Walker (12 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 50 tkls, 5 sks) and DT Dominic Jones (2 sts, 10 tkls). Six different players return with starting experience plus they get some super additions. VHT Chris Anderson (PS#20) originally signed at Florida St, Quinton Staton was a 2 year starter at E Tenn St earning 2nd Tm All-Southern conference honors in 2003 (he will be eligible since ETS dropped football) and rFr Sean Mosley (PS#99LB) are all added to the mix. It's hard to believe that a SBC team has two VHT's and this is a deep, experienced group and should be one of the SBC's better D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - The new DC is Bradley Dale Peveto and he runs a 4-3 defense. Last year they were running a 3-5-3 system where the safeties were basically LB's and had two starters returning. This year they must replace Kenny Edwards (3 sts, 25 tkls), Joey Montalbano (1 st, 19 tkls) and Randy Arnold (3 sts, 40 tkls). Both Arnold and Edwards lost their starting jobs early and the players who started the final seven games all return plus Alvin Fite (5 sts) is back as well. They also add in some solid freshmen so this unit has added experience and talent this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 MT finished #103 in my pass D rankings but had basically everyone back last year. Not much went right on the defense and the Blue Raiders again finished #103 in the rankings in 2003. This year there are some heavy losses as they must replace WS Michael Woods (9 sts, 58 tkls, 2nd Tm SBC), FS Will Martin (12 sts, #1 tkl'r, w/100 tkls), CB Muhammad Rashada (6 sts, 44 tkls, 3 tfl), WS Brandon Lynch (7 sts until broken foot, 56 tkls, 1 int), CB Chris Johnson (7 sts, 25 tkls) and CB Tony Sutton (2 sts, 25 tkls). McCollum has gone the JUCO route to shore this position up. This unit is far less experienced than it was heading into last year but cannot drop much further in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In McCollum's first four years, MT had finished in the same area of my special teams rankings (#70-#75). Last year they had their excellent punter and kicker both returning and a lot of speed in the return game and I thought they could have been one of the better special teams units in the SBC. I did point out that they might miss OLB Kareem Bland who was responsible for most of the 9 blocks (4 punts, 3 xp's, 2 FG's) the team recorded in the previous two seasons. They failed to block a punt last year. Punter Robert Billings who handled the duties for four years had a 54 yard fake punt run for a TD and averaged 42.1 on his punts but saw the team net drop to 34.0 (35.8 in '02). K Brian Kelly leaves as the school's most accurate kicker ever with 78.4% FG's made in his career. Last year he hit a solid 13-16 with a long of 47 and one miss from 50+. Their KO man is solid with a high % of TB's in Paul Wheeler. I list the candidates below at kicker and punter. McCollum's teams have had problems with their PR averaging just 3.1, 5.7 and 6.8 the last 3 years and the last 2 seasons their KR team averages were just 16.5 and 16.3. I would expect him to put more emphasis on that area and MT should be able to move up in the special teams rankings.

COACHES - Andy McCollum is now 25-32 after 5 years as the head man here. Last season was Darin Hinshaw's first as the main OC and he shared the duties with Blake Anderson. The new DC is Bradley Dale Peveto who is a former co-DC at Houston and is in his 2nd year here after handling the DB's last year. He was also the DC and LB coach at Northwestern St from 1996 to 1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the SBC was formed, Middle Tennessee St looked like the class of the league and were favored to win it in each of the first two seasons. Unfortunately after an 8-3 record in 2001 where they narrowly missed out on the title, they dropped to 4-8 in 2002 including 2-4 in conference play despite outscoring foes by 1.1 ppg. Last year MT had 4 out of the 7 conference games at home and their first six game home schedule since 1994. Surprisingly the record did not improve as they finished 4-8 once again. QB and RB injuries did not help and neither did an opening game upset loss to IAA Florida Atl which was 2-9 in 2002. They also lost in OT to Missouri and Idaho and in 4 OT's to UL-Lft. They still tied for 2nd in the SBC at 4-3 and had 5 losses by a TD or less. Still, in league play, despite a winning record, they were actually outgained by 79.9 ypg, which was the 2nd worst mark in the league. MT returns 14 starters this year but must break in a new QB. I look at the athletic talent on this squad and it rivals that of N Texas, it is just not as experienced. They do have a super receiving corps and some quality RB's and if the D-line lives up to its potential (Jeff Littlejohn, PS#14, Chris Anderson PS#20), they could have a ferocious front 7. Unfortunately this year they take on my three highest rated teams in the league all on the road in N Texas, N Mex St and Troy St. I think they will be favored in all of the rest of the SBC games and with a workable non-conf schedule, MT should return to the plus side of the ledger in 2004. MT makes my most improved team list (pg 19) which means they should go from a losing record to being bowl eligible.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DL	Erik Walden 6-2 230 PS#112
LB	Boston McCornell 6-1 225 PS#106
WR	Cleannord Saintil 5-11 185 PS#137JC
DL	Brandon Nix 6-4 285 PS#185
OL	Brian Smith 6-5 320 PS#226JC
RB	Carlos Dixon 6-0 195 PS#193
OL	Philip Nola 6-4 270 PS#285
DB	Damon Nickson 6-0 180 PS#259
WR	Lee Baker 5-7 188 PS#371JC
OL	Cade Becher 6-3 324 PS#372JC
DL	Raymond Chaney 6-2 280 PS#376JC
DB	DeMarcus Green 5-10 194 PS#383JC
DB	Keon Raymond 5-11 190 PS#389JC
DB	Jeremiah Weaver 5-11 180 PS#392JC
QB	Joe Craddock 5-11 180 PS#204
WR	Brian Fitzgerald 6-0 185 PS#262
DB	Roy Polite 6-1 190 PS#340
OL	Chris Ritter 6-3 305 PS#421
LB	Tommie Weatherspoon 6-2 240 PS#283
OL	Franklin Dunbar 6-5 318 PS#434
LB	Tavares Jones 6-3 225 PS#290
DB	Lonnie Clemons 6-2 205 PS#406
TE	Stephen Chicola 6-5 235 PS#116
WR	Aaron Hudson 6-2 175 PS#379
DL	Darrell Howard 6-6 260 PS#492
OL	Quinton Staton 6-2 271 PS#495JC
DB	Anthony Glover 6-2 205 PS#496
DL	Jonathan Presley 6-3 238 PS#518
DL	John Marc Stephens 6-4 245 PS#531
OL	Richard Bortner 6-6 305 PS#583
WR	Taron Henry 6-2 187 PS#636
WR	Bradley Robinson 5-9 165 PS#639
LB	Antoine Owens 6-2 215 PS#692
DB	Ralph King 5-10 180 PS#894
RB	DeMarco McNair 6-0 180 PS#214

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Clint Marks So. 6-2 182 PS#168. 2 sts as rFr, 593 yds (65%) 7-3 ratio. Josh Harris (6-3 180 Jr) PS#72. 347 yds (60%) LY. Patrick Jackson (6-2 200 rFr) PS#168.
RB EUGENE GROSS SO. 5-9 212 Wishbone QB HS. 7 sts as rFr, #1 w/735 yds (3.9), 25 rec (6.9). Kelvin German (5-11 206 Jr) PS#155DB. Terry Jackson (5-10 185 rFr) PS#151.
WR Chris Henry Jr. 5-8 170 4.4 spd. 4 sts, 14 rec (12.9) in '02. 4 sts in '03, 19 rec (11.9). Taron Henry (6-0 193 rFr) PS#127DB. **Lee Baker** 1480 rush at JC. In for spring.
WR KERRY WRIGHT SR. 5-9 175 **PS#34.** 4.38 spd. 9 sts, 18 rec 1st 2Y. 11 sts, 73 rec (17.5), **1st Tm SBC** LY. Pedro Holiday (6-1 182 Sr) PS#115. 10.48 in 100m. 2 sts, 12 rec LY.
WR JERRIN HOLT JR. 6-3 218 PS#98. Orig @ Vandy. 47 rec at JC. 7 sts LY, 26 rec (11.4). Cleannord Saintil PS#137JC. Luke Paschall (5-10 186 So). Bradley Robinson (5-7 171 rFr).
TE CLINTON CORDER SO. 6-3 250 3 sts as true. LaRue Beck (6-2 210 Jr) PS#128DB. 1 PR in '03. Stephen Chicola (6-5 235 Fr) PS#116. 33 rec's in last 2 years of HS.
C Shavaskey Brown Jr. 6-2 354 PS#216. 1 game as rFr. 4 games, 1 st at LG LY. Added 19 lbs. Joe Evilsizer (6-1 300 Sr) PS#213JC. 1 game LY. **LS** John Crawford (6-0 260 Jr).
RG GERMAYLE FRANKLIN SO. 6-4 319 PS#541. 10 sts (6@RT, L/4@RG) as rFr. Added 15 lbs. John Henry (6-5 324 So) 3 games LY. Lance McCullough (6-3 312 rFr) PS#275.
LG Cade Becher Jr. 6-3 324 PS#372JUCO. In for spring. Brian Smith (6-5 320 Jr) PS#226JUCO. Paul Cantrell (6-4 321 So) PS#252. Kyle Turnbow (6-5 295 Jr).
RT JULIUS GANT SR. 6-4 312 PS#251DL. 8 sts, 596 snaps as rFr. 6 sts at RT in '02. 11 sts (5@T, 6@RG) LY. Brett Trott (6-4 307 Jr) **PS#66**, 9 games, 2L in 2 years.
LT WILLIE HALL SO. 6-6 309 7'3" wingspan. 6 sts as rFr (inj). Chris Sapp (6-5 282 So) DE in '02. 3 sts at TE LY. Kenyon Buford (**6-4 393** rFr) PS#87DL.
K Paul Wheeler Jr. 6-1 223 11 of 14 FG's long of 57 in HS. 23 TB's on KO's here in '02. 15 TB on KO's in '03. Colby Smith (5-9 189 So) was holder last year.

DE Bobby Payne So. 6-4 286 PS#117. 4 sts as rFr, 13 tkls, 2 sks. Added 28 lbs. Sean Mosley (6-3 252 rFr) PS#99LB. Jonathan Callahan (6-3 258 Jr) 4 sts, 410 bench, 3 tkls.
DT THOMAS JOHNSON SR. 6-2 297 PS#242. 8 sts in '01 & '02, 33 tkls. 8 sts LY, 33 tkls, 4 sks, 750 squat. **Jerry Vanderpool** (6-3 317 Sr) PS#218. 10 sts in '02, 40 tkls, 3 tfl. 1 st, 7 tkls LY.
DT JEFF LITTLEJOHN JR. 6-2 324 **PS#14!** Orig @ Miami (Fl). 1 st in '02. 8 sts LY, 31 tkls. Quinton Staton (6-2 271 Jr) 12 sts at E Tenn St, 2nd Tm Conf. Raymond Chaney PS#376JC.
DE CHRIS ANDERSON rFR. 6-1 268 **PS#20. Orig @ Florida St.** Hargrave LY. Davarick Scandrett (6-4 262 Jr) 11 tkls as true. 4 sts LY, 28 tkls, 4 sks. Erik Walden (6-2 230 Fr).
LB JONATHAN BONNER JR. 6-0 220 4.52 spd. 4 tkls as true. 9 sts, 74 tkls, 6 tfl LY. Antoine Owens (6-1 252 rFr) PS#123. Leon Cesar (6-0 236 Sr) PS#106JC LY. Darren Mustin (6-1 234 So).
LB DENNIS BURKE JR. 6-1 234 PS#206. 7 starts, 57 tackles, 7 tfl in '03. Boston McCornell (6-1 225) is PS#106. Jonathan Ward (6-1 224 rFr) PS#219.
LB Alvin Fite Sr. 6-0 230 PS#129RB, 5 sts, 48 tkls, 5 tfl last year. Marcel Horne (6-1 210 So) 4 tkls as true. DeMarco McNair (5-11 184 rFr) PS#214RB.
CB DANNY TOLBERT SR. 5-10 170 PS#133JC, 4.44 spd. 9 sts here in '03, 30 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu. **Tyrone Hicks** (5-10 204 rFr) PS#104, **4.39 spd!** Shawn Allen (6-0 195 Jr) 5 tkls.
CB DeMarcus Green Jr. 5-10 194 PS#383JC in for spg. Ralph King (5-10 178 So) PS#101RB. 2647 yds rush as senior in '02. Jonathan Harris (5-10 201 So) 1 tkl last year.
WS JUSTIN RAINEY SO. 5-10 198 PS#262. 8 sts LY, 46 tkls, 3 tfl, 4.4 spd. Keon Raymond (5-11 190 Jr) PS#389JC. Kevin Copeland (5-9 196 Jr) PS#478. 2 tkls as true. 1 st, 13 tkls, 3 tfl LY.
FS Jeremiah Weaver Jr. 5-11 180 PS#392JC. 5 int, 66 tkls, 3 sks @ JC. Damon Nickson (6-0 180 Fr) PS#259. Mario Dixon (5-10 192 Jr). Lonnie Clemons PS#406. Dana Stewart (5-10 189 rFr).
P Colby Smith So. 5-9 189 Average 43.2 on 50 punts as senior in high school. Began 2003 as starting punter and 9 punts 38.7 average. 2 inside the 20. L/53.

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2004 Schedule Difficulty-#116

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Florida	G						MTSU is 4-3 SU & 3-4 ATS as a conference away favorite the last 3 yrs. Middle Tennessee is 12-8 ATS on grass the last 4 years. The Blue Raiders are 6-3 ATS when a single digit favorite.
Sep. 11	at Akron	A						Blue Raiders are 2-7 SU but 6-3 ATS the last 9 vs the SEC. MTSU is 5-0 ATS in lined season openers all on the road.
Sep. 18	Florida Atlantic	A						Middle Tenn is 2-8 SU, but 6-4 ATS in game 2 of 2 or more B2B AG's. This is their 1st lined game & MTSU is 6-1 SU vs Akron.
Sep. 25	at Louisiana-Lft	G						Last year's matchup decided by 62 yd TD pass on the final play. Blue Raiders are 6-3 SU winning their only ATS home opener since 1995.
Oct. 2	at N Texas	A						The home team is 1-3 ATS the last 4 in this series. LY's 57-51 four OT affair was the longest game in SBC history.
Oct. 9	Arkansas St	A						Middle Tennessee is 0-3 SU & ATS in this series. MTSU has dropped the 1st five games of the season the last 2 years.
Oct. 16								Middle Tenn is 4-1 SU vs ASU outscoring them 124-54. Blue Raiders are 5-1 ATS prior to a bye.
Oct. 23	Idaho	A						Blue Raiders are 2-1 SU & 1-2 ATS in this short series. Middle Tennessee is 1-5 ATS after a bye.
Oct. 30	Utah St (HC)	A						In this short series the home team & the favorite are both 2-0 SU & ATS. In the last gm at Murfreesboro, MT outrushed USU 316-11 in a 45-28 win.
Nov. 6	at New Mexico St	G						Middle Tennessee is 2-1 SU & ATS vs New Mexico St. The Blue Raiders are 2-3 SU but 4-1 ATS the L5Y in Nov road games.
Nov. 13	UL Monroe	A						Middle Tennessee is 1-3 ATS the last 4 home finales. The Blue Raiders are 18-2 SU the last 20 "Senior Days".
Nov. 20	at Troy St	A						MTSU is 10-1 SU all-time vs Troy St outscoring the Trojans 270-116. Blue Raiders are 4-0 ATS in the last 4 road finales.
Nov. 27								Andy McCollum is 5-0 SU in season finales (2-2 ATS).

ANDY MCCOLLUM (Career 25-32)
6th Year AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

McCollum's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

25-32	Straight Up	7-7	Home Favorite
26-23	Vs The Spread	1-3	Home Underdog
13-13	Off A SU Loss	4-4	Away Favorite
11-15	Vs Conference	14-9	Away Underdog
		15-8	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: **(4-8)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,17,4)
Lost: 22 (8,12,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,021

SUN BELT

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STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD (30,788)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-6	5-5	3-8	6-5	8-3	4-8	4-8	34-43
ATS	0-0	0-0	3-4	7-2	5-6	5-6	6-5	26-23
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	7-7
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	4-4
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	14-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	3-5	2-3	4-2	11-11
Dog	0-0	0-0	3-4	5-1	2-1	3-3	2-3	15-12
Grass	0-0	0-0	3-3	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	15-11
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	2-4	2-3	4-3	11-12
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	1-3	3-1	2-4	2-4	3-3	11-15
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	15-8
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-1	4-3	1-2	1-2	9-10
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-2	3-1	0-3	3-4	5-3	13-13

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eugene Gross	**189**	**776**	**41**	**735**	**10**	**3.9**
Don Calloway	89	435	11	424	1	4.8
Andrico Hines	107	435	120	315	6	2.9
Kevin Davis	**39**	**212**	**19**	**193**	**2**	**4.9**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andrico Hines	253	153	60.5	1742	7	3
Clint Marks	**63**	**41**	**65.1**	**593**	**7**	**3**
Josh Harris	**48**	**29**	**60.4**	**347**	**4**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kerry Wright	**73**	**1280**	**17.5**	**9**	**71**
Wardell Alsup	27	297	11.0	3	57
Jerrin Holt	**26**	**296**	**11.4**	**2**	**36**
Chris Henry	**19**	**227**	**11.9**	**0**	**30**
Eugene Gross	**25**	**172**	**6.9**	**0**	**22**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Robert Billings	61	2568	42.1	9	34.0	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Kelly	37-40	5-7	4-4	4-4	0-1	13-16	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Martin	100	0	2	7	2
Jonathan Bonner	**74**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Michael Woods	58	1	2	2	2
Dennis Burke	**57**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**1**
Brandon Lynch	56	0	1	0	1
Demetrios Walker	50	5	3	2	0
Alvin Fite	**48**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Justin Rainey	**46**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Muhammad Rashada	44	1	2	3	0
Randy Arnold	40	0	1	2	2
Thomas Johnson	**33**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Jeff Littlejohn	**31**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Danny Tolbert	**30**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Henry	**14**	**87**	**6.2**	**0**
Kerry Wright	**12**	**91**	**7.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eugene Gross	**26**	**467**	**18.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	27.7	19	145	3.5	227	61.2	13.4	+2	2003	8	31.3	23	171	4.2	254	61.8	13.6
9	24.8	18	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	0	2002	6	27.7	20	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5
7*	37.1	26	238	5.5	244	69.0	13.0	-4	2001	6	26.0	22	140	3.8	255	58.8	15.2
10*	31.8	22	194	5.3	239	59.6	13.6	+1	2000	8	28.7	22	151	4.2	236	62.0	13.5
5*	24.7	20	111	3.5	246	63.9	14.5	-5	1999	6	34.5	22	212	4.9	233	62.2	12.9
8	25.0	18	155	3.9	180	65.2	13.4	+10	1998	10	25.6	19	156	4.2	225	58.6	14.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
Florida Atlantic	18	44-183	4.2	19-35	160	1	11	32-42	1.3	18-29	215	5	+4
at Georgia	13	27-67	2.5	18-25	173	2	25	36-150	4.2	25-35	317	2	-1
at Clemson	21	38-194	5.1	15-26	170	2	31	44-183	4.2	23-28	298	1	-1
at Missouri	27	56-197	3.5	20-32	286	2	26	43-296	6.9	22-32	192	1	0
Temple	24	55-227	4.1	18-29	205	5	24	40-170	4.3	18-38	197	1	-3
New Mexico St	9	37-85	2.3	9-12	208	4	28	54-318	5.9	18-32	207	2	+4
at Idaho	21	51-222	4.4	18-29	298	1	19	38-95	2.5	22-33	296	3	-1
N Texas	21	37-75	2.0	23-33	252	3	16	40-138	3.5	10-13	230	0	-1
at Utah St	19	29-93	3.2	22-45	196	1	23	39-194	5.0	22-35	301	2	-2
Troy St	16	42-195	4.6	16-23	182	1	23	46-202	4.4	12-29	147	2	+1
Louisiana-Lft	22	41-121	3.0	23-40	284	4	33	43-139	3.2	37-56	435	1	0
at Arkansas St	20	37-76	2.1	23-37	306	3	22	31-124	4.0	21-41	218	0	+2
TOTALS	231	494-1735	3.5	224-366	2720	29	281	486-2051	4.2	248-401	3053	20	+2
AVERAGES	19.3	41-145	3.5	19-31	227	2.4	23.4	41-171	4.2	21-33	254	1.7	0.2

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miss St	+35'	7-40	W
at Arizona	+44	19-34	W
Wofford	NL	52-42	–
at SW Louisiana	+2	31-45	L
Troy St	NL	31-48	–
at Arkansas	+36	6-58	L
at Louisiana Tech	+30	18-42	W
at NE Louisiana	+6	0-10	L
Tenn-Martin	NL	70-14	–
UCF	+14	14-39	L
E Tennessee	NL	24-7	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+33'	6-35	W
at Florida	+39'	0-55	L
Murray St	NL	44-28	–
at Maryland	+20	27-45	W
Louisiana Tech	+2	49-21	W
UL Monroe	-18	28-0	W
at UAB	+10	9-14	W
at Miss St	+27'	35-61	W
at Connecticut	-10'	66-10	W
S Florida	NL	45-9	–
Louisiana-Lft	-26'	41-38 OT	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	37-28	W
Troy St	-14	54-17	W
at UL Monroe	-20'	38-20	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-16	26-9	W
Idaho	-19'	70-58	L
at N Texas	-14	21-24	L
at Mississippi	+12	17-45	L
New Mexico St	-7'	39-35	L
Arkansas St	-22	54-6	W
at LSU	+17	14-30	W
Connecticut	-26'	38-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+17	34-39	W
at Tennessee	+22	3-26	L
at Kentucky	+5'	22-44	L
SE Missouri	NL	14-24	–
at Arkansas St	-16	7-13	L
at Vanderbilt	+6'	21-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-9'	48-35	W
at Idaho	-3'	18-21	L
at New Mexico St	+6'	21-24	W
UL Monroe	-17	44-28	L
N Texas	+2'	20-30	L
Utah St	-6'	45-28	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	NL	19-20	–
at Georgia	+29	10-29	W
at Clemson	+14	14-37	L
at Missouri	+21'	40-41 OT	W
Temple	-3	36-44	L
New Mexico St	-4	35-18	W
at Idaho	-3'	28-21 OT	W
N Texas	+2'	28-33	L
at Utah St	+2	20-41	L
Troy St	-4	27-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-14'	51-57 4OT	L
at Arkansas St	-6	24-14	W

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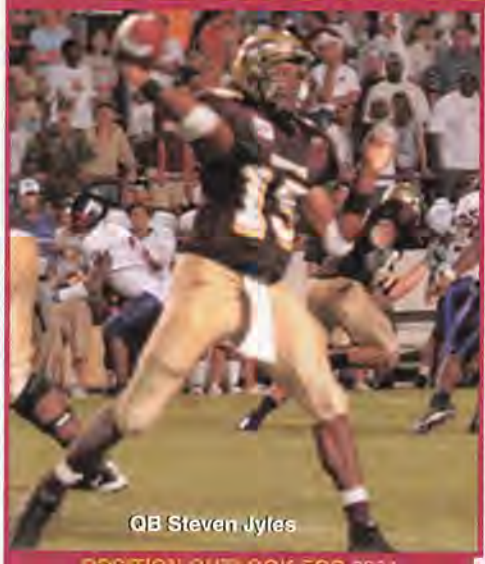
QB Steven Jyles

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 only one QB went through spring drills and that was Daniel DaPrato. DaPrato had thrown for 1,635 yards and 11 TD's while rushing for 500 yards as a soph at JC. True frosh Steven Jyles came in August and was very impressive. DaPrato started the first 3 games in 2002 vs some pretty tough competition. He threw for just 195 yards (42.2%) with an 0-4 ratio on the year. Jyles saw plenty of action in those games and was impressive enough to earn the starting job vs Ark St. He threw for over 200 yards in each of his first 5 starts. He was the first ULM QB to top 300 yards in 3 or more straight games since 1995. He threw for 470 yards with 4 TD's vs Utah St, the fifth highest passing total in school history. He had one streak of 164 passes without an int and finished with 2,318 yards (49.2%) with a 17-9 ratio while rushing for 339 gross yards. He and DaPrato were both back last year. Jyles' 2003 season was hurt by a partial tear of a tendon in the ring finger on his throwing hand which occurred in the 2Q vs Ole Miss. It affected his throwing although he did have 330 yards vs Ark St. He took himself out late vs ULL and DaPrato led the team to 17 points hitting 3 of 3 for 61 yards. Due to a death in the family, Jyles missed Auburn and while DaPrato started, he hit just 3 of 5 for 30 yards and was injured. WR Floyd Smith stepped in and hit 7 of 20 for 98 yards with 3 int. Jyles returned vs N Texas but then did not start against Idaho due to a violation of team rules. On the season, Jyles threw for 2,112 yards (55.8%) with a 14-12 ratio while rushing for 264 yards. In December he was enthused that Todd Berry was named new OC and the offense should showcase his passing and running abilities. DaPrato departs after throwing for 319 yards (46%) with a 2-4 ratio while rushing for 68. The third string QB last year was Jesse Blair (6-3 223 rFr, PS#159). Also in the mix is Adam Hogan (6-2 170 rFr, PS#253) who was at WR last year, Darnell Lovett (5-11 215, PS#244JC) who rushed for 400 and passed for 1,156 yards at JC in 2002, Ryan Breedlove (6-3 207 Jr), Bryce Matherne (6-4 170 rFr) and this year's true frosh. I look for significant improvement provided Jyles can stay healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2002 ULM had struggled running the ball as in the previous eight years their high water mark was 129 ypg (3.2) and that came in 1999. Bryant Jacobs had just 305 yards (3.0) in 2001 but blossomed in 2002 with six 100 yard games which set a school record and became the first RB here to top 1,000 yards in a season since 1993 with 1,043 (5.1). Last year heading into August the top 2 RB's were JC transfer Mason Denham and soph Krishun Williams but both did not qualify and the team also lost backup TB Errol Hogan (5-10 197 Jr) to an ACL injury. I did expect more out of Zan Johnson (5-11 211 So) who was PS#94 but he played in just 2 games with 3 rushes. That thrust unheralded rFr Kevin Payne (PS#422) into the starters role. I love Payne's work ethic as he is not only a good worker in the weight room at 208 lbs, but also does a lot of film study. Payne rushed for 976 yards (3.9) and added 488 yards receiving being named the SBC Frosh of the Year. He is back for his soph season. FB Jason Schule was 2nd on the team with 113 rushing yards and was very impressive this spring being the first RB picked in the spring game. This unit does not suffer any losses. Not listed below is Danny Royster, a true frosh with 4.37 speed, Eric Smith (5-10 196 So, PS#328), Mark Banks (5-9 220 Jr), Sylvester Cain (5-6 171 Jr), Leo Colquitt (5-8 196 So), Donnie McDonald (5-8 174 So) and true frosh Calvin Dawson (PS#322). This group is much more experienced and I expect Payne to improve upon his 3.9 ypc of last season.

RECEIVERS - ULM's best known WR is Chicago Bears star Marty Booker and he left with the school's record for both rec's and yards in a season. Mack Vincent smashed those records in 2002 with 79 and 1,198 yards (15.2). Vincent returned for 2003 but saw his numbers drop some to 62 (11.3) but still leaves as the school's career record holder for receptions and receiving yards in a season. Floyd Smith is an emergency QB who moved to WR in 2002. Smith saw action at both QB and WR last year and had 37 rec (10.9). A BIG loss to the team was when Drouzon "Tree" Quillen went down with a torn ACL in August. Quillen had 6 starts at receiver in 2002 with 32 rec (16.1) as a true frosh despite playing with injuries. RoShon Jacobs was a DB in the spring but played in just six games as a true frosh yet had an amazing 25 rec (11.6) and is another good sized receiver (6-4 203). The only losses this year are Vincent, TE Justin Ebersole (7, 2 sts) and HJ Adams (12, 9.5). I like the athleticism of Smith, Jacobs, Quillen and Josh Hudnall who spent four years with the Pittsburgh Pirates and is a 24 year old soph as well as Utah St transfer Jason Deml. I list the 2 deep below and this actually has the makings of one of the SBC's top receiving corps despite the loss of their career receiving leader.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One surprise in the offseason was that Weatherbie let O-line coach Allen Rudolph go. Rudolph came in after the team had allowed 39 sacks in 2000 and they allowed just 26, 24 and 23 sacks the last 3 years. That 2000 OL paved the way for 2.0 ypc rushing and they showed improvement under Rudolph but still needed work averaging 2.5, 3.5 and 3.0 ypc the last 3 years. This past year they appeared to have all their starters back but Josh Wade was injured and missed the season and is applying for a 6th year. Also Ben Zapata went down after 7 starts. This year they must replace RG Shane Luna (12 sts, 4 yr st'r), LG Zapata, OT Robert Aguirre (12 sts, 3 yr st'r) and G Kenny Ordeneaux (5 sts). While the line does have the benefit of this being the 2nd year under Weatherbie, they are changing schemes again under Todd Berry and are less experienced than last year's group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULM allowed 4.7 ypc rushing in 2002 while recording just 17 sacks on defense. They appeared to be very solid heading into last year with the loss of just two backups. One of the toughest players in football was NT Corey Conde who played that position at just 230 pounds. Attrition hurt ULM over the summer and returning starting DE John Thompson, a S Carolina transfer, did not play. DT Jamond Mason-Taylor missed the year as did DE Marbrae Wilson. Wilson's replacement, Dwayne Donald was injured early and missed the rest of the season so what looked to be a very experienced DL, was small and inexperienced. Surprisingly they trimmed the ypc rushing to 4.2 and increased the sack total to 21. This year they must replace DT Chad James (10 sts, 34 tkls, 3 tfl), NT Conde (12 sts, 45 tkls, 4 sks), DE Dwayne Donald and DT Brett Schleiger (1 tkl). This is far from an overwhelming unit but does look like a more experienced line and is slightly bigger with the projected starting four averaging 251 pounds.

LINEBACKERS - ULM switched to a 4-2-5 defense last year and I list the LSS position in the LB writeup. Last year the Indians had their top 2 LB's back in Maurice Sonnier and John Winchester and both were productive finishing #1 and #2 on the team in tackles. This year they lose Sonnier (12 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 93 tkls, 8 tfl) and LSS Courtney Joiner (2 tkls) but basically have everyone else back. Not listed in the 2 deep below are LSS James Wright (6-2 188 rFr) and LB's James Williams (6-0 207 rFr), Ryan Roussel (5-11 208 So), Ben Murphy (6-0 223 rFr). This is a very experienced group and should be close to the 2002 version even with the loss of its top player.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM finished #108 in my pass D rankings in '02 and only had to replace one starter and a backup in '03. They went through a lot of changes in the secondary with numerous players earning starts in Weatherbie's first year. Overall they finished just #115 allowing 59.6% with 30 TD's and 7 int. This is a very experienced secondary and basically everyone returns with 12 players who have starting experience. I list a 3 deep below and not listed are Josh Jenkins (6-0 174 Jr, 1 st, 7 tkls), Trumaine Hardman (5-11 184 Sr, 4.47 spd, 12 tkls), Omari McIntyre (6-0 177 rFr) and Vernard Wilkerson (5-11 173 Sr, 17 tkls). This unit can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The highest finish ULM had in my special teams rankings in the last nine years is #80. In 2002 they managed to finish dead last (#117). Last year they had to replace their top punter and KR and the unit was either great or horrible. On the season ULM allowed an amazing 7 blocked punts which greatly hurt their special teams ranking as they finished #99. Against Stephen F Austin they gave up two blocked FG's, a punt block, a fumbled PR, had a 45 yd FG taken off the board for illegal formation and ran into SFA's punter for a FD. Auburn blocked 3 punts vs them and against Troy St P Joel Stelly had to go to a knee to field a punt which allowed Troy to take over on the 11 and get the game winning TD. On the good side Stelly, who averaged just 32.8 on 18 punts in 2002, simply was #3 in the NCAA in punting with a super 46.3 average. Also, KR/PR Charles Estes was voted 1st Tm SBC along with Stelly. K Tyler Kuecker was outstanding hitting 8 of 10 FG's with a long of 47 and one miss from 50+. He is the only loss from this group. I would expect Weatherbie, who devotes 30-45 minutes to special teams each practice, to have this group vastly improved in 2004, especially in punt protection schemes.

COACHES - Charlie Weatherbie did not even get to participate in spring practice last year with ULM which made preparations for 2003 extremely difficult. Weatherbie retained Mike Collins' entire staff for last season. Weatherbie was a head coach at Navy and Utah St and took them both to bowls. His new OC this year is Todd Berry who was the HC at Army the last 4 years and prior to that was at IAA Illinois St where he had some explosive offenses. Berry was just 5-35 as the head man but should be a fine OC. The DC is Bob Trott who is in his second year and was Duke's DC from 1996 to 2001 and Baylor's in 2002. Trott also spent time under Bill Parcells in the NFL and his 1990 Clemson defense was #1 in the nation in total defense (217 ypg).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie stepped into a very tough situation taking the team over in May last year. Even though ULM finished 1-11 they did have 6 games which came down to 7 points or less. Those losses had Weatherbie saying that they could easily have been 4-3 instead of 1-6 to start 2003. The team finished -19 in turnovers which means good things are in the offing (see page 312). Not only does Weatherbie actually have a chance to participate in spring practice for the first time, but he has 15 starters back, the second most in the conference while losing just 15 lettermen, the third fewest. He has two top-notch RB's, a veteran QB and a tall, solid receiving corps. The biggest question mark is on the O-line where they must replace 3 starters. They avoid facing N Mex St and Troy St, 2 of the top 3 teams in the league. Weatherbie took over a Navy team that had 12 straight losing seasons and led them to the Aloha Bowl in his 2nd year and this ULM team is vastly improved and will not only top last year's one win total, they are capable of flirting with a winning season overall.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB STEVEN JYLES JR. 6-1 200 9 sts as true, 2318 yds (49%) 17-9 ratio, 339 rush. 10 sts LY, 2112 pass (56%) 14-12 ratio, 264 rush. Jesse Blair (6-3 223 rFr) PS#159.

SB KEVIN PAYNE SO. 6-0 208 12 sts, **2nd Tm SBC**, 976 yds (3.9). 41 rec (11.9) as rFr. **Jason Schule** (6-0 241 Jr) 2 sts at FB, 113 yds (3.6), 8 rec (7.2). 4.5 spd. Star of spring.

HB Drouzon Quillen Jr. 6-6 200 "Tree." 6 sts as true. 32 rec (16.1). ACL LY, RS. Charles Estes (6-1 196 Sr) **1st Tm SBC ret spec**, 1233 ttl yds. Adam Hogan (6-2 170 rFr) PS#253QB.

WR FLOYD SMITH SR. 5-9 180 11 sts in '02, 39 rec (11.0). 37 rec (10.9) in '03. Larry Davenport (5-11 175 Jr) 1 st, 15 rec (12.1). Vincent Mitchell (6-4 172 Jr).

WR JOSH HUDNALL SO. 6-3 180 24 yrs old. Pirates MLB. 1 st LY, 13 rec (10.5). Jeremy Hammock (6-1 214 Jr), 4.3 spd. Jason Deml (6-4 194 Sr) Utah St trans. 6 rec, 1 st LY.

WR RoSHON JACOBS SO. 6-4 203 1 st, only 6 gms as true but 25 rec (11.6). **Joe Merritt** (6-1 185 So), 4.58 spd. **TE Joey Trappey** (6-1 218 Jr) 22 tkls, 2Y. 77 yds rec in spg game.

C HAYDEN WADSWORTH SR. 6-2 278 11 games, 2nd string as rFr. 12 sts at C in '02. 12 sts in '03. Dorian Beckwith (6-0 289 Jr). Joe Arnold (6-2 263 rFr) PS#600.

RG Brent Gregston rFr. 6-3 290 PS#510. Josh Wade (6-5 276 Sr). 2 sts in 2000. 1 start in '01. 7 sts in '02 at RT. Inj'd in 2003 and applying for a 6th year, questionable.

LG Joseph Joseph rFr. 6-3 275 PS#574. Adam Hill (6-1 305 Fr) PS#255. Joey Zimmer (6-2 280 So). Patrick Avinger (6-1 260 Fr) PS#577. "Big Country".

RT Alandee Brown Sr. 6-7 301 PS#358JC. Did not allow a sack on National Champ JC team. 3 games here LY. Cliff Nichols (6-4 306 So). Tyler Dool (6-4 290) is PS#591.

LT BRUCE HAMPTON SR. 6-4 300 11 games as rFr. 11 sts at LT in '02. **2nd Tm SBC** in '03, 12 sts at LT. Desi Edwards (6-5 281 So). Added 56 lbs since he signed.

K Ragan Walters Fr. 5-10 170 PS#22. 12 of 15 FG's in HS LY, long of 57, 35 of 36 xp's. Joel Stelly hit 47 yd FG here as true. AJ Siggers (5-11 178 rFr). Cole Wilson (5-11 177 rFr).

DE MAYNARD JOHNNY SR. 6-3 256 9 sts, 27 tkls, 3 sks as rFr. 27 tkls, 1 sk in '02. 6 sts, 16 tkls, 3 sks, 2 tfl LY. Lamont Finley (6-3 225 Sr) 41 tkls, 2Y. Christiaan Cambridge (6-3 230 So).

DT Dilandos Johnson Sr. 6-3 287 21 tkls as rFr, 10 tkls, 1 tfl LY. DeMarcus Carmouche is PS#192. DJ Ernst (6-3 270 rFr) PS#296. No spg (inj) Homer Birdine (6-5 320 Sr) PS#360LB.

DT LeKeith Robinson Sr. 6-0 235 4 sts, 68 tkls, 2.5 sks, 6 tfl in '02. 34 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl, 3 pbu LY. Ricky Williams (6-2 290 rFr) PS#578. Josh Mitchell (6-3 300) is PS#214.

DE BRANDON GUILLORY SR. 6-4 225 6 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 sks. Alnecco Shine (6-2 242 Sr) PS#380LB. 6 sts, 51 tkls, 3 tfl, 2Y. Marbrae Wilson (6-2 235 Jr) 6 sts, 22 tkls, 4.5 sks 2Y. RS LY.

SLB Josh Alexander So. 6-0 213 28 tkls, 2 tfl as **true**. Jon-Michael Morgan (6-2 228 rFr) PS#252. Baylor trans. Harry Bradley (6-1 194 So) 6 tkls. Patrick Sturgeon (6-0 220 rFr) PS#498DL.

WLB JOHN WINCHESTER SR. 6-3 240 PS#174QB. 7 sts, 48 tkls in '01. 8 sts, 74 tkls in '02. 12 sts, 91 tkls, 4 tfl LY. LB Jeter (5-11 231 Jr) 15 tkls, 2Y. Josh Mize (6-1 205 rFr) PS#247.

LSS DAMIEN RICHARD SR. 6-0 202 PS#270. 7 sts, 41 tkls, 5 tfl in '01. 8 sts, 59 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 5 sts, 29 tkls LY. **Gerod Payne** (6-2 202 Jr) Ark Tech trans, 1 st, 31 tkls, 1 tfl here LY.

CB TRAVIN MOORE SR. 5-11 190 4 sts in 02, 60 tkls, 2 pbu. 6 sts LY, 61 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Mikkal Henry (5-8 160 Sr) PS#270. Track. 8 sts, 2Y, 69 tkls, 3 pbu. Darrius Battles (5-11 172 So).

CB CASH MOUTON SR. 6-1 193 6 sts in '01. 11 sts in '02. 5 sts LY. 113 tkls, 2 int, 16 pbu in 3Y. Jaron James (5-9 166 Sr) 5 sts, 66 tkls, 6 pbu, 3Y. Tremane Vaughns is PS#150.

SS SHELTON WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 202 4.46 speed. 40 tkls, 1 sk in '03. Shaune Maynard (6-0 199 Sr) 6 sts, 3 yrs, 88 tkls, 1 int, 7 tfl. Louis Thomas (5-11 178 rFr) PS#372.

FS CHRIS HARRIS SR. 6-1 204 **1st Tm SBC**, 3 yr st'r. 127 tkls, 5 tfl, 4 pbu in '02. 86 tkls, 2 tfl, 4 int LY. Jarred Frost (5-10 199 So) PS#184. 19 tkls. Chris Freeman (5-10 168 So).

P JOEL STELLY JR. 5-11 185 PS#83. 18 punts in '02, 32.8 avg. **1st Tm SBC** in '03, 67 punts, **#3 in NCAA with 46.3 avg**, 35.3 net. Nick Bascle (6-1 196 Jr) 3 punts last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Tremane Vaughns 5-8 170 PS#150
DL	DeMarcus Carmouche 6-4 280 PS#192
QB	Darnell Lovett 5-11 215 PS#244JC
OL	Adam Hill 6-1 305 PS#255
K	Ragan Walters 5-11 180 PS#22
DL	Josh Mitchell 6-3 300 PS#214
DB	Josh Thompson 6-2 200 PS#222
RB	Danny Royster 5-6 145 PS#303
RB	Calvin Dawson 5-11 190 PS#322
RB	M.J. Rachal 5-11 185 PS#332
DL	Micah Boudreaux 6-4 280 PS#372
TE	Jeremy Washington 6-4 220 PS#135
QB	Kinsmon Lancaster 5-11 175 PS#289
QB	Ryne Miller 6-2 220 PS#290
LB	Jeremy Moll 6-1 190 PS#390
LB	Cecil Pollock 6-1 220 PS#395
DL	Travis Eickman 6-2 200 PS#476

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Weatherbie's records AT UL MONROE

1-11	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
4-6	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Underdog
4-4	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
3-3	Vs Conference	3-4	Away Underdog
		1-3	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

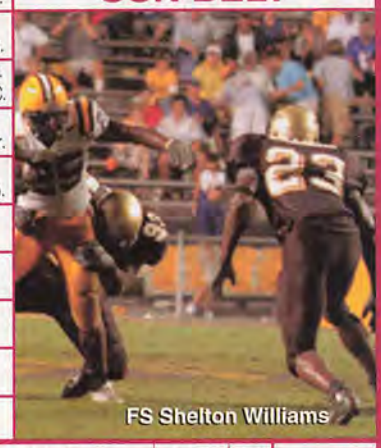
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (17,28,2)
Lost: 15 (10,4,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,298

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#113

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Auburn	G						UL Monroe is 2-22 SU & 4-13 ATS vs non-conference opponents L4Y. Indians have been outscored by non-conf opponents 979-281 since 2000. ULM has not shutout an opp in 48 gms dating back to '99 when they defeated Middle Tenn 10-0. Auburn has beaten ULM SU & ATS the L2Y outscoring them 125-21. ULM is 0-9 SU & 2-7 ATS vs SEC since 1999.
Sep. 11								
Sep. 18	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	A						ULM went 0-4 SU & 2-2 ATS vs Arkansas from 1996-2000. The Indians are 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS on carpet the last 5 years.
Sep. 25	Arkansas St	G						First time UL Monroe takes on a Div IA opponent in their home opener. In 2003 edition, ULM was +173 in yardage but -4 in turnovers.
Oct. 2	at Wyoming	G						Third meeting. ULM is 0-2 SU, but 1-0 ATS. Indians are 0-5 SU & 0-2 ATS being outscored 158-44 vs current MWC tms.
Oct. 9	at Idaho	A						ULM trails in this series 1-3 SU, but is 2-1 ATS. The Indians are 3-7 ATS in the 2nd of 2 or more B2B road games S/'98.
Oct. 16	Florida Int'l	G						FIU Panthers were 2-10 (4th toughest schedule in IAA) as a Div IAA Independent. Panthers are beginning a 2 yr transition period where they will be integrated into IA & the SBC.
Oct. 23	at Florida Atlantic	G						Owls were 11-3 as a Division IAA Independent last year. Owl HC is ex-Miami, Fl, Louisville & Oklahoma HC Howard Schnellenberger.
Oct. 30	at N Texas	A						ULM is 1-2 SU, but 2-1 ATS in lined games in this series all as a dog. Entering 2004, ULM was the only team to beat NT in SBC play (19-17, 2001).
Nov. 6	Utah St	G						LY, the Aggies played their 1st Sun Belt game ever in this match-up. 2002 edition in Monroe saw 1103 yds of total offense (ULM 654).
Nov. 13	at Middle Tenn	A						UL Monroe is 1-3 SU, but 3-1 ATS vs Middle Tennessee. The Indians have been outscored 72-28 in Murfreesboro.
Nov. 20	Louisiana-Lft	G						ULM has just been a home favorite 6 times going 2-4 ATS. The visitor is 6-1 ATS in this series since 1997.
Nov. 27								


FS Shelton Williams

STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	5-6	5-6	1-10	2-9	3-9	1-11	22-58
ATS	6-4	2-6	4-5	1-7	6-4	6-5	4-6	29-37
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-4
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	1-2	9-6
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	4-3	1-3	2-5	0-6	4-2	3-3	3-4	17-26
Favorite	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-5
Dog	5-3	1-4	3-5	1-6	6-4	6-4	4-6	26-32
Grass	5-3	2-5	3-4	1-5	5-3	5-3	3-5	24-28
Artificial	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	5-9
vs Conf	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	5-1	4-2	3-3	19-13
vs Non-Conf	3-4	1-3	2-4	0-4	1-3	2-3	1-3	10-24
Off SU Win	3-1	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	6-12
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	22-23

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Payne	248	1088	112	976	6	3.9
Jason Schule	31	116	3	113	3	3.6
Steven Jyles	62	264	205	59	1	1.0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Steven Jyles	360	201	55.8	2112	14	12
Daniel DaPrato	63	29	46.0	319	2	4
Floyd Smith	22	9	40.9	186	2	3
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Mack Vincent	62	700	11.3	9	49	
Kevin Payne	41	488	11.9	3	56	
Floyd Smith	37	403	10.9	1	34	
RoShon Jacobs	25	289	11.6	2	36	
Larry Davenport	15	181	12.1	0	33	
Josh Hudnall	13	137	10.5	0	26	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Joel Stelly	67	3099	46.3	4	35.3	3	15
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tyler Kuecker	27-29	1-1	5-6	2-2	0-1	8-10	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Sonnier	93	3	5	2	1
John Winchester	91	1	3	0	1
Chris Harris	86	1	1	2	4
Travin Moore	61	2	1	2	0
Corey Conde	45	4	2	1	0
Shelton Williams	40	1	0	1	0
Mikkal Henry	35	0	1	2	0
LeKeith Robinson	34	1	2	3	0
Chad James	34	2	1	1	0
Jaron James	33	0	1	2	0
Brandon Guillory	32	2	3	0	0
Gerod Payne	31	0	1	0	1
Damien Richard	29	0	0	1	0
Shaune Maynard	29	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Estes	24	177	7.4	0
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Estes	36	988	27.4	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	19.9	18	99	3.0	221	53.3	16.1	-19	2003	5	38.9	21	182	4.2	232	59.6	10.7
8	19.7	18	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	-7	2002	9	37.6	23	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5
6*	13.5	14	74	2.5	171	50.4	18.2	-2	2001	6	31.9	23	137	3.5	265	65.6	12.6
6*	8.7	14	57	2.0	185	53.7	27.8	-17	2000	6	37.7	18	164	4.0	190	56.6	9.4
7*	16.9	16	129	3.2	152	56.8	16.6	-5	1999	6	29.3	16	149	4.0	185	49.8	11.4
8	20.6	14	87	2.6	210	46.7	14.4	+16	1998	10	29.3	23	184	4.3	259	56.6	15.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at LSU	11	26-59	2.3	15-34	181	2	23	43-168	3.9	18-35	306	0	-1
SF Austin	20	36-149	4.1	21-40	201	2	14	38-103	2.7	10-24	243	2	-2
at Mississippi	21	31-29	0.9	26-44	307	3	30	47-225	4.8	24-30	387	0	-2
Northwestern St	14	39-164	4.2	12-29	102	1	18	46-170	3.7	13-20	139	4	-1
at Utah St	19	34-45	1.3	25-47	212	4	16	40-201	5.0	15-22	121	3	-2
at Arkansas St	28	42-208	5.0	24-41	330	1	16	37-227	6.1	12-22	138	0	-4
at Louisiana-Lft	24	47-238	5.1	21-30	299	2	23	23-50	2.2	33-54	474	1	0
New Mexico St	9	22-35	1.6	13-26	113	2	25	71-336	4.7	7-12	108	4	+1
at Auburn	10	32-23	0.7	10-25	128	0	25	43-241	5.6	16-21	240	3	-3
N Texas	20	28-106	3.8	23-39	230	1	20	48-142	3.0	12-18	215	1	-1
Idaho	19	31-93	3.0	22-43	232	4	22	52-284	5.5	12-18	223	0	-2
at Troy St	17	31-37	1.2	28-52	317	1	16	35-42	1.2	17-41	192	3	-2
TOTALS	212	399-1186	3.0	240-450	2652	23	248	523-2189	4.2	189-317	2786	21	-19
AVERAGES	17.7	33-99	3.0	20-38	221	1.9	20.7	44-182	4.2	16-26	232	1.8	-1.6

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	27-10	–
at Minnesota	+27	0-35	L
at Arkansas	+35'	6-44	L
Northwestern St	NL	38-7	–
at UAB	+13'	0-47	L
at Utah	+28	0-42	L
Wyoming	+23	20-38	W
at SW Louisiana	+3	31-7	W
Middle Tenn	-6	10-0	W
at Louisiana Tech	+26	17-58	L
at Tulsa	+7'	37-34	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+27	10-47	L
at Memphis	+17'	0-28	L
Nicholls St	NL	27-21	–
at Tennessee	+36'	3-70	L
SW Texas	NL	7-27	–
at Arkansas	+34'	6-52	L
at Middle Tenn	+18	0-28	L
at UCF	+31	0-55	L
Louisiana-Lft	-2	18-21	L
Louisiana Tech	+23'	19-42	W
Wofford	NL	6-14	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	9-20	–
at Florida	+56	6-55	W
Middle Tenn	+20'	20-38	W
N Mexico St	+13	0-31	L
N Texas	+6	19-17	W
at UCF	+31'	6-38	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+8	12-17	W
at Idaho	+14	38-42	W
Troy St	+12	12-44	L
at Arkansas St	+5'	16-7	W
at Cincinnati	+26'	10-42	L

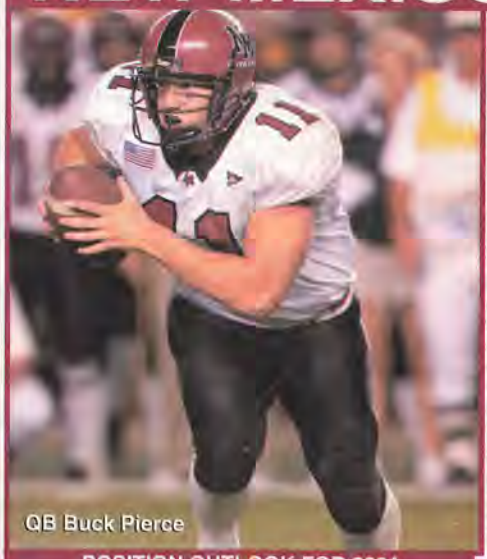
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+31'	3-31	W
at Kansas St	+37'	0-68	L
McNeese St	NL	19-24	–
Arkansas St	-3	21-33	L
Tulane	+13'	9-52	L
Idaho	+10'	34-14	W
at New Mexico St	+18	21-34	W
Utah St	+6	51-48 2OT	W
at N Texas	+17	2-41	L
at Auburn	+35	14-52	L
at Middle Tenn	+17	28-44	W
Louisiana-Lft	+4	34-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU	+34'	7-49	L
SF Austin	NL	21-23	–
at Mississippi	+28	14-59	L
Northwestern St	NL	10-14	–
at Utah St	+13'	10-28	L
at Arkansas St	+7'	41-44	W
at Louisiana-Lft	+4	45-42	W
New Mexico St	+4	14-21	L
at Auburn	+37	7-73	L
N Texas	+17'	26-28	W
Idaho	+1'	20-58	L
at Troy St	+14'	24-28	W

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES


QB Buck Pierce

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - With New Mexico St's option offense, the QB gets banged up so depth is important and HC Tony Samuel has used two QB's regularly the last two years. In 2002 Paul Dombrowski started 8 games and threw for 1,327 yards (60.1%) with a 7-5 ratio while having 962 yards rushing earning 2nd Tm SBC honors. His 12 rushing TD's in 2002 set a school record for a QB. Buck Pierce suffered through an injury plagued 2002 and threw for 949 yards (63.6%) with a 6-1 ratio while rushing for 269 yards. Both returned last year but Pierce sat out the spring recovering from injury and then suffered a concussion. Dombrowski saw the majority of the action and had some outstanding games, including Idaho where he had a pass eff rating of 221.7. Dombrowski was hurt against UL-Lafayette and Pierce would get the next 5 starts and went 2-3 as the starter. Pierce, more of a dropback passer, had a stretch where he completed 73% in five games. He is the school record holder for pass eff in a season at 154.7, which he set in 2002. Last year's 3rd stringer was Joey Vincent (6-0 207 So, PS#189) who attempted 4 passes, rushed for 25 yards and played in five games. Vincent looked great in the spring leading a 60 yard TD drive. Also in the mix is Flynt Pierce (6-1 177 rFr). Last year Dombrowski finished with 821 yards passing (51.4%) with 485 yards rushing but Pierce was the more effective QB with 1,510 passing (69.4%), a 7-6 ratio and 423 rush. Both return.

RUNNING BACKS - Samuel brought Nebraska's offense here and has built a powerful rush attack since his arrival. In 2000 they set a school record for rushing yards and Chris Barnes had 1,131 yards (6.6) and was the #5DC of BAL. The team's leading RB rusher in 2002, Eric Higgins, had just 499 yards but that was due to injuries. Higgins returned last year and suffered through another injury plagued season. He led the team with 753 yards (5.2) but departs, as does Tony Bostic (1 st, 144 rush, 118 rec yds), Keith Mouton (149 yds) and FB Marcus Dixon (12 sts, 71 ttl yds). As a rFr, Tony Joseph was very impressive and earned time. Despite an experienced backfield he rushed for 712 yards and a team high 5.5 ypc. The next leading returning rusher is Muammar Ali (PS#191) who had 57 yards rushing and 56 KR yards. This unit is not as experienced as it was heading into last year but I give Joseph an excellent shot at topping 1,000 yards this season.

RECEIVERS - A key for Aggie receivers is that they are excellent blockers, which always helps in an option offense. Last year the team had to replace their top two WR's including HB Briscoe who averaged a nifty 17.6 on 50 rec and they also had to replace their solid blocking TE. Normally this unit does not get much attention in the option offense, but Ronshay Jenkins had a huge game against New Mexico with 8 grabs for 200 yards. The diminutive (5-7) WR finished with 928 yards on the year, the most here since 1994 (Lucious Davis - 985). Just like last year the top 2 WR's depart in Jenkins (57, 16.3) and Chris Lumpkin (24, 12.2), along with TE Alex Davis (12 sts, 14 rec) and WR Chris Duncan (12 sts, 20 rec, 14.3). QB Dombrowski called Tim Tolbert (PS#287) perhaps the most athletic of the WR's last spring but he had just 5 rec's in 7 games although he is 6-1 with 4.4 speed. There is a chance that Oregon St transfer Deondre Alexander (PS#66JC) could still enroll and he would be a huge addition. This group is even less experienced than 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 NMSt averaged 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 21 sacks. Last year five players returned with starting experience but they had to replace three full-time starters including two all-SBC players. With those losses, the team's ypc dropped to 4.3 and the sack number rose to 30. This year they basically lose three starters. Gone are C Andy Dale (11 sts), LT Trevor Kine (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RT Matt Sanchez (5 sts) and LG Tommy Laborin (6 sts). Steve Subia is the star of the line and he returns and Nick Cole was good enough to start as a true frosh. They bring in a JUCO transfer and last year's JUCO, Glenn Propst (a late signee), figures to fill one spot. This group is just as experienced as it was heading into last year and with the top guy back, could put up stronger numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NMSt allowed 4.5 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks in 2002. Last year they returned seven of their top eight DL's but NT Joe Olivo, one of their top DL's, missed the year due to injury and surprisingly true frosh Jared Naylor earned one starting spot early in the year. Then JUCO Aubrey Dorisme provided the team its pass rush, recording six sacks on the season. Overall NMSt trimmed it to 4.1 ypc rushing while recording 21 sacks. This year they lose DE's Julmar Howard (3 tkls) and John Sioui (3 sts, 7 tkls) but have 7 players returning with starting experience including two who started as frosh. This is not a huge group but it is the most experienced the Aggies have had in years and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - In 2002 NMSt had to replace all 3 starters but all three starters returned last year who combined for 227 tackles and 17 tfl in 2002. Last year Samuel said that this was as good a group as he'd been around. This year they must replace SLB Tim Patrick (12 sts, 48 tkls, 8 tfl, 2 yr st'r) and WLB Sione Finau (7 tkls). The top two tacklers are back with Jimmy Cottrell leading the team each of the last two years. They also add in two solid JUCO's including John Howell who served two years in the Army before spending two years at JUCO. Backup MLB Travis Jones has 37 tackles the last three years. Even with the loss of one starter, this group should be improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies were fairly experienced in the secondary in 2002 but still finished #102 in my pass D rankings allowing 61.9% with a 16-7 ratio. Last year the losses were heavy as they lost all four starters including an NFL DC and a backup. Nine different players earned starts in a young secondary but surprisingly NMSt improved to #87 in my pass D rankings allowing 55.6% with a 19-12 ratio. They are rather short at CB with only two of the top six taller than 5-10. This group is more experienced than it was heading into last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies have had some excellent special teams under Samuel including a #28 finish in both 1999 and 2000. They slipped to #79 in 2001 but only moved up to #77 in 2002 even with everyone back. Last year they had to replace their P, top PR and KR but had outstanding K Dario Aguiniga back. Aguiniga was on the Lou Groza preseason list (only 30 kickers) and a three year starter. After hitting 17 of 23 with a long of 52 in 2002 he slipped some last year to just 13 of 23 but still had a long of 53 and had 5 misses from 40-49 and an additional miss from 50+. I list his possible replacements below. Brad Evans began the year as punter but averaged just 33.6 in the first three games and was replaced by JUCO Steven Smith (40.7 at JUCO) who averaged 39.2 here and he should continue to improve. Ronshay Jenkins was the main PR (7.0) and also had 13 KR's (18.7) but he departs. Gill Byrd averaged 22.2 on KR's as a true frosh and figures to handle the PR duties this year. The team had to replace senior LS Charlie Maccarrone early in the year due to injury and true frosh Dan White took over the job. He should be a steady LS for the next 3 years. Overall the Aggies special teams had their worst finish yet under Samuel at just #111 and while the kicking looks weaker, I look for them to rise in the rankings this season.

COACHES - Tony Samuel came over from Nebraska and is trying to mirror that program. NMSt has a solid weight lifting system and they run the option offense just like the Huskers used to. Samuel has guided his team to two winning seasons in the last five years and now enters his eighth year at the helm. Last year they had to replace their OC, Barney Cotton, who left for Nebraska and their DC who left for Colorado St. Ross Els who was an assistant here the previous two seasons and this will be his second as DC. He has also been the HC at Hastings College and his team went 32-9 and two appearance in the NAIA Playoffs. The OC is Gerry Gdowski who is in his eighth year here at NMSt (QB coach) and is a former Nebraska QB.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aggies have not been to a bowl since the 1960 Sun Bowl. This is a team that has played extremely well under Tony Samuel but has lost many close games. Had they won a few of those close encounters, they may be the N Texas of the league. They almost won the Title in 2002 leading NT in the 4Q but 4 turnovers cost them the game and the league title. In 2001 and 2002 NMS lost 3 SBC games that they led in the 4Q. The 2002 team achieved 7 wins, which was the most since 1967 and went undefeated at home (5-0) for the first time since that same year. Their 20 conference losses since 1998 have been by an average of 5.7 ppg. Last year NMSt was the most dominant team statistically in the SBC as they outgained league foes by an average of 113 ypg. As an example, vs Middle Tennessee they had a 525-293 yard edge but still lost. In conference play, they finished just 2-5 being outscored by 2.6 ppg. Last year's team was -8 in turnovers. This is their final year in SBC play as they are moving on to the WAC next season. The Aggies return just 3 starters on offense but Samuel does an excellent job on that side of the ball running the old Nebraska option-style offense and has two capable QB's to run it. Despite having to replace 8 offensive starters, I think they will top last year's 21.8 ppg. Defensively they have ten starters back, and in fact, I rate them #3 in the SBC on both offense and defense. They are very undervalued after last year's unusual results of outgaining league foes by 113 ypg but having a 2-5 record. The Aggies are clearly capable of a winning season despite a fairly tough non-conference schedule.

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OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB BUCK PIERCE SR. 6-1 210 4 sts in '02, 949 pass (64%), 269 rush. 7 sts LY, 1510 pass (69%), 423 rush. **Paul Dombrowski** (6-0 216 Jr) 8 sts, 2nd Tm SBC in '02, 1327 pass, 962 rush. 5 sts LY.

IB Tony Joseph So. 5-11 198 5 sts as rFr, 712 yds (5.5), 5 rec (6.6). Muammar Ali (5-8 169 So) PS#191. 57 yds (2.6), 9 gms as rFr. Spencer McIlwain (5-8 181 rFr) PS#202.

FB David Romaka So. 5-8 219 3 yds as rFr. Roberto Muro (5-8 195 Jr) 600 yds at W N Mex St in '02. John Davis (5-10 227 Jr) 3 tkls at LB LY. Justine Buries (6-1 200 Fr).

WR Tim Tolbert So. 6-1 184 4.4 spd. 5 rec as rFr. Most athletic of WR's. Preston Williams (5-11 189 Sr) PS#290. 1 st, 4 rec LY. 4.35 spd. Anthony Lonon (6-4 189 Jr).

WR Jared Quick Jr. 6-1 181 PS#373. 1 tkl as rFr. 14 rec (18.0) in '03. Brandon Allen (6-1 172 rFr). Impressive on Scout Tm LY. Jared Montano (6-0 161 rFr).

TE Travis Samuel So. 6-4 260 2 rec, 7 games in '03. Cole Leslie (6-6 278 Sr) PS#404JC. 1 st at RT LY. Michael Barone is PS#40. Adrian Bredell (6-1 231 So) PS#396DL.

C Glenn Propst Sr. 6-0 349 PS#363JUCO. Late signee in 2002. Started opener LY, lettered. Mike Martinez (6-3 292 rFr) PS#237. Clay Vincent (5-11 264 Sr).

RG STEVE SUBIA SR. 6-1 368 PS#118. 6 games as rFr. Last 9 starts in 2002. 12 sts in 2003, **1st Tm SBC**. Jacob Jean (6-0 298 So). Jason Purpura (6-1 254 rFr).

LG Jose Quinones So. 6-0 303 PS#565OL. #2 RG as rFr & lettered, added 22 lbs LY. Kevin Cimador (6-3 309 rFr) PS#172OL. Kalon Bobb (6-3 309 So).

RT NICK COLE JR. 6-1 348 PS#132. 2 sts as true. 1st true OL to start under Samuel. 12 sts (3 @ LG, 9 @ RT) LY. Alex Gottlieb (6-4 275 rFr) PS#214. Adam Honaker (6-4 248 rFr).

LT Kyle Smith So. 6-2 265 PS#524. Significant time as true & lettered. David Colston (6-4 298 So) lettered as rFr. Matt Yocum (6-4 310) is PS#158JUCO.

K Ryan Guardia rFr. 5-8 216 Hit school record 54 yd FG in HS. RS in '03. Brad Evans (6-4 184 So). Dawson Wilber (5-10 200 Fr) 2300 pass, 1930 rush, 52 yd FG in HS.

DE AUBREY DORISME SR. 6-0 251 JC transfer. RS in '02. SBC Newcomer of Yr, 6 sts, 35 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl in '03. **Traydell Bullock** (6-0 243 Sr) 12 sts in '02, 36 tkls. 1 st, 10 tkls LY.

NT JARED NAYLOR SO. 6-2 278 PS#103. 8 sts as **true**, 13 tkls, 1 tfl. Lionel Apineru (5-11 298 Sr) 9 sts in '02, 18 tkls. 4 sts in '03, 22 tkls. Carl Nicks (6-4 280 So) PS#740.

DT CHASE SPICER JR. 6-5 278 3 tkls in '02. 12 sts LY, 26 tkls, 2 tfl. Jeremy Zollarcoffer (6-2 300 Jr) is PS#394JC. In for spring. Jeremy Weeks (6-2 277 So) PS#262.

DE CHRIS SNEED SO. 6-0 213 8 sts as rFr, 41 tkls, 5 sks, 6 tfl. **Greg Scaffidi** (6-3 247 Sr) PS#131TE. 2 sts, 21 tkls, 5 sks in '01. 8 sts in '02, 23 tkls, 3.5 tfl. 7 sts LY, 13 tkls, 2 sks, 2 tfl.

SLB John Howell Jr. 6-2 232 PS#149JUCO. 63 tkls, 7 tfl at JC last year. Also 2 yrs in Army. Sean Dade (5-10 203 Jr) 2 tkls as rFr, 2 gms, 1 LY. Dustin Sober is PS#264JC.

MLB JIMMY COTTRELL JR. 6-0 237 PS#343. 12 sts as rFr, 102 tkls, 6 tfl. #1 again LY, 83 tkls, 8 tfl. Simon Ocampo (5-11 219 Sr) PS#257WR. 20 tkls in '01. 20 in '03. Travis Jones (5-10 226 Jr).

WLB RICH GLOVER SR. 5-11 224 11 sts here in '02, 95 tkls, 2 tfl. 12 sts, 72 tkls, 4 tfl, 2 int LY. Tim McManigal (5-11 222 So) 5 tkls as rFr. Beau Sylvestre (5-11 235 Sr) PS#252.

CB CAMERON WRIGHT JR. 6-0 181 7 sts in '03, 29 tkls, 2 pbu (miss 3 inj). Shukree Shabazz (5-9 183 Jr) 4 sts @ FS, 45 tkls, 1 pbu. Chris Davis (5-7 178 Jr) 4 sts, 16 tkls in '03.

CB SPENCER MOORE SO. 5-9 167 9 sts LY, 45 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Jeremiah Imperial (5-10 175 Sr) 4 int at JC in '01. 3 sts, 26 tkls LY. Johnathan Holland (5-11 156 Sr) 1 st, 21 tkls LY.

SS DOMINIQUE JACOBS SR. 5-9 198 7 int's, 2 years at JUCO. 12 sts, 48 tkls, 3 int, 1 tfl in '03. Eric Carrie (5-9 200 So) PS#165RB. 2 sts as rFr, 21 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 int, 1 pbu.

FS MATT GRIEBEL JR. 5-10 180 29 tkls in '02. 8 sts at FS LY, 67 tkls, 3 tfl, 2 int, 2 pbu. Nick Cleaver (6-2 200 rFr) PS#597. Nathan Nuttall (5-11 200 So). Gill Byrd (5-9 160 Sr).

P STEVEN SMITH SR. 6-2 215 40.7 avg as soph at JUCO in '02. Started last 9 here LY, 39.2 avg, team net 33.9. Brad Evans (6-4 184 So). Ryan Guardia (5-8 216 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Jake Galusha	6-0 190 PS#134
TE	Michael Barone	6-4 265 PS#40
LB	John Howell	6-2 232 PS#145JC
OL	Matt Yocum	6-4 310 PS#158JC
LB	Dustin Sober	6-1 215 PS#264JC
DB	Brian Blake	6-1 195 PS#239
WR	Jeremy Lawson	6-2 200 PS#213
DL	Jeremy Zollarcoffer	6-2 300 PS#394JC
K	Dawson Wilber	5-10 200 PS#39
DL	Brandon McKinney	6-3 240 PS#383
OL	Zach Monono	6-3 270 PS#490
TE	Andrew Mooney	6-3 230 PS#129
WR	Mitchell Cato	5-11 185 PS#370
RB	Justine Buries	6-1 200 PS#416
RB	Clint Jones	6-0 220 PS#431
OL	Courtney Snowden	6-3 260 PS#632

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NMS	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Arkansas	G						New Mexico St is 8-20 ATS as a favorite under Samuel. NMSU is 3-3 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games. The Aggies are 3-5 ATS since 1996 after a bye (3-0 ATS L3Y).
Sep. 11	at California	A						The Aggies are 0-9 SU & 3-6 ATS vs the SEC since 1993. New Mexico St is 1-8 SU & 6-3 ATS in the last 9 road openers.
Sep. 18	Troy St	G						NMSU is 1-4 SU but 4-1 ATS vs the Pac 10 under Samuel (non-cover vs Cal). The Aggies are 18-25 ATS after a SU loss under Samuel.
Sep. 25	New Mexico	G						1st meeting & likely only meeting as Troy enters SBC TY & NMS departs for the WAC in 2005. NMSU is 9-4 SU & 8-2 ATS since 1991 in home openers.
Oct. 2	at UTEP	A						The dog is 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this series. This will be a designated Sun Belt Conference game for New Mexico St.
Oct. 9	Louisiana-Lft	G						NMSU is 9-3 ATS in this series since 1990. In the "Battle of I10" teams play for the Rio Grande Silver Spade.
Oct. 16								The Aggies are 2-4 SU, but 0-4 ATS in this series. New Mexico St is 2-6 SU & 1-6 ATS the last 8 before a bye.
Oct. 23	at N Texas	A						
Oct. 30	Florida Int'l (HC)	G						The Aggies are 0-4 ATS the last 4 trips to Denton. The dog is 3-1 ATS the last 4 in this series.
Nov. 6	Middle Tenn	G						FIU Panthers were 2-10 LY playing 4th toughest schedule in Div IAA. The Panthers are coached by former Dolphin QB Don Strock.
Nov. 13	at Florida Atlantic	G						Pending earlier results, NMSU is 0-8 as a SBC HF since the league inception. Aggies are 5-7 SU & 3-9 ATS (3-0 L/3) in November since joining SBC in 2001.
Nov. 20	at Utah St	A						Owls were 11-3 LY as Div IAA Independents making it to the Div IAA semis. Owl HC is ex-Miami, Fl, Louisville & Oklahoma HC Howard Schnellenberger.
Nov. 27								NMSU is 1-5 SU & ATS the last 6 trips to Logan. The Aggies are 3-11 SU & 3-9 ATS in away finales since 1990.

TONY SAMUEL (Career 29-51)
8th Year at New Mexico St

Samuel's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

29-51	Straight Up	5-13	Home Favorite
34-42	Vs The Spread	9-3	Home Underdog
18-25	Off A SU Loss	3-7	Away Favorite
14-25	Vs Conference	17-19	Away Underdog
		20-17	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (21,27,2)
Lost: 20 (14,5,1)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,069

SUN BELT

LB Jimmy Cottrell

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	6-5	3-8	5-7	7-5	3-9	29-51
ATS	3-6	6-5	5-5	6-5	5-7	3-9	6-5	34-42
Home Fav	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-2	0-3	1-3	0-2	5-13
Home Dog	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	9-3
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-7
Away Dog	1-4	4-2	3-3	2-2	3-3	1-3	3-2	17-19
Favorite	1-0	0-2	1-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	1-3	8-20
Dog	2-6	6-3	4-3	3-2	4-3	2-3	5-2	26-22
Grass	3-4	5-4	5-2	4-4	3-6	3-7	5-4	28-31
Artificial	0-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	2-1	0-2	1-1	6-11
vs Conf	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-4	14-25
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-2	2-3	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-1	20-17
Off SU Win	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	2-3	0-6	2-1	13-14
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-4	2-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	4-3	18-25

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eric Higgins	146	774	21	753	2	5.2
Tony Joseph	**129**	**729**	**17**	**712**	**2**	**5.5**
Paul Dombrowski	**106**	**485**	**94**	**391**	**6**	**3.7**
Buck Pierce	**87**	**423**	**146**	**277**	**8**	**3.2**
Tony Bostic	27	156	12	144	1	5.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Buck Pierce	**170**	**118**	**69.4**	**1510**	**7**	**6**
Paul Dombrowski	**109**	**56**	**51.4**	**821**	**3**	**7**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ronshay Jenkins	57	928	16.3	4	72
Chris Lumpkin	24	293	12.2	0	37
Chris Duncan	20	286	14.3	3	44
Jared Quick	**14**	**252**	**18.0**	**1**	**43**
Alex Davis	14	125	8.9	1	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Steven Smith	**38**	**1490**	**39.2**	**6**	**33.9**	**0**	**4**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dario Aguiniga	27-30	4-6	4-6	4-9	1-2	13-23	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jimmy Cottrell	**83**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Richard Glover	**72**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**2**
Matt Griebel	**67**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Dominique Jacobs	**48**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**3**
Tim Patrick	48	0	8	5	0
Shukree Shabazz	**45**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Spencer Moore	**45**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Chris Sneed	**41**	**5**	**6**	**0**	**1**
Aubrey Dorisme	**35**	**6**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Cameron Wright	**29**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Jeremiah Imperial	26	0	0	0	0
Chase Spicer	**26**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Lionel Apineru	**22**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronshay Jenkins	19	133	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gill Byrd	**16**	**356**	**22.2**	**0**
Ronshay Jenkins	13	243	18.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
35	Sun	NL	Harding Simmons	14-14	–
59	Sun	NL	N Texas	28-8	–
60	Sun	NL	Utah St	20-13	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	21.8	21	212	4.3	198	61.8	18.8	-8	2003	7	28.4	18	153	4.1	200	55.6	12.4
5	27.3	22	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	0	2002	4	27.3	19	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2
6*	23.8	21	208	4.5	153	51.6	15.1	-5	2001	5	33.3	23	177	4.4	240	57.1	12.5
6*	26.8	22	274	5.6	159	49.1	16.2	-5	2000	6	32.5	21	200	4.8	218	55.9	12.9
7*	28.3	21	223	4.3	185	48.6	14.4	+6	1999	9	24.9	18	154	4.1	195	45.3	14.0
10	30.1	26	254	4.8	209	48.2	15.4	-10	1998	7	38.5	22	174	4.5	291	51.8	12.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas	16	55 - 150	2.7	8 - 15	75	5	17	33 - 168	5.1	8 - 16	216	1	-4
W New Mexico	23	58 - 290	5.0	12 - 17	175	0	8	23 - 58	2.5	13 - 28	120	3	-1
at Oregon St	12	42 - 143	3.4	10 - 22	116	4	28	51 - 221	4.3	17 - 30	233	0	+2
at New Mexico	19	38 - 106	2.8	15 - 32	258	2	13	49 - 145	3.0	10 - 18	83	2	-2
Idaho	25	50 - 302	6.0	19 - 23	286	0	30	28 - 162	5.8	28 - 41	408	1	+2
at Middle Tenn	28	54 - 318	5.9	18 - 32	207	2	9	37 - 85	2.3	9 - 12	208	4	-4
at Louisiana-Lft	22	47 - 226	4.8	13 - 26	212	2	21	28 - 135	4.8	25 - 47	245	2	0
at UL Monroe	25	71 - 336	4.7	7 - 12	108	4	9	22 - 35	1.6	13 - 26	113	2	-1
Arkansas St	24	41 - 178	4.3	21 - 33	314	2	21	42 - 196	4.7	17 - 29	206	0	0
Utah St	25	56 - 193	3.4	18 - 24	208	2	23	29 - 137	4.7	23 - 47	287	1	+2
at Arkansas	19	37 - 136	3.7	19 - 27	214	4	23	56 - 308	5.5	12 - 17	192	2	-1
N Texas	18	42 - 163	3.9	16 - 22	206	3	12	44 - 182	4.1	4 - 11	85	3	-1
TOTALS	256	591 - 2541	4.3	176 - 285	2379	30	214	442 - 1832	4.1	179 - 322	2396	21	-8
AVERAGES	21.3	49 - 212	4.3	15 - 24	198	2.5	17.8	37 - 153	4.1	15 - 27	200	1.8	-0.7

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
NM-Highlands	NL	73-7	–
at New Mexico	+6'	35-28	W
at Arizona St	+25'	35-7	W
at UTEP	-3	23-54	L
at Colorado St	+15	7-46	L
Nevada	-4	16-23	L
at Army	+6'	18-35	L
Idaho	+5'	42-14	W
at Utah St	+2'	14-6	W
at Boise St	+8	26-45	L
N Texas	-12	22-9	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+9	0-31	L
New Mexico	-4	13-16	L
at Georgia	+30	0-37	L
at UTEP	+12	31-41	W
Army	-4	42-23	W
Tulsa	-7'	42-28	W
at Arkansas St	-3'	35-29 OT	W
Boise St	+8	31-34	W
Utah St	-6'	37-44	L
at Idaho	+7	41-44 2OT	W
at N Texas	-11	23-30	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+20'	24-45	L
at Texas	+35	7-41	W
Oregon St	+16'	22-27	W
at Kansas St	+28	0-64	L
at UL Monroe	-13	31-0	W
at Tulsa	+4'	24-7	W
Idaho	-13	46-39	L
at Middle Tenn	+7'	35-39	W
N Texas	-9	20-22	L
Arkansas St	-20	28-17	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	49-46	L
at New Mexico	+10'	0-53	L

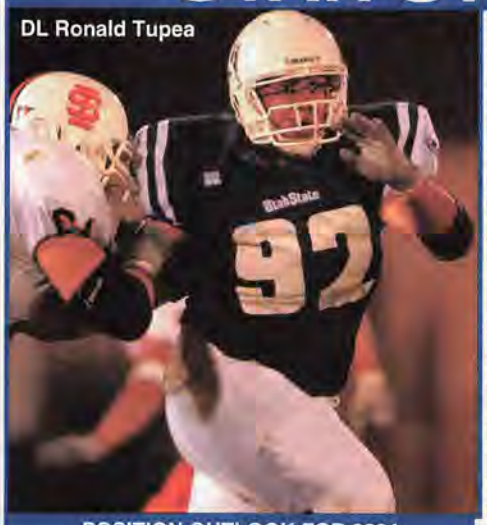
2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+23'	24-34	W
at California	+12'	13-34	L
N Mexico	+6	24-13	W
at Georgia	+27	10-41	L
UTEP	-17	49-14	W
Louisiana-Lft	-12'	31-28	L
UL Monroe	-18	34-21	L
at Arkansas St	-7	26-21	L
Middle Tenn	-6'	24-21	L
at Utah St	-3	30-32	L
at N Texas	+6	27-38	L
at Idaho	-4'	35-31	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas	+29	7-66	L
W New Mexico	NL	48-3	–
at Oregon St	+21'	16-28	W
at New Mexico	+10	17-24	W
Idaho	-10	31-35	L
at Middle Tenn	+4	18-35	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	24-26	L
at UL Monroe	-4	21-14	W
Arkansas St	-15	24-28	L
Utah St	+2'	26-21	W
at Arkansas	+30	20-48	W
N Texas	+8	10-13	W

UTAH ST AGGIES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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000, 3rd string QB Jose Fuentes was thrust into the starting role and he ended up as the school's career passing leader with 9,168 yards and he graduated last year. Due to the fact the Aggies run a complex offense, Travis Cox's experience in the system had him, by far, the frontrunner for the job although he had just 96 attempts in 9 games. JUCO Matt Crivello (6-1 208 Sr) led the White team to victory in the Blue/White spring game but was #2 heading into 2003. With the lack of depth, Cox's mobility had Dennehy making a plea for Cox to just run out of bounds or slide more often. Cox did have one streak of 74 passes without an int and his injury on the first play of the 2H vs Troy St was a key to their loss. Crivello was lost for the year vs New Mexico playing in just his 3rd game (5 passes). Bryan Black (6-3 184 So) played the 2H vs Troy St and threw 3 int's, finishing the year with 71 yards (38.1%). Cox led the SBC in passing with 2,791 yards (56.6%) with an 18-7 ratio while rushing for 354. He is back and I expect the backup to be Leon Jackson III (PS#82, 4.58 spd) who had a 35-7 ratio as a senior in HS and was recruited by several Pac 10 schools. This unit is far more experienced and even more talented than it was heading into last season.

RUNNING BACKS - Utah St had some excellent RB's from 1999-2002 with Demario Brown breaking the Utah St single season rushing record with 1,536 yards in 1999. Emmitt White led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000 and had over 1,000 yards rushing for two straight years. The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of their previous 77 games heading into 2002 but had only one that year. David Fiefia (PS#167) began 2002 as the starter but only got in 12 carries and JUCO James Samuel led the team with 633 yards (5.3). Samuel departed last year and the leading returning rusher was Richard Watson (PS#120) who had 260 yards (3.5) in '02. Fiefia was a pleasant surprise as not only did he have 458 return yards and 310 yards receiving, he very nearly topped 1,000 yards rushing with 967 (4.7). Watson was injured early and played in just six games with 13 total yards. Unfortunately, both depart. Ryan Kemp (5-8 182 So) was PS#354 in '99 and is a BYU transfer. This is one area Dennehy said that he wanted to bring in a JUCO and he brought in Emmanuel Marc (PS#55JC) who averaged 197 ypg at JC last year, Marcus Crawford (PS#165JC) who signed at UNLV in 2002 and had 744 yards (6.8) at JC last year as well as three true frosh. They keep finding ways to replace RB's and this unit could even match Fiefia's numbers.

RECEIVERS - Utah St suffered a big loss last year when Kevin Curtis was the 3rd round DC of the Rams which was the highest player selected from Utah St since 1985. Despite playing here just two years he left as the school's career receiving leader with 174 and they also had to replace their #2 receiver. Their leading returnee was TE Chris Cooley who had 31 rec (16.2) in 2002. One of the top WR's emerging in spring was Jerome Eason who led the team in rec in their scrimmages and in the Blue/White spring game. Eason, due to injuries, participated in just 8 games (4 sts) with 13 rec. Cooley got off to a great start and was the #2 TE in the NCAA in rec with 19 when he broke his foot and he missed two full games. The leading returning WR, Chris Stallworth, led the WR's with 37 rec (13.1) and Kenny Coleman had 37. Raymond Hicks is a JUCO and was also banged up during the year and played in just nine games with 13 rec (14.1). This year the Aggies must replace Cooley (#3DC of WAS), Stallworth, Eason and Coleman as well as Brian Majors (5 rec), Joel Higginson (1 st, 11 rec) and Barry Tolli (8 rec, 30.8 ypc!). Hicks is the leading returnee. I list the 2 deep below and this is one area where JUCO's could have an impact. While last year's group was banged up, this year's unit has even less experience and it will be tough to replace Cooley and his 62 rec.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies O-line paved the way for 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. This year the losses are a little heavier. Gone are C Aric Galliano (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Trevor Hutton (12 sts, 2 yr st'r), LG Greg Vandermade (12 sts, top OL award) and backup RT Grant Calverley (2 sts). They do have good size and a lot of the OL's either went on missions or are from JUCO's so it is an older group despite the fact just 2 seniors are in the top 15. The unit allowed 21 sacks in two spring scrimmages this year. Since the unit is a little less experienced, call them down a notch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great DL's like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones. In 2002 Utah St allowed 5.1 ypc rushing while recording just 14 sacks. Last year they switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 and all 3 starters returned. As you would expect, the numbers improved as they allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing with 22 sacks. This year they must replace DT Justin Jackson (8 sts, 26 tkls, 6 tfl) and DT John Chick moves to SLB so they have just one starter returning. This is a fairly deep group and not even listed below is Emosi Fiefia (5-11 298 rFr) and Scott Barrett (6-5 242 rFr, PS#304). I also expect a bigger contribution from VHT Brent Pollock (PS#63OL) who transferred in from BYU. This unit is less experienced than 2003. Despite the losses, this unit could be just as tough as last year.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the team had two starters returning to the new four LB positions and Nate Putnam, who was a DL moved to the STUD LB spot. Putnam, who was their top DL as a freshman in '01, and was expected to be the next big DL here but had an injury plagued career. Putnam started 11 games last year with 53 tackles and 9 tfl. Unfortunately this year Putnam departs as does SLB Rodney Wilson (94 tkls, 6 tfl, Def MVP) but they do have two starters returning plus get the addition of DL John Chick to the STUD spot. This unit is very experienced and I list the 3 deep below and even with the loss of 2 outstanding players, this group is actually a little more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2001 the Aggies had four starters return to the secondary and finished #64 in my pass D rankings. They had 6 players back with starting experience in 2002 but surprisingly dropped to #95. Last year they had to replace two starters and then two players who were starting (Jerome Dennis & Bryan Jackson) were injured and out for the year. Surprisingly Utah St moved up to #48 allowing a 14-14 ratio. One question mark this year is Jackson who is applying for a 6th year of eligibility. He has 8 starts in his career. This year they must replace FS Mike Rosencrans (10 sts, 62 tkls, 6 tfl), CB Mark Estelle (11 sts, 45 tkls, 5 pbu, Def POY award), SS Derrek Shank (5 sts, 56 tkls, 4 pbu), CB Marvin Clark (11 tkls, 1 st), FS Kevin Anderson (7 tkls) and FS Rick Young (4 tkls). Should Jackson return, they would have 5 players back with starting experience and bring in a solid crop of JUCO's. This group looks to be just about as experienced as last year's version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies have finished decently in the special teams rankings under Dennehy including #66 and #74 finishes in 2001 and 2002. Last year they had to replace their P and K those spots were wide open. They lost their punt snapper, Matt Wiser, to injury vs N Mex and vs NT fumbled a punt at the 19 which set up a TD and had two bad snaps which cost them the game. However, Nick George took over those duties and corrected the problem in the 2H of the season. They fumbled KO against NMSt which set up a TD and they also missed 2 FG's in that game. In fact, after ten games, the Aggies had just made 2 FG's which tied them for fewest in the NCAA. They were going to try P Ben Chaet (PS#78) at K but he had a hip problem so he was limited to just punting. In the final two games he did knock home two FG's. K Justin Hamblin was solid on KO's as a frosh and returns. Their starting LS on FG's is actually NT Ronald Tupea. David Fiefia was an outstanding returnman (10.9 on PR's) but he departs. The top two KR's are back and Tony Pennyman was good at times at PR and should fill in ably. The team allowed 22.5 per KR. Overall the unit was #93 in my special teams rankings and even with the loss of Fiefia, should improve.

COACHES - Mick Dennehy had been the head coach of Montana from 1996 to 1999 guiding the team to a 39-12 record including three Big Sky championships. He is now 16-29 in four years with the Aggies, two as an Independent. His OC is Bob Cole who has been here since 2000 and previously was a IAA OC including a 1999 stint at Montana. His 2001 offense became just the 20th team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, 1,000 yard receiver and 1,000 yard rusher. In 2001 the Oregon DC said that USU runs a lot of odd sets in motion, the most he'd ever seen. DC David Kotulski was the DC at Utah from 1978 to 1989 and had been at Bucknell the last 8 years including 2002 when he was the head coach there. He became DC here last year. He switched the team from a 4-3 defense to a 3-4 and moved up 66 places in the NCAA rankings for total defense.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Utah St will travel 23,338 round trip miles to play seven road games (only 4 home). Their seven trips accounted for 12,606 miles. Last year the defense went (see Coaches) from #111 to #45 allowing 111 ypg less. This is Utah St's second year in the SBC and already their last one as they will move to the WAC next season. In their first year of SBC play the Aggies opened up 3-1 but dropped their final 3 games to finish in a 3-way tie for 4th. Utah St has had 21 non-winning seasons the last 23 years but made it to a bowl game in both 1993 and 1997. Utah St was very inexperienced at QB heading into last year but Cox performed beyond expectations and returns as a senior starter and gets the added edge of having JUCO RB Emmanual Marc who averaged 197 ypg rushing at JC last year. The receiving corps is young, as usual, but should be able to develop players and the question mark is probably the O-line with just 2 starters back. Defensively, the Aggies have six starters returning and have my #4 rated D in the conference. Last year they actually outscored league foes by 11 ppg which was the best mark in the conference, even better than NT (9.3) and outgained foes by 70.1 ypg, the second best in the league (N Mex St 113.3). Utah St's designated "league" game is a tough one at UNLV and they also face MTSt, Troy St and ULM on the road, part of 4 league road games. They have just 10 starters back which is the 2nd fewest in the SBC. I think, given a different schedule, I would be calling for the Aggies to have a winning record this year despite the inexperience but with a tough slate and most of the games being on the road, it looks like another finish on the lower side of .500.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB TRAVIS COX SR. 6-2 208 PS#190. 16 passes in '01 & '02. 12 sts LY. 2791 yds (56.6%) 18-7 ratio, 354 rush, **2nd Tm SBC**. Leon Jackson (6-1 190 rFr) PS#82. 4.58 spd.

RB Emmanuel Marc Jr. 5-10 185 PS#55JC. 3273 yds (6.7) 30 TD 2Y, avg 197 ypg LY. Travis Davis (5-6 166 So) 150 yds. Tyrone McKinney (5-6 172 Sr) 33 yds. Marcus Crawford PS#165JC.

FB/TE Trent Nate Sr. 5-10 232 Wyoming trans. 3 sts, 3Y here. Patrick McNutt (6-6 250 Jr) 4 sts, 1 rec, 2Y. Sione Tavake is PS#167JC. Jimmy Bohm (6-2 255 rFr) PS#131.

WR Tarrell Richards rFr. 5-10 191 PS#127QB & originally at Oregon. Lawrence Lovelace is PS#269JC. In for spring. Rod McNeal is PS#165JC. Jason Thomas (6-3 204 Jr).

WR RAYMOND HICKS SR. 5-10 188 PS#190JC. 7 sts, 13 rec (14.1) LY. Tony Pennyman (5-9 163 So) PS#295. 1 st, 10 rec (8.8) LY. Launey Ivers (5-9 175 Jr). Chase Griffiths (6-1 194 rFr).

TE Jason Stephens So. 6-4 245 PS#125 in '99. Mission. 2 sts, 8 rec (10.2) as "rFr". Nick George (6-2 246 Jr). Will Fausel (6-3 235 rFr). Ryan Wilson is PS#163JC. In for spg.

C David Rawlins Jr. 6-1 275 2nd string in '02 & '03, 0 letters. **Brent DeLadurantey** (6-3 314 So) PS#328JC. In for spg. Steve Jacson II (6-1 271 rFr) PS#263JC.

RG ELLIOTT TUPEA SR. 6-2 311 Signed w/San Jose St in '02 but went to JC. PS#345 JC. 10 sts at RT LY. Justin Schlimgen (6-2 283 Jr) PS#177JC. Ryan Gunstream (6-2 298 Jr).

LG Victor Eti Sr. 6-3 330 PS#203JC. 2nd string here, 1L LY. Malik Cin (6-4 318 Jr). Grew up in Germany. Casey Crookston (6-6 321 rFr). Derek Hoke (6-8 292 Fr).

RT Pace Jorgensen Fr. 6-5 325 PS#515 in '02. Mission. **Matt Reese** (6-8 337 rFr) **PS#108OL**. Josh Hoehne (6-5 288 So) signed in '99. Mission. Lettered in '03.

LT DONALD PENN JR. 6-5 313 PS#361. 9 sts in '02 at RT. 12 sts in '03 at LT. Brenen Burningham (6-7 293 Sr) 4 sts in '01. 2 sts in 2003. Jake Thompson (6-5 313 rFr).

K JUSTIN HAMBLIN SO. 5-11 152 PS#69. Originally at Utah in '99. 1 of 4 FG's here LY, long of 21. **Ben Chaet** PS#78K. Hit 49 yd FG in HS. 3 of 4 FG's here LY, long of 36.

DT RONALD TUPEA SR. 6-2 295 PS#238LB. 7 sts, 23 tkls in '01. 11 sts, 29 tkls, 3 tfl in '02. 12 sts LY. 35 tkls, 6 sks, 5 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC**. Tim Jessop (6-4 244 So) 1 tkls, 5 games.

NG Brent Pollock Sr. 6-1 309 **PS#63OL** at BYU. 2xJCAA. 1 st here LY, 13 tkls, 2 tfl. Ryan DeQuillettes (6-3 281 Jr) 1 st, 10 tkls in '02. 5 sts LY, 15 tkls. Andrew Roper (6-3 295 Sr).

DT Michael Gates Jr. 6-4 243 PS#296. 3 sts in '03, 22 tkls, 2 tfl. Jarom Fano (6-0 247 Jr) PS#121 at Colo St. 1 st here, 13 tkls LY. Eric Rapley (6-1 255 Sr) PS#195JC. 4 tkls.

STUD JOHN CHICK JR. 6-4 246 11 sts as true, 42 tkls, 4 sks in '02. 9 sts LY, 33 tkls, 4 sks LY. Kelly Poppinga (6-2 242 So) PS#304. 5 tkls as true. Ryan Taylor (6-4 226 Jr) 16 tkls, 2 tfl LY.

SLB Jake Stewart Jr. 6-4 214 PS#368 in '99. 21 tkls in '02. 2 sts in '03, 52 tkls, 6 tfl. Jared Johnstun (6-3 221 Jr) 1 st, 35 tkls, 5 tfl 2Y. Bevan Howard (6-1 230 Fr) is PS#273.

MLB ROBERT WATTS SR. 6-4 234 4 sts as rFr, 28 tkls, 1 tfl. 9 sts in '02, 85 tkls, 9 tfl. 12 sts in '03, #1 w/**118 tkls**, 5 tfl. Matt Wiser (6-0 233 Jr) 11 tkls, 70 return yds in 2 years.

WLB NATE FREDRICK JR. 6-3 236 Sign in '99. 17 tkls as "true". 9 sts LY, 46 tkls, 3 tfl. DJ Brookter (6-1 224 Jr) PS#265JC. 9 tkls in '01. JC. Spencer Bailey (6-2 220 Fr) PS#399 in '01.

CB CORNELIUS LAMB JR. 6-3 185 3 tkls in '02. 7 sts in '03 (last 5), 26 tkls, 2 int, 2 pbu. Leslie Mongo (5-11 175 Jr) PS#270JC. In for spring. Jarrett Bush (6-1 190) is PS#152JC.

CB Jerome Dennis Jr. 6-1 192 1 st, 11 tkls in '01. 24 tkls, 1 int in '02. 3 sts LY until inj, 12 tkls, 11 KR (22.4). Reggie Willson (5-10 182 Jr) 2 sts, 25 tkls LY. Eddie Gilmore (5-8 175 rFr).

SS Joe Lindsay So. 5-11 182 PS#423. 22 tkls, 3 tfl, 1 int as rFr. Kevin Jones is PS#168JC. Antonio Taylor (6-1 200 rFr). Bryan Jackson (5-11 197 Sr) 8 sts, 3 yrs, 70 tkls.

FS TERRANCE WASHINGTON SO. 5-11 195 PS#459. 8 sts in '03, 93 tkls, 5 int, 4 pbu, 2 tfl. Ross Luna (5-10 188 Sr) 1 st, 41 tkls, 3 yrs. Vaughn Mansfield (6-2 190 rFr) Hargrave in '02.

P BEN CHAET JR. 6-0 191 PS#78. 42.0 avg in HS, 75% TB's on KO's. 71 punts here in '03, 40.3 average, 32.3 net. Justin Hamblin averaged 44.2 in the spring at Utah.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

RB	Emmanuel Marc 5-10 185 PS#55JC
WR	James Lewis 6-0 185 PS#107
TE	Justin Soi 6-4 240 PS#42
DB	Jarrett Bush 6-1 190 PS#152JC
TE	Ryan Wilson 6-3 231 PS#163JC
RB	Marcus Crawford 6-1 208 PS#165JC
WR	Rod McNeal 5-8 185 PS#165JC
RB	Sione Tavake 5-11 270 PS#167JC
DB	Kevin Jones 5-10 175 PS#168JC
DB	Justin Schlimgen 6-2 283 PS#177JC
DL	Michael Jones 6-2 310 PS#167
DL	Brian Soi 6-4 290 PS#232JC
RB	Chris Forbes 5-11 185 PS#175
QB	Cole Nielson 6-0 180 PS#133
LB	DJ Brookter 6-1 224 PS#265JC
WR	Lawrence Lovelace 5-10 168 PS#269JC
DB	Leslie Mongo 5-11 177 PS#270JC
OL	Brent DeLadurantey 6-3 314 PS#328JC
RB	Phil Poloa 6-0 185 PS#249
LB	Bevan Howard 6-1 230 PS#273
WR	Mark Watterson 6-0 165 PS#309
RB	Beau Herbert 6-3 215 PS#334
TE	Otis Nelson 6-3 205 PS#108
WR	Tarrell Richards 5-10 191 PS#394
TE	Tanner Cooley 6-2 225 PS#213

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Dennehy's records AT UTAH ST

16-29	Straight Up	4-2	Home Favorite
17-23	Vs The Spread	5-4	Home Underdog
10-11	Off A SU Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
10-5	Vs Conference	7-13	Away Underdog
		7-18	Vs Non-Conference

2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (19,22,2)
Lost: 23 (12,11,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,921

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 4	at Alabama	G						Aggies are 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS on the fake stuff under Dennehy. Romney Stadium was given a synthetic playing surface in summer 2004. As a double digit dog Utah St is 1-26 SU & 9-18 ATS since 1998.
Sep. 11	Idaho	A						In their season opener USU is 3-11 SU & 4-9-1 ATS since 1990. Utah St is 0-16 SU & 4-12 ATS in non-conf road games under Dennehy.
Sep. 18	Utah	A						The Aggies are 4-8 ATS in home openers since 1980. Utah St is 8-2 ATS in the 1st of 2+ straight home games since 1996.
Sep. 25	at UNLV	A						Aggies are 1-12 SU & 4-9 ATS vs current Mt West (0-3 SU & ATS LY) S'/99. All-time USU is 28-71-4 SU vs their instate rival losing the L/6 by an avg score of 30-14.
Oct. 2	at Troy St	A						The avg score between these 2 is 23-15 w/the Aggies winning 7 of the L/8 SU. Last met in 1995 (42-0 USU shutout). This is a "conf gm" for Utah St.
Oct. 9	N Texas (HC)	A						This series is tied at 1-1, each team winning & covering as an outright dog on the others home field. Last year's game counted in league play for Utah St.
Oct. 16	at Clemson	G						The visitor is 5-1 ATS in this series since 1996. Aggies are 2-0 SU, but 0-2 ATS in Logan winning 21-13 (-18') in '96 & 28-27 (-7').
Oct. 23								Utah St has never played a lined game vs current ACC teams (0-2 SU). USU is 4-1 ATS the last 5 games before a bye.
Oct. 30	at Middle Tenn	A						In this short series the home team & the favorite are both 2-0 SU & ATS. The Aggies are 11-4 ATS off of a bye since 1991.
Nov. 6	at UL Monroe	G						2002's matchup in Monroe saw 1,103 yds of total offense. Current ULM HC Weatherbie coached USU's only bowl win in 1993.
Nov. 11	at Arkansas St (Thur)	G						Utah St is 0-4 SU & ATS the last 4 road finales. LY's 49 pt victory was USU's largest margin since 76-0 win over N Mex St in '64.
Nov. 20	New Mexico St	A						USU is 11-2 SU & 10-3 ATS in the last 13 battle of the Aggies. Utah St leads this series 23-5 SU & 10-2 SU at home.
Nov. 27								

STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (30,257)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (1st Year)

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	4-7	5-6	4-7	4-7	3-9	29-49
ATS	7-3-1	4-6	3-7	4-5	3-6	4-6	6-6	31-39-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-1	0-3	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	6-7
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	8-8
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	3-5
Away Dog	3-0-1	3-2	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	14-19-1
Favorite	3-2	0-1	1-2	2-0	0-2	0-1	3-3	9-11
Dog	4-1-1	4-5	2-5	2-5	3-4	4-5	3-3	22-28-1
Grass	6-2	3-4	2-5	3-3	3-6	4-3	4-4	25-27
Artificial	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-3	2-2	6-12-1
vs Conf	3-2	2-3	2-4	4-1	1-2	1-0	4-2	17-14
vs Non-Conf	4-1-1	2-3	1-3	0-4	2-4	3-6	2-4	14-25-1
Off SU Win	4-2	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	12-14
Off SU Loss	2-1-1	3-4	2-4	1-2	1-4	3-2	5-3	17-20-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
David Fiefia	206	997	30	967	7	4.7
Travis Davis	**21**	**152**	**2**	**150**	**1**	**7.1**
Travis Cox	**102**	**354**	**301**	**53**	**4**	**0.5**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Travis Cox	**415**	**235**	**56.6**	**2791**	**18**	**7**
Bryan Black	**21**	**8**	**38.1**	**71**	**1**	**4**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Chris Cooley	62	732	11.8	6	41	
Chris Stallworth	37	483	13.1	4	50	
Kenny Coleman	37	481	13.0	2	59	
David Fiefia	38	310	8.2	1	38	
BarryTolli	8	246	30.8	2	79	
Raymond Hicks	**13**	**183**	**14.1**	**1**	**49**	
Jerome Eason	13	163	12.5	1	47	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Chaet	**71**	**2860**	**40.3**	**2**	**32.3**	**0**	**18**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Chaet	**8-9**	**1-1**	**2-2**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**3-4**	**36**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert Watts	**118**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Rodney Wilson	94	0	6	1	0
Terrance Washington	**93**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**5**
Mike Rosencrans	62	1	4	3	1
Derrek Shank	56	0	1	4	1
Nate Putnam	53	3	6	6	0
Jake Stewart	**52**	**1**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Nate Fredrick	**46**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Mark Estelle	45	0	0	5	2
Ronald Tupea	**35**	**6**	**2**	**0**	**0**
John Chick	**33**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Justin Jackson	26	3	3	2	0
Cornelius Lamb	**26**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
David Fiefia	22	240	10.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Joe Killpack	11	246	22.4	0	
Jerome Dennis	**11**	**253**	**23.0**	**0**	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
47	Grape	NL	Pacific	21-35	–
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20	–
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24	–
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33	–
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UTAH ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	22.0	19	108	3.5	242	54.9	15.9	-4	2003	7	26.3	21	167	3.6	193	54.0	13.7
6*	27.7	19	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	-11	2002	7	39.3	22	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0
8*	28.7	22	132	4.2	288	59.0	14.6	-13	2001	7	38.3	23	177	4.7	285	54.6	12.1
5*	26.5	19	120	4.1	266	51.3	14.6	-2	2000	4	32.4	22	197	4.4	256	56.1	14.0
8	21.3	20	176	5.0	196	46.5	17.5	-11	1999	7	27.4	21	160	3.9	230	53.5	14.2
4	21.5	17	103	2.7	215	46.0	14.8	-3	1998	7	28.1	17	123	3.0	197	50.3	11.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Utah	18	26-77	3.0	19-41	280	2	24	53-202	3.8	16-26	180	0	0
at Nebraska	14	23-60	2.6	17-35	178	4	22	64-273	4.3	12-17	132	0	-1
at Arizona St	25	35-65	1.9	26-54	308	7	20	37-161	4.4	20-37	277	0	+1
UL Monroe	16	40-201	5.0	15-22	121	3	19	34-45	1.3	25-47	212	4	+2
at New Mexico	14	31-55	1.8	14-31	166	2	22	51-160	3.1	14-28	244	2	-2
Wyoming	16	25-117	4.7	17-36	240	1	22	47-192	4.1	14-25	242	4	-3
at N Texas	19	25-78	3.1	26-38	230	5	20	49-209	4.3	8-14	109	2	0
Arkansas St	18	41-91	2.2	15-25	275	3	15	39-114	2.9	11-32	158	5	+5
Middle Tenn	23	39-194	5.0	22-35	301	2	19	29-93	3.2	22-45	196	1	+2
at New Mexico St	23	29-137	4.7	23-47	287	1	25	56-193	3.4	18-24	208	2	-2
Troy St	17	32-111	3.5	21-37	196	1	17	61-223	3.7	7-18	105	2	-6
at Idaho	22	28-114	4.1	30-45	322	3	23	43-143	3.3	21-35	250	0	0
TOTALS	225	374-1300	3.5	245-446	2904	34	248	563-2008	3.6	188-348	2313	22	-4
AVERAGES	18.8	31-108	3.5	20-37	242	2.8	20.7	47-167	3.6	16-29	193	1.8	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+28	7-38	L
SF Austin	NL	51-17	–
at Utah	+16'	18-38	L
BYU	+17	31-34 2OT	W
Arkansas St	-12	20-14	L
at Kansas St	+29'	0-40	L
at Idaho	+6'	3-31	L
Boise St	-3	27-33	L
N Mexico St	-2'	6-14	L
at Nevada	+3	37-35	W
at N Texas	-4	34-7	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+21	16-38	L
S Utah	NL	30-14	–
at Arizona St	+21'	20-44	L
Utah	+12	14-35	L
at BYU	+20	14-38	L
at N Texas	-1	17-12	W
Idaho	+11'	31-14	W
Arkansas St	-5	44-31	W
at N Mexico St	+6'	44-37	W
at Boise St	+16	38-66	L
Idaho St	NL	24-27	–

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+9	19-23	W
at LSU	+23'	14-31	W
Wyoming	-4'	42-43	L
Oregon	+16	21-38	L
at BYU	+19'	34-54	L
Idaho St	NL	28-27	–
UCF	+5'	30-27	W
at Connecticut	-15	38-31	L
Weber St	NL	56-43	–
at S Florida	+7	13-34	L
at Fresno St	+22	21-70	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+11	3-23	L
at Nebraska	+30'	13-44	L
Idaho St	NL	38-33	–
at Iowa	+22	7-48	L
at Boise St	+19	38-63	L
BYU	+17'	34-35	W
New Mexico	+2	45-44 OT	W
at UL Monroe	-6	48-51 2OT	L
N Mexico St	+3	32-30	W
at Troy St	+7'	19-16 OT	W
at Middle Tenn	+6'	28-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+19'	20-40	L
at Nebraska	+32'	7-31	W
at Arizona St	+27'	16-26	W
UL Monroe	-13'	28-10	W
at New Mexico	+14	7-34	L
Wyoming	+2	21-48	L
at N Texas	+14	27-37	W
Arkansas St	-8'	49-0	W
Middle Tenn	-2	41-20	W
at New Mexico St	-2'	21-26	L
Troy St	-6'	14-23	L
at Idaho	-1	13-20	L

IDAHO VANDALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has been known for producing top-notch QB's such as John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart and Ryan Fien who between them combined for seven seasons of over 3,000 yards passing between 1982 and 1996. In 2001 Brian Lindgren (PS#51) beat out Adam Mallette in a spirited battle for the backup spot to John Welsh. Lindgren saw far more action than expected and in fact, threw for 427 yards against Boise St which was the sixth best in school history in his first start and then set three new school records with 637 yards, 71 attempts and 49 completions vs MT. In 2002 he beat out Mallette and Michael Harrington (Joey's brother) for the starting job. Lindgren threw for 2,763 yards (62.8%) with a 19-10 ratio and was 1st Tm SBC. He was 7th in the NCAA in passing yards prior to N Texas but missed the last 2.5 games with injury. Mallette started one and Harrington played the majority of the season finale finishing the game with 219 yards with a 2-2 ratio. Lindgren and Harrington both returned last year but Harrington sparkled in August with Lindgren suffering from back spasms and actually won the starting job. Harrington started the first five and threw for 996 yards but only completed 45.9% with a 5-4 ratio on the season. Lindgren retook his starting job and after Harrington had topped 270 yards passing just once, Lindgren would average 255.0 ypg in the final eight games including Montana where he only played the 2H. He threw for 2,077 yards completing 59.8% with a 15-8 ratio. With Lindgren gone, the job belongs to Harrington (PS#79) who has now played in a total of 13 games. Brian Nooy (PS#89) passed for 1,400 yards and rushed for 650 in his senior year in HS, was an all-conf safety and will give the team a running threat at the QB position. New coaches like their own recruits and this year Nick Holt signed two. I think Harrington can be a solid, effective QB in the SBC but odds are the numbers will be down a notch this season.

RUNNING BACKS - Idaho had a 1,000 yard rusher in 2000 but in 2001 their leading rusher was Blair Lewis who had 509 yards (5.2). He was on pace for a 1,000 yard season but was injured in the 6th game and Zach Gerstner led the team in rushing down the stretch with 339 yards (4.1). Gerstner opened the 2002 season as the starter and had 93 yards against Boise, but finished the year with just 281 yards (4.1). Lewis, who was still recovering from 2001's season ending knee surgery, had just 132 yards after 5 games but in the last 7 rushed for 798 (114 ypg). Last year Lewis departed and the leading returning rusher was actually Malfred Shaw who had 4 starts and 301 yards (5.0) in 2002. Shaw began the year as starter and had 242 yards after 4 starts but then was injured. Gerstner started the last 8 games and really came on down the stretch. He had 177 yards vs ULL, 181 vs ULM and 147 against Utah St finishing with 1,157 yards (4.5). Unfortunately for the Vandals, both RB's depart as does FB Jordan Lampos (16 yds). Their leading returnee is Cliff Mason (PS#139TE) who moved from TE to RB at the end of 2003 and had 138 yards (4.9). I list the rest of the 2 deep below including FB and there are a couple of HT's in the group including Akeem Anthony (PS#131). This unit is not quite as experienced as it was heading into last year and must replace a 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Last season the Vandals had to replace two of their top three WR's. Leading returnee, Orlando Winston, led the team in 2003 with 55 rec (14.7). TE Mike McCoy (2nd Tm SBC, 11 sts) snagged 32 (14.9) and RB Zach Gerstner was 3rd with 32 (9.7). A question mark at the time of this writing is Orlando Winston who is appealing for a sixth year and his return would be huge. McCoy departs as does TE Kelly Nead (1 st, 3 rec, 30.3) and WR Cedric Thompson (1 rec). I list the 2 deep below. Not listed below is TE Dan Aizpitarte (PS#104) and this year's true frosh. Starting TE Luke Smith-Anderson was lost in the opener with an ACL injury and returns this year. New coaches like their own recruits so it is possible some of this year's signees will play immediately. A lot depends on Winston's return. If he is back this unit has more experience than last year but if he's gone, less experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Former HC Tom Cable used to be an OL coach so this unit was always a priority. In 2002 an experienced unit surprisingly only opened holes for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups but with 3 starters returning, the unit showed improvement paving the way for 3.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 21 sacks. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are C Matt Martinez (12 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 3 yr st'r), LG Jason Cobb (12 sts, 3 yr st'r), RT Jake Scott (2nd Tm SBC, 12 sts, 4 yr st'r, #5DC of IND) and backup Kyle Stewart (2 letters). I list the 2 deep below and 3 players do return with starting experience but I think a lot of this year's true frosh will work their way into the 2 deep making this a learning year for the O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Idaho allowed 4.7 ypc rushing while recording 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and 2 backups who combined for 5 starts and also moved a starting DE to LB so they had 2 full-time starters returning to the front. Cable said prior to the year "It's the best I've felt about this position." The D did not improved in 2003 as they allowed 4.8 ypc rushing and totalled just 18 sacks. This year they must replace DT Brian Howard (12 sts, 64 tkls, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm SBC), DT Kelly Talavou (9 sts, 30 tkls, 4 tfl) and DE Kody Kraus (8 sts, 45 tkls, 5 sks). With the move of starting LB Mike Anderson to DE they have four players back with starting experience. Not listed below is Chris Jasper (6-2 233 So) and this year's true frosh. Last year Cable brought in two JUCO's, Ernest Davis (6-6 230 Jr, PS#228JC) and Eric Davis (6-5 233 Jr, PS#184JC) and both redshirted adding depth to the line. Despite the losses, this group can only improve upon last year's poor numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Idaho moved a starting DE to the LB corps last year so basically they had 3 full-time starters returning despite the loss of their leading tackler, Jordan Kramer, who had 124 tackles while the next closest, Patrick Libey, had 69 in 2002. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are OLB Patrick Libey (10 sts, 72 tkls, 6 tfl), WLB Chad Kodama (7 sts, 32 tkls, 4 tfl) and #1 tackler Mike Anderson who moves to DE. They do have some HT's in the 3 deep that I list below with only two players who combined for 6 games of starting experience back so the group is less experienced and must learn new schemes this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2000-2002 Idaho allowed 77 TD passes with just 19 int and in 2001 led the NCAA in TD passes allowed (28). In 2002 the unit finished #105 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts so basically had 2 starters returning. Surprisingly the unit made remarkable strides as they moved up to #86 and while they yielded 62.2% completions, they gave up just 8 TD's with 9 int. This year they must replace SS Chad Pool (11 sts, 77 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu), CB Rod Bryant (10 sts, 42 tkls, 2 int, 4 pbu, 2nd Tm SBC), SS Ben Allen (4 sts, 35 tkls, 1 int, 7 pbu), CB Robert Ortega (5 sts, 14 tkls), SS Chad Troxel (17 tkls), FS Darryl Murphy (6 sts, 49 tkls, 8 pbu) and FS Jed Getzlaff (2 tkls). They do have 5 players returning with starting experience and bring in a couple of top-notch JUCO's. JR Ruffin was very productive playing in just 5 games until injury last year with 32 tackles and 3 starts. This group is close to last year's in terms of experience but it will be tough to match last year's pass D ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 Idaho finished an outstanding #32 in my special teams rankings thanks to P Ryan Downes who had a net of 37.1 and also JUCO Cedric Thompson was solid on PR's and KR's. They did have to replace their K last year and Brian Pope battled Mike Barrow (PS#31) for the job. Barrow had amazing statistics in HS allowing opponents zero yards in PR's, having an outstanding hangtime and had 80% of his KO's go into the EZ. Barrow did not win the FG job hands down and Pope hit 1 of 6 before Barrow took over at season's end hitting 5 of 8 FG's with a long of 43. Thompson lost his main job on returns but his PR replacement, Rod Bryant, averaged just 5.0 and KR Matt Miller averaged 21.9. Bryant departs this year. Overall even with the presence of a 4 year starter like Downes, who leaves as the school's all-time leader in punts and yards, Idaho finished just #86 in my special teams rankings. Provided Barrow can handle both duties close to the efficiency that he did in HS, this unit should not drop too much, even with the loss of its longtime punter and top PR.

COACHES - Nick Holt is the new head coach and he was the D-line coach at Idaho from 1990-'93 and then the DC from 1994-'97. He moved on to Louisville where he was the DL coach from 1998-2000 and was with USC the last three years as the LB coach under Pete Carroll. He has co-OC's. One is Joel Thomas who coached RB's at Louisville the last 2 years. He played here over a six year span and is UI's all-time leading rusher. He was the Big West Conf POY in 1998. The other is Nate Kaczor who was the OC at Nebraska-Kearney the last 3 years and was the OL/TE coach at Utah St for 5 seasons.

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'99	5★	College POY	Nebraska (-9') Kansas St	41-15 WIN!
'99	5★	Pro POY	Carolina (+7') Green Bay	33-31 WIN!
'99	5★	Bowl POY	Washington (+10') Kansas St	20-24 WIN!
'99	5★	Playoff POY	UNDER 37' TB/Wash	14-13 WIN!
'00	5★	College POY	Wisconsin (-6') Indiana	43-22 WIN!
'00	5★	Pro POY	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32 loss
'00	5★	Bowl POY	Louisville (+2) Colorado St	17-22 loss
'00	4'★	Playoff POY	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10 WIN!
'01	5★	College POY	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17 WIN!
'01	5★	Pro POY	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14 WIN!
'01	5★	Bowl POY	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17 WIN!
'01	4'★	Playoff POY	Green Bay (-3') San Fran	25-15 WIN!
'02	5★	College POY	Washington (+6) Oregon St	41-29 WIN!
'02	5★	Pro POY	Pittsburgh (-8') Carolina	30-14 WIN!
'02	5★	Bowl POY	Arizona St (+18') Kansas St	27-34 WIN!
'02	4'★	Playoff POY	Tampa Bay (-6) San Fran	31-6 WIN!
'03	5★	College POY	Wisconsin (-1') Michigan St	56-21 WIN!
'03	5★	Pro POY	Dallas (-2) Washington	27-0 WIN!
'03	5★	Bowl POY	Arkansas (-2') Missouri	27-14 WIN!
'03	4'★	Playoff POY	Dallas (+3) Carolina	10-29 loss

17-3 85% L/5Y!

PHIL'S FORECAST

Idaho has had just 5 losing seasons since 1982 but unfortunately four of them came under the watch of Tom Cable. Last year Idaho actually outgained league foes by 18.5 ypg but still finished just 3-4 in conference play and 3-9 overall. Nick Holt inherits a rebuilt team that must replace its star QB, Brian Lindgren, as well as their top 2 rushers and 8 defensive starters. Idaho plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome now and is 100-44-1 SU there since 1975. Idaho normally plays a tough non-conference schedule and once again, 4 of their 5 non-conf opponents were in bowls last year and two finished in the Top 15. With the new systems and little experience, I think it will be extremely difficult for Idaho to top last year's 3 win total but they do host three winnable SBC games so they could pull some surprises as many teams do under a first year head coach.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB Michael Harrington Jr. 6-4 197 PS#79. 4 gms, 272 pass (47%) 2-6 ratio in '02. 5 sts LY, 996 yds (46%) 5-4 ratio. Brian Nooy (6-2 175 rFr) PS#89. Chris Joseph PS#192. Grayshirt.

RB Akeem Anthony rFr. 5-5 154 PS#131. **Cliff Mason** (5-10 205 So) PS#139TE. 138 yds (4.9) LY. **Justin Wall** (5-10 218 Sr) PS#357JC LY. **Rolly Lambala** is PS#285. Canadian.

WR JIMMY LABITA SR. 5-10 172 7 sts LY, 26 rec (16.8). Chris Kehne (6-4 189 rFr) PS#345. **FB Brian Yarno** (6-0 243 Sr) Capt. 5 sts, 21 ttl yds LY. Long snapper in '02 & '03.

WR ORLANDO WINSTON SR. 6-0 187 10 sts in '02, 50 rec (12.5). 11 sts LY, 55 rec (14.7). **Apply 6 yr, ?.** Bobby Bernal-Wood (6-2 203 Sr) PS#312JC. 1 st, 15 rec (12.1) LY.

WR JEFF STOWE JR. 6-0 190 PS#222. 30 rec (12.1) in '02. 9 sts, 30 rec (10.5) LY. Wendell Octave (6-1 178 So) 19 rec (16.9). Robert Nembhard (5-7 173 Jr) PS#290.

TE Luke Smith-Anderson So. 6-5 251 PS#82. 2 sts as true, 4 rec. 1 st LY, inj, RS. Keith Greer (6-2 255 So) 1 st, 3 rec, inj LY. Willie Sipoloa (6-2 259 Sr) PS#175QB. Inj'd LY.

C Jarrod Schulte Jr. 6-3 269 RS in '01, walk-on. Scout team player in each of the last 2 years. Eric Nave (6-3 256 rFr) PS#515. Marcis Fennell is PS#598.

RG JADE TADVICK SO. 6-5 320 12 sts at RG as rFr. Geoff Zuber (6-4 320 So) PS#130TE. Scout Tm as rFr. Ben Duesterhoeft (6-2 257 rFr) Scout team last year, walk-on.

LG Tony Kiel Sr. 6-3 317 PS#435. 2nd string last 3 years. 3 games in '01. 3 games in '02. Ryan Waage (6-4 300 Jr) PS#410. Inj'd L/2Y. Adam Korby is PS#349.

RT Nate VanderPol So. 6-6 312 PS#171. First 2 starts at LT as rFr, 2nd string. John Neddo (6-2 265 Jr). Michael Bakken (6-4 302 Sr) PS#464JC. Scout team last year.

LT HANK THERIEN SO. 6-7 322 PS#481. Started last 10 at LT as a rFr. Captain. Matt Newell (6-7 264 So) Scout team as rFr. Kris Anderson (6-3 280 Fr) is PS#576.

K MIKE BARROW SO. 5-11 150 PS#31. Hit 5 of 8 FG's here as rFr, long of 43, 20 of 22 xp's in 8 games in 2H of yr. Sam Parry (6-0 208 Jr) Scout Tm in '02. 0-1 on xp's LY.

DE MIKE ANDERSON JR. 6-3 237 3 sts at LB in '02, 51 tkls, 7 tfl. 12 sts LY (9 at LB, 3 at DE), 97 tkls, 4 tfl. Curtis Bibolet (6-3 232 Sr) PS#416JC. 2 starts at LB, 19 tkls last year.

DT Michael Togafau Sr. 6-3 292 14 tkls, 3 tfl in '03. Jeff Edwards (6-3 263 Jr) 5 tkls, 3 tfl LY. Mike Bonelli (6-2 236 Jr) PS#232. 15 tkls in 2Y. Eric Davis (6-5 233 Jr) PS#184JC.

NT Antonio Lindsey Fr. 6-2 275 PS#177. Ernest Davis (6-6 230 Jr) PS#228JC. James Coley (6-2 246 Sr). Tim Bertalot (6-1 243 Jr) PS#377LB. 5 tkls, 2 tfl. 6 games last year.

DE BRANDON KANIA SR. 6-3 241 9 sts, **2nd Tm SBC** as true, 46 tkls, 7 sks. 8 sts in '02, 41 tkls, 8 tfl. 12 sts LY, 46 tkls, 8 tfl. Andrew Stobart (6-2 249 So) 4 sts as rFr, 21 tkls, 6 tfl.

SLB Nate Nichols Jr. 6-2 223 PS#113DB. 1 start, 8 tkls as rFr. 2 sts in '03, 40 tkls, 2 tfl. Jaron Williams (6-1 212 So). Shane Simmons is PS#399LB. Siua Musika is PS#513.

MLB Cole Snyder Jr. 5-11 230 Late signee. 31 tkls, 1 tfl last year. Sam Tossie (6-1 230 rFr) PS#345. Nathan Zody (5-11 224 So). Neil McGhee (6-2 202 Fr).

WLB Robert Davis So. 6-4 225 PS#416DB. 3 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. +30 lbs. Josh Bousman (6-2 208 rFr) PS#170RB. Ben Alexander is PS#363. David Vobora (6-1 195 Fr) PS#473.

CB Chris Nathan Sr. 5-10 174 JUCO. 4 sts in '03, 21 tkls, 1 int. Eric McMillan (5-9 173 rFr). Kyle Williams (5-9 153 rFr). Mike Scorcio (5-8 166 rFr). Jevon Butler is PS#236.

CB JR RUFFIN SR. 6-0 167 PS#197. 2 yr st'r at JC. 3 sts LY, 32 tkls, 2 pbu, 5 games until inj. Herbert Cash (5-11 161 Jr) PS#361JC. In for spg. Chris Meadows is PS#176.

SS Brandon Mascorro So. 5-10 200 PS#581WR. 3 sts, 16 tkls, 1 tfl LY. Jarvis Huff (5-11 207 Jr) 3 sts LY, 27 tkls, 1 tfl. Lee Jones (6-1 188 rFr). Derek McLeod (5-11 177 rFr).

FS Lawrence Guynes Jr. 6-2 180 PS#131JC. 45 tkls, 6 int, 12 pbu at JC LY. In for spring. Simeon Stewart (5-8 179 Sr) 2 sts, 18 tkls 1 pbu LY. Capt. Brandon Ogletree is PS#312.

P Mike Barrow So. 5-11 150 **PS#31K**. Average 40.0 in HS with excellent hang time. In Sr year of HS opp's had zero yards on PR's. Only punter on the roster this season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

DB	Lawrence Guynes 6-2 180 PS#131JC
DL	Antonio Lindsey 6-2 275 PS#177
DB	Chris Meadows 5-11 175 PS#176
RB	Brandon Nystrom 6-1 190 PS#195
WR	Tracy Ford 5-8 170 PS#184
DB	Jevon Butler 6-0 205 PS#236
DB	Herbert Cash 5-11 161 PS#361JC
OL	Adam Korby 6-2 285 PS#349
RB	Rolly Lambala 6-2 227 PS#285
DB	Brandon Ogletree 6-3 205 PS#312
WR	Desmond Belton 6-4 180 PS#254
DB	Dan Dykes 6-3 180 PS#378
RB	Devon Sturdivant 5-10 205 PS#342
DL	Taylor Rust 6-2 210 PS#385
TE	Peter Bjorvik 6-4 210 PS#121
TE	Folau Tuione 6-1 250 PS#134
QB	TJ Conley 6-3 190 PS#252
LB	Ben Alexander 6-1 230 PS#363
WR	Christan Populis 6-1 170 PS#391
LB	Shane Simmons 6-2 210 PS#399
RB	Jayson Bird 6-0 220 PS#415
DL	Rick Harrison 6-5 220 PS#488
DB	Reggie Jones 5-10 190 PS#510
DL	Siua Musika 6-1 180 PS#513
DL	Brent Rushin 6-2 238 PS#522
DL	Evan Rudd 6-3 232 PS#523
DL	Alex Toailoa 6-1 250 PS#539
OL	Kris Anderson 6-3 280 PS#576
OL	Desmond Clark 6-3 300 PS#588
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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Vandals will play their 1st full season vs all Div IA opponents. Idaho has played Wash St more than any other team, 86 times including IU's 1st gm ever in 1894. Idaho is 2-12 ATS the last 14 games as a favorite.
Sep. 4	at Boise St	A						The Vandals are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 7 in this series. Idaho is 2-14 SU & 10-6 ATS the last 16 games as an away dog.
Sep. 11	at Utah St	A						Vandals are 6-11 ATS the last 17 games in the Sun Belt Conference. The favorite is 4-2 ATS in this series since 1996.
Sep. 18	at Wash St*	A						Vandals are 6-6 SU & 4-6 ATS at Martin Stadium the last 5 years. Idaho is 2-6 SU, but 4-2 ATS since 1982 vs Washington St.
Sep. 25	at Oregon	A						Vandals are 0-3 SU & ATS S/'90, being outscored on avg 52-19 by OU. Idaho has dropped 22 straight vs Oregon (last SU win 1950).
Oct. 2	at E Michigan	A						Could apply: Idaho is 1-7 ATS the last 4 years as an away favorite. Vandals are 3-7 SU, dropping their only ATS game vs current MAC teams.
Oct. 9	UL Monroe	A						Idaho is 8-11 SU & 5-10 ATS the last 19 games in the Kibbie Dome. 206 pts have been scored between these 2 the last 3 years.
Oct. 16	Louisiana-Lft	A						Idaho is 0-3 SU & ATS vs Louisiana-Lft (favorite every time). Entering 2004, Vandals are 5-10 ATS the last 5 years off a SU win.
Oct. 23	at Middle Tenn	A						Idaho is 1-2 SU & 2-1 ATS all as the dog vs Middle Tennessee. The last game in Murfreesboro featured 128 pts & 1445 yds of offense.
Oct. 30	at Troy St	A						Troy St becomes a Sun Belt member starting this year. This will be the 2 schools 1st ever game.
Nov. 6	Ark St (HC) (Martin Stadium)	A						The Vandals are 1-4 ATS the last 5 games in this series, all as favorites. Idaho is 8-2 SU & 3-2 ATS in their last 10 Homecoming games.
Nov. 13	at N Texas	A						The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 games in this series. Idaho is 1-4 ATS the last 5 years vs North Texas.
Nov. 20	at Hawaii	A						This is a designated Sun Belt Conference game for Idaho. Idaho is 2-5 SU & 2-4 ATS in their season finale since 1997.
Nov. 27								*Idaho will play 2 "home games" at Washington St's Martin Stadium (cap 35,000) in Pullman, WA which is 10 miles from Moscow, ID.

NICK HOLT (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Idaho

Holt's records AT IDAHO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
	0-0 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (16,15,1)
Lost: 22 (11,9,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,064

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STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	8-3	7-4	5-6	1-10	2-10	3-9	31-48
ATS	5-4	6-3	4-5	3-6	3-7	6-5	5-5	32-35
Home Fav	2-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	4-9
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	5-5
Away Fav	2-0	3-1	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	8-10
Away Dog	1-2	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-1	15-11
Favorite	4-1	3-3	3-4	1-3	0-3	0-3	1-2	12-19
Dog	1-3	3-0	1-1	2-3	3-4	6-2	4-3	20-16
Grass	2-2	4-0	2-3	0-1	2-1	0-2	2-2	12-11
Artificial	3-2	2-3	2-2	3-5	1-6	6-3	3-3	20-24
vs Conf	2-3	2-3	2-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	15-25
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-1	17-10
Off SU Win	1-3	4-3	2-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	10-16
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-0	2-1	2-2	3-5	4-4	3-4	19-17

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Zach Gerstner	256	1186	29	1157	5	4.5
Malfred Shaw	62	250	8	242	0	3.9
Cliff Mason	**28**	**139**	**1**	**138**	**2**	**4.9**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Lindgren	246	147	59.8	2077	15	8
Michael Harrington	**196**	**90**	**45.9**	**996**	**5**	**4**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Orlando Winston	**55**	**807**	**14.7**	**7**	**42**	
Mike McCoy	32	478	14.9	1	47	
Jimmy Labita	**26**	**438**	**16.8**	**2**	**92**	
Wendell Octave	**19**	**322**	**16.9**	**2**	**73**	
Jeff Stowe	**30**	**316**	**10.5**	**4**	**21**	
Zach Gerstner	32	309	9.7	2	39	
Bob Bernal-Wood	**15**	**181**	**12.1**	**0**	**25**	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Downes	64	2702	42.2	8	34.2	1	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Barrow	20-22	2-3	2-3	1-2	0-0	5-8	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Anderson	**97**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Chad Pool	77	0	2	3	1
Patrick Libey	72	0	6	3	0
Brian Howard	64	1	7	2	0
Darryl Murphy	49	0	3	8	1
Brandon Kania	**46**	**2**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Kody Kraus	45	5	4	0	2
Rod Bryant	42	0	0	4	2
Nate Nichols	**40**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Ben Allen	35	0	2	7	1
Chad Kodama	32	1	3	0	0
JR Ruffin	**32**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Cole Snyder	**31**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rod Bryant	26	130	5.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Miller	23	503	21.9	0
Rod Bryant	13	311	23.9	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.7	19	125	3.7	256	53.4	18.5	-5	2003	7	26.2	20	217	4.8	199	62.2	15.9
7	23.8	22	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	-14	2002	7	35.7	22	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0
5*	28.5	25	115	3.4	348	62.2	16.3	-16	2001	5	45.0	25	200	4.8	278	64.0	10.6
8*	29.2	23	148	3.9	305	61.9	15.5	-12	2000	7	34.3	21	167	4.4	271	53.8	12.8
10*	27.6	20	148	3.9	216	46.6	13.2	+1	1999	8	25.7	19	136	3.5	220	48.5	13.8
5	32.7	22	180	4.6	264	52.8	13.6	-8	1998	6	26.4	20	136	3.4	263	49.5	15.1

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
† Washington St	14	26-83	3.2	16-36	167	3	23	50-339	6.8	13-23	127	0	-1
E Washington	17	37-142	3.8	17-39	153	3	11	29-31	1.1	20-34	193	2	0
Boise St	19	29-55	1.9	25-51	273	2	19	43-263	6.1	15-25	165	3	+1
at Washington	10	32-120	3.8	9-30	86	3	27	49-231	4.7	24-34	271	2	+1
at Montana	20	26-83	3.2	23-50	332	2	18	56-344	6.1	7-14	92	0	0
at New Mexico St	30	28-162	5.8	28-41	408	0	25	50-302	6.0	19-23	286	0	-2
N Texas	17	28-92	3.3	23-41	402	2	17	48-245	5.1	14-24	125	1	-3
Middle Tenn	19	38-95	2.5	22-33	296	3	21	51-222	4.4	18-29	298	1	+1
at Louisiana-Lft	19	30-179	6.0	19-33	213	1	21	54-227	4.2	14-21	144	1	-2
at Arkansas St	22	35-66	1.9	23-39	270	2	16	50-190	3.8	15-24	137	1	-2
at UL Monroe	22	52-284	5.5	12-18	223	0	19	31-93	3.0	22-43	232	4	+2
Utah St	23	43-143	3.3	21-35	250	0	22	28-114	4.1	30-45	322	3	0
TOTALS	232	404-1504	3.7	238-446	3073	21	239	539-2601	4.8	211-339	2392	18	-5
AVERAGES	19.3	34-125	3.7	20-37	256	1.8	19.9	45-217	4.8	18-28	199	1.5	-0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Washington	NL	48-21	–
at Auburn	+11	23-30	W
at Washington St	-3	28-17	W
at Wyoming	+9'	13-28	L
N Texas	-20	28-10	L
at Arkansas St	-7'	30-24 OT	L
Utah St	-6'	31-3	W
at N Mexico St	-5'	14-42	L
at Nevada	-2'	42-33	W
at Montana	NL	33-30	–
Boise St	-2'	14-45	L

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington	+22	20-44	L
Montana	NL	38-45	–
at Oregon	+21	13-42	L
at Washington St	+10'	38-34	W
Montana St	NL	56-7	–
at W Virginia	+13	16-28	W
Arkansas St	-12	42-25	W
at Utah St	-11'	14-31	L
at N Texas	-13'	16-14	L
N Mexico St	-7	44-41 2OT	L
at Boise St	+14'	24-66	L

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+9	7-36	L
at Arizona	+19	29-36	W
at Washington	+25'	3-53	L
Boise St	+11'	13-45	L
at Middle Tenn	+19'	58-70	W
at N Mexico St	+13	39-46	W
Louisiana-Lft	-11	37-54	L
at Arkansas St	-5'	31-34	L
UL Monroe	-14	42-38	L
N Texas	+3	27-50	L
at Montana	NL	27-33 2OT	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boise St	+23	21-38	W
at Washington St	+27	14-49	L
at Oregon	+32'	21-58	L
San Diego St	+7'	48-38	W
at Washington	+30'	27-41	W
Montana	NL	31-38	–
at UL Monroe	-10'	14-34	L
Middle Tenn	+3'	21-18	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-1	28-31	L
at N Texas	+14	0-10	W
Arkansas St	-3'	29-38	L
N Mexico St	+4'	31-35	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Washington St	+28	0-25	W
E Washington	NL	5-8	–
Boise St	+23	10-24	W
at Washington	+26'	14-45	L
at Montana	NL	28-41	–
at New Mexico St	+10	35-31	W
N Texas	+7	14-24	L
Middle Tenn	+3'	21-28 OT	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-3	20-31	L
at Arkansas St	-1'	23-24	L
at UL Monroe	-1'	58-20	W
Utah St	+1	20-13	W

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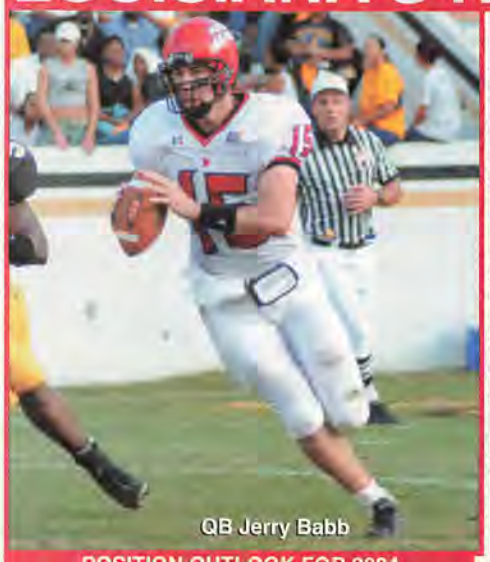
QB Jerry Babb

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - Eric Rekieta threw for 3,067 yards (48.8%) with 26 TD's in 2001 at JUCO and in 2002 joined Louisiana-Lafayette to battle returning starter Jon Van Cleave (PS#51). Rekieta replaced an injured Van Cleave and got in 3 starts but also missed time due to injuries. For the season Rekieta threw for 652 yards (57.5%) with a 4-4 ratio. They had to replace Van Cleave last year and Rekieta, who underwent 'Tommy John' surgery, missed all of the spring and a good portion of August which allowed rFr Jerry Babb (PS#139) to win the starting job. Babb was hampered by very poor conditions vs Houston and hit just 5 of 22 but overall did a good job. Rekieta guided the team to 2 TD drives against Minnesota in Wk 4 and took over the starters job. A few weeks later vs ULM he set a school record with 474 yards passing. Rekieta, however, broke his collarbone vs N Mex St and missed the rest of the year. Babb's best game was the season finale for which he was SBC Offensive POW hitting 37 of 56 for 435 yards with 4 TD's. For the season Rekieta threw for 1090 yards (60%) with a 7-6 ratio and he departs. Babb threw for 1,502 (56.4%) with a 6-8 ratio and keep in mind Babb completed 59.5% if you do not include that downpour vs Houston. Matt Lane (6-0 191 Sr) was PS#250 and got in 42 pass attempts in 2001 throwing for 187 yards and after not getting any attempts in 2002 had 9 last year throwing for 35 yards. He returns but I expect the backup to be Devin Williams (6-4 210 So, PS#41) who threw for 1,840 and rushed for 860 as a senior in HS. Dwain Banister (6-1 205 rFr) was PS#286. Also in the mix this year is JUCO Luke Sniewski (PS#249) who was in for the spring. Despite the loss of Rekieta, this unit should improve upon last year's statistics.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the team had to replace their career rushing leader, RB Darren Brister. Jerome Coleman led the team in rushing the next two seasons but with just 625 yards (3.9) in 2001 and 483 (2.8) in 2002. This is a school that has never produced a 1,000 yard rusher at RB (QB Brian Mitchell did top 1,000). Last year Coleman and their starting FB both had to be replaced. The leading returning rusher was Chester Johnson who had 164 yards (3.1) in '02. The team got a late signee in Warrick Dunn's brother, Travis Smothers and he had a great debut rushing for 113 yards vs S Car, the first back to top 100 yards since 2001. He was the SBC Off POW. Surprisingly, Smothers would rush for just 156 yards in the final 11 games. Six different players led the team in rushing during the year. Chester Johnson fumbled twice on back-to-back snaps against S Car and also fumbled on his first carry against LT. He only got one attempt in the next two games but then became the feature back over the final 8 leading the team in rushing five times including a 153 yard effort vs Idaho. He ended the year as the leading rusher with 421 yards (3.9). Diminutive Josh Harrison is listed at 5-7 but is actually 5-5 and led the team in rushing vs Florida Int'l with 63 finishing the year with 168 yards (3.8). Dwight Lindon (5-9 210 Sr) had 228 yards (3.4) and was the leading rusher vs S Miss (61). I list the 2 deep below. Added to the mix this year is Ross Rix (5-9 205 So, PS#473, 27 yds). The only loss is FB Wayne Stein (8 rec). This unit has more experience and can only improve upon the poor numbers generated the last two seasons.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 UL-Lft returned its star WR Nick Dugas (PS#30QB) but he was suspended for the majority of the season. Fred Stamps (PS#67) stepped to the forefront and joined Brandon Stokley becoming just the 2nd player in school history to top 1,000 yards receiving averaging an outstanding 18.6 per catch. Last year they had to replace their #2 and #5 receivers but Stamps was back and had another outstanding year capped with the season finale where he had 13 rec for 201 yards and 3 TD's. He narrowly missed out on the 1,000 yard barrier with 973 yards (15.7). Unfortunately he departs. Bill Sampy was #3 in receiving in 2002 and #2 last year with 39 (12.5). Besides Stamps, the team also loses WR Eric Bartel (12 sts, 24 rec, 10.5) and TE Josh Joerg (12 sts, 10 rec, 9.3). I list the 2 deep below and I give Jordan Jackson (PS#74) a great shot at emerging as the top WR with his 6-6 size. They add in a former Okla St signee, Eddie Brown (PS#109) who was in for the spring. Also in the mix are WR's Jarvis Murchison (5-9 175 Jr, PS#191DB, 98 ttl yds), Brandon McDonald (6-0 175 rFr, PS#366), TE Chad Beck (6-4 240 PS#160) and this year's true frosh. Sampy was suspended at the end of spring and is questionable for the fall. This unit has potential but with the loss of the school's #2 career leader in rec's and yards, I'll call it down a few notches in 2004.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 UL rushed for a paltry 61 ypg (1.9) while the OL allowed 42 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter who was 2nd Tm SBC and a backup. They then lost their top OL, Greg Hodges, to injury after 3 weeks so basically had 3 starters returning. The O-line nearly doubled the rushing yardage up to 117 ypg (3.3) and allowed just 19 sacks which were some drastic improvements. This year they lose LG D'Anthony Batiste (9 sts, 2nd Tm SBC, 3 yr st'r), Demetrios Brooks (11 sts, 3 yr st'r), backup LG Chris Perrone and 3rd string RG Tony Hull. OG Marshall Delesdernier (8 sts) has moved to the DL. They have 2.5 returning, plus Hodges is back. Overall this unit should match last year's improved standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Ragin Cajun's defensive front helped the defense allow just 4.3 ypc rushing in both 2001 and 2002 but the defense did have just 18 sacks in 2002. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's but had six of their top eight returning. While the defense managed two more sacks, they allowed 5.1 ypc rushing, their worst total in four years. This year the losses are heavier. Gone are Defensive MVP DE Antonio Floyd (11 sts, 1st Tm SBC, 10 tfl), DE Derace James (10 sts, 27 tkls, 2 sks), DT Daniel Taylor (12 sts, 28 tkls, 3 sks), DT Shawn Williams (4 sts, 3 tkls), DT Darryl Blappert (3 sts, 9 tkls, 3 sks), DT George Benson (2 sts, 20 tkls) and DE Dallas Charles (1 tkl). Marshall Delesdernier had 8 starts on the O-line last year but had 2 sacks, a forced fumble and a tfl in 12:00 vs S Carolina having players wondering "who is #65" and he returns to the D-line. They brought in some solid JUCO's last year who figure to be more productive and add in some JC's this year. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Joe Bradley (6-4 265, PS#279JC). Last year's line was far from overpowering but this year's unit is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Is it just me or does it seem that Ross Brupbacher played here for about ten years? Actually Brupbacher played five years and departs after starting 12 games with 61 tackles and 9 tfl last year. Last year they ran a 4-4-3 defense that looked like a 4-2-5. This year they switch to a true 4-3 in an effort to put more pressure on the opposing QB. Last year the unit had to replace six players who combined for 7 starts and got the return of Brupbacher who missed most of 2002 with injury. Also departing this year is WHIP's Patrick Lamy (12 sts, 49 tkls, 2 tfl), Ricky Calais (21 tkls, 1 tfl) and Jamaal Sanders (6 tkls). Two players return who split one LB spot including Stanley Smith who had 12 starts over the last 2 years. While 2003's defense was not overwhelming, this unit is less experienced and loses its star.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The last 2 years the Cajuns have fielded inexperienced secondaries. In 2002 they finished #90 in my pass D rankings and last year had to replace 2 NFL DC's in CB Charles Tillman (#2DC of CHI) and CB Ivan Taylor (#4DC of PIT) as well as 3 others who combined for 15 starts. They then lost SS Jamal Smith to an ankle injury five days before the opener and he was referred to as the "QB" of the D. With Smith out, they had zero players returning with starting experience. Surprisingly they finished #82 in my pass D rankings allowing 55.3% with a 22-12 ratio. This year the unit is in much better shape and basically all 4 starters return as well as their backups including 7 players with starting experience. Unlike the front 7, this unit is vastly experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Rickey Bustle knows the importance of special teams coming from Virginia Tech and inherited a group that was #79 in my special teams rankings in 2001. They did have their outstanding punt blocker CB Charles Tillman returning and managed to improve to #45 in his first season. They brought in JC Ricky Thomas who was an all-league PR but he was injured early. Surprisingly with both their P and K returning, the Cajuns finished just #109 last season. FS David Prater did block a kick against ULM and FG man Sean Comiskey was named SBC Special Teams POW three times while LB Patrick Lamy earned that honor once. One of the reasons for this slide was 78 and 59 yd PR TD's by Okla St and a return game that was below average. The only loss this year is P Grant Autrey (39.2, net 33.5). I list the possible P replacements below. Comiskey was 1st Tm SBC in 2003 and with Bustle as the head man I look for significant improvement in the UL-Lafayette special teams rankings in 2004.

COACHES - Rickey Bustle was the OC at Virginia Tech from 1995 to 2001 and enters his third season here after his team went 3-9 and 4-8 in his first 2 years. His OC is Rob Christophel who is in his 3rd year in that role. Christophel came from Lambuth University where he was the OC for five years and he also was at Idaho St from '92-'96. Brent Pry is the DC and is also in his 3rd year. He was a DL coach at W Carolina from 1998 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin' Cajuns had three straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from 1993-'95 but have now had seven straight losing years. After going 3-9 in Rickey Bustle's first year, they returned just 11 starters which was the fewest in the conference. UL-Lft made a change at QB to Jerry Babb who had a solid year and they finished second in the SBC with a 4-2 record but one of their wins was over IAA Florida Int'l which counted in the league standings. That record was surprising as they opened the year 0-7 including a loss to 0-6 UL Monroe but won 4 of their last 5 games. They figure to continue to improve on offense with Babb and an experienced backfield behind him as well as a top-notch offensive line. On defense, they have just 5 starters returning with question marks on the front 7 but do have an athletic secondary. They're switching from the 4-2-5 to a 4-3 this year on defense to try to get more pressure on the opposing QB as they recorded just 18 and 20 sacks the last 2 years. The schedule is not easy and FIU is no longer on the league slate. LA Tech counts as a conference game and that one is on the road. They host 3 of the SBC's top teams meaning they will definitely be favored in just one SBC game this year. I do 7 sets of power ratings every year and 2 of them actually call for a winning season with the non-conf slate being manageable. I am not as optimistic and two of the sets also call for them to go 2-9. I think they will at least equal, if not top last year's 4 win total but will need the defense to play beyond its experience level to record a winning season.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB JERRY BABB SO. 6-3 215 PS#139. 9 sts as rFr, 1502 yds (56.4%), 6-8 ratio, 317 rush. **Devin Williams** (6-4 210 So) **PS#41**. Luke Sniewski is **PS#249JC.** In for spg.
RB CHESTER JOHNSON JR. 5-10 198 8 sts, 585 rush (3.6) 2Y. Travis Smothers (5-11 190 Sr) 269 yds. Dwight Lindon (5-9 210 Sr) 448 ttl yds, 2Y. Abdule LeVier (5-11 205 Fr). Grayshirt.
FB TRAVIS CONES SR. 5-11 225 PS#341JC. 6 sts LY, 122 total yds. Justin Venable (6-0 235 Jr) PS#191LB. 3 sts, 17 tkls, 3 yrs. Marcus McCall is PS#388JC.
WR Kemmie Lewis Sr. 6-2 180 PS#407JC. 4.45 spd. 27 rec (8.7). **Eddie Brown** (6-3 210 Fr) **PS#109**, signed w/**Okla St LY**. Ty Brown (5-11 190 Jr) 8 rec last year.
WR Bill Sampy Sr. 6-1 175 1 st, 30 rec (10.9) in '02. #2 w/39 rec (12.5) LY. Susp and questionable. **Jordan Jackson (6-6 200 rFr) PS#74**. BJ Crist (6-2 185 Sr) 15 rec, 3Y.
TE Tommy Briggs Jr. 6-5 258 PS#373JC. In for spring. Lawrence Johnson (6-6 250 Sr)PS#145. Xavier Campbell is PS#375JC. John Grotefend (6-2 255 So).
C RONNIE HARVEY SR. 6-1 285 9 sts as rFr. 12 sts in '03. Edward Fane (6-2 280 Sr) PS#451JC. 2nd string last year. Mike Moore (6-3 330 Jr) PS#537. May move to DT.
RG Bryan Lloyd Sr. 6-4 335 PS#435. 4 sts as RG in '02. 5 sts LY. Ryan Gilles is PS#381JC. In for spring. Did not allow a sack during his high school career.
LG GREG HODGES JR. 6-2 290 12 sts in '02. 3 sts LY until inj. Med RS. Jesse Newman is PS#619 in spg. Chris Cutler (6-3 268 So). 300 lb bench, 500 squat, 345 power clean.
RT BRANDON COX SO. 6-7 295 PS#460 in '02, DNQ. 12 sts as true in '03. Zachary Leger (6-4 290 rFr) PS#289. Corey Glover (6-4 275 Jr) 2nd string in '03.
LT William Chance rFr. 6-3 295 PS#426. Justin Ernest (6-4 280 Jr) PS#465JC. Bobby Fails (6-4 275 Fr). Clay Howell is a walk-on. In for spring.
K SEAN COMISKEY JR. 5-9 168 PS#66. 9 of 18 FG's in '02, **long of 50**. 12 of 15 FG's LY, long of 48, **1st Tm SBC**. Drew Edmiston is PS#76. Charles Lee (6-2 180 rFr).

DE Eugene Kwarteng Jr. 6-4 235 5 sts as rFr, 24 tkls, 2 sks, 3 tfl. 1 st LY, 13 tkls. Justin Venable (6-0 235 Jr) PS#191LB. 3 sts, 17 tkls, 3Y. Anthony Hills (6-4 240 So) PS#114TE. 11 tkls.
DT Kendrick Haynes Sr. 6-4 285 PS#517JC. 3 sts, 20 tkls, 1 sk, 2 tfl LY. Travis Ferguson (6-2 285 So) PS#388. 6 tkls as true. Clay Bridges (6-5 275 Fr) PS#465.
DT Marshall Delesdernier So. 6-1 270 8 sts at OG as true, 5 tkls at DL. Justin Taylor (6-2 260 Jr) PS#375. 7 tkls in 2002. Curtis Isaac (6-2 280 Jr) PS#384JC.
DE Travis Bass Sr. 6-1 240 PS#237JC. 2 sts, 25 tkls, 2 sks here LY. Rodney Hardeway (6-4 240 Fr) PS#487. Kale Wildbur (6-2 230 rFr). Paul Eli (6-3 230 Fr) 4.6 speed.
LB Tyler Norman Jr. 6-2 220 PS#173. W Carolina transfer. 23 tkls, 2 pbu here in '03. James Roberts (6-2 200 Jr) 27 tkls, 1 pbu last year. Brenton Burkhalter is PS#285.
LB GW Rudick Sr. 6-1 226 3 sts, 37 tkls, **10 tfl** in '02. 6 sts LY, 40 tkls. Mack Fair (6-1 225 So) PS#285. 4.6 spd. 11 tkls. Tre' Green (6-0 215 So). Derek Morel (5-10 207 So).
LB STANLEY SMITH SR. 6-1 240 PS#134. 5 sts, 33 tkls as true. 7 sts in '02, 49 tkls, 2 tfl. 6 sts LY, 24 tkls, 2 tfl. Chris Klock (6-0 228 Sr) PS#338. 3 tkls, 2Y. Mark Risher (6-2 215 rFr) PS#267.
CB JERRELL CARTER SR. 5-8 185 PS#228. 10 sts LY, 31 tkls, 2 pbu, 305 ret yds. Michael Adams (5-8 170 So) 1 st, 18 tkls, 1 int as true. Jemarcus Smith (5-10 175 Fr) in for spg.
CB TERRYL FENTON JR. 6-1 200 8 sts, 32 tkls, 1 int, 5 pbu LY. Antwain Spann (6-0 185 Sr) PS#473JC. 3 sts, 30 tkls, 2 int, 6 pbu LY. Ricky Thomas (6-0 197 Sr) 2 sts, 14 tkls LY.
SS CC BROWN SR. 6-2 210 PS#458JC. 11 sts, **2nd Tm SBC**, #2 with 67 tkls, 8 tfl. Johnny Felders (6-1 185 So) 5 tkls as a true. Wes Simon (6-0 200 So).
FS DAVID PRATER JR. 6-0 205 12 sts in '03, 68 tkls, 1 int, 2 pbu. Lamar Morgan (6-2 200 So) PS#349. 16 tkls as true. Torres Kingsby (5-10 180 rFr).
P Michael Mayeux Jr. 5-8 180 6 punts in spg game, 40.7 avg. David Schexnayder (6-3 215) 6 punts, 40.7 avg in spring game. Drew Edmiston (PS#76) avg 38.8 in HS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Michael Desormeaux 6-2 195 PS#98
QB	Luke Sniewski 6-6 215 PS#249JC
DL	Joe Bradley 6-4 265 PS#279JC
TE	Tommy Briggs 6-5 258 PS#373JC
TE	Xavier Campbell 6-4 255 PS#375JC
OL	Ryan Gilles 6-3 280 PS#381JC
DL	Curtis Isaac 6-2 280 PS#384JC
RB	Marcus McCall 5-10 235 PS#388JC
WR	Kevin Robbins 6-3 190 PS#281
LB	Brenton Burkhalter 6-0 230 PS#285
OL	Bobby Fails 6-4 275 PS#487
OL	Justin Ernest 6-4 280 PS#465JC
PK	Drew Edmiston 6-5 195 PS#76
WR	Ray Givens 6-3 188 PS#373
WR	Frank Johnson 6-0 200 PS#380
LB	Jonathon Vance 6-3 210 PS#402

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7-17	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
10-12-1	Vs The Spread	4-3-1	Home Underdog
5-9-1	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
5-6	Vs Conference	6-6	Away Underdog
	5-6-1 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

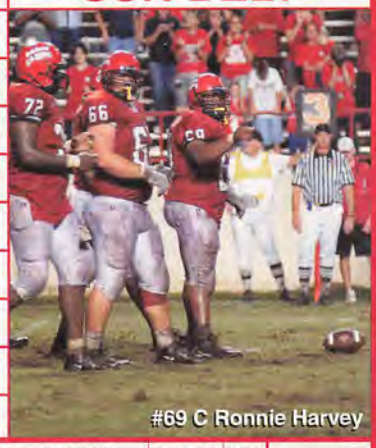
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,19,3)
Lost: 24 (7,15,2)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,955

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								ULL is 1-5 SU, but 4-0 ATS in season openers.
Sep. 4	Northwestern St	G						IAA Northwestern St Demons were 6-6 overall & 1-4 in the Southland Conf LY. Cajuns have dropped the last 2 vs the Demons, 24-22 in '98 & 23-21 in '00 both at home.
Sep. 11	at Louisiana Tech	G						ULL is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS the last 5 in this series. Cajuns are 3-10 ATS in the 1st of a 2+ game road trip.
Sep. 18	at Kansas St	A						ULL is 0-7 SU, but 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings with the Big 12. Louisiana-Lft is 2-17 SU & 8-11 ATS on artificial turf since 1996.
Sep. 25	Middle Tenn	G						LY's 57-51 4OT win by ULL was the longest game in SBC history. Could apply: Cajuns are 9-5-1 ATS as single digit home dogs.
Oct. 2	at Florida Int'l	A						FIU Panthers were 2-10 LY (4th toughest schedule in IAA) will join SBC next yr. Teams combined for 222 yds in penalties in LY's LA-Lft 43-10 win.
Oct. 9	at New Mexico St	G						Cajuns are 2-2 SU, but 4-0 ATS in this series. ULL is 0-7 SU but 4-3 ATS the 2nd of 2+ road games.
Oct. 16	at Idaho	A						UL Lafayette is 3-0 SU & ATS in this short series. In game 3 of 3 straight road games, ULL games average 77 ppg.
Oct. 23	Arkansas St	G						The dog is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series. The Cajuns are 2-5 SU & 4-2 ATS before a bye.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	N Texas	G						ULL is 0-2 SU & ATS vs NT at home getting shutout 13-0 & 27-0. Since 1999, ULL is 0-4 SU & ATS off a bye, outscored 151-17 (2 of those gms to NT).
Nov. 13	Troy St	G						Last meeting was 1994, Troy winning 39-20 in Lafayette. Louisiana-Lft leads this series 6-1 SU.
Nov. 20	at UL Monroe	G						The visitor is 6-4 SU & 7-1 ATS (2 non-lined) in this series. The Ragin Cajuns are 3-11 SU & 4-9 ATS in road finales since 1990.
Nov. 27								


#69 C Ronnie Harvey

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-9	1-10	3-8	3-9	4-8	16-63
ATS	1-9	5-4	6-4	5-3	2-8	5-7	5-5-1	29-40-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-5
Home Dog	0-5	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	9-11-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog	1-4	4-3	3-3	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	19-23
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-6
Dog	1-9	5-4	5-3	5-2	2-7	5-5	5-4-1	28-34-1
Grass	1-6	4-3	4-3	3-3	1-6	5-6	3-3-1	21-30-1
Artificial	0-3	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-2	8-10
vs Conf	1-3	3-2	2-1	2-1	2-4	2-4	3-2	15-17
vs Non-Conf	0-6	2-2	4-3	3-2	0-4	3-3	2-3-1	14-23-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-1	4-7
Off SU Loss	1-8	4-3	4-4	5-3	2-5	3-5	2-4-1	21-32-1

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chester Johnson	108	445	24	421	5	3.9
Travis Smothers	75	291	22	269	0	3.6
Jerry Babb	68	317	85	232	5	3.4
Dwight Lindon	68	236	8	228	3	3.4
Josh Harrison	44	170	2	168	3	3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jerry Babb	259	146	56.4	1502	6	8
Eric Rekieta	165	99	60.0	1090	7	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Fred Stamps	62	973	15.7	7	64
Bill Sampy	39	486	12.5	3	43
Eric Bartel	24	251	10.5	0	48
Kemmie Lewis	27	234	8.7	1	42
Chester Johnson	20	117	5.8	0	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Grant Autrey	77	3018	39.2	14	33.5	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sean Comiskey	28-29	6-6	3-3	3-4	0-2	12-15	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Prater	68	0	2	2	1
CC Brown	67	1	7	4	2
Ross Brupbacher	61	3	6	2	0
Patrick Lamy	49	0	2	3	0
GW Rudick	40	0	1	0	0
Antonio Floyd	34	4	6	1	0
Terryl Fenton	32	0	1	5	1
Jerell Carter	31	0	0	2	0
Wendall Williams	30	0	0	4	3
Antwain Spann	30	0	1	6	2
Daniel Taylor	28	3	2	0	0
James Roberts	27	0	0	1	0
Derace James	27	2	1	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerell Carter	20	145	7.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bill Sampy	25	467	18.7	0
Jerell Carter	8	160	20.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
44	Oil	NL	Arkansas A&M	24-7	–
70	Rice	NL	Tennessee St	25-26	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	22.2	18	117	3.3	219	57.2	15.1	+5	2003	4	34.6	22	216	5.1	223	55.3	12.7
10*	16.9	16	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	-8	2002	6	29.3	18	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0
5*	21.3	18	93	3.0	244	54.6	15.9	0	2001	10	33.2	20	183	4.3	191	50.6	11.3
10*	15.5	16	124	3.2	162	47.8	18.4	+2	2000	7	32.3	20	151	4.2	236	59.9	12.0
8*	18.5	16	114	2.7	141	47.7	13.8	+4	1999	8	37.7	23	219	5.1	220	55.2	11.6
7*	18.1	16	118	3.0	182	45.7	16.6	-9	1998	6	41.2	23	221	5.2	289	55.1	12.4

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at S Carolina	11	35-134	3.8	12-27	134	1	19	36-141	3.9	16-34	185	2	-2
Louisiana Tech	14	23-95	4.1	24-39	197	2	26	39-183	4.7	21-35	266	1	-1
Houston	15	40-139	3.5	5-22	57	2	18	51-256	5.0	8-18	157	2	+4
at Minnesota	13	29-50	1.7	16-32	154	2	26	61-356	5.8	12-22	174	0	0
at N Texas	11	31-27	0.9	22-38	200	1	20	47-229	4.9	9-16	222	1	-1
at Oklahoma St	20	33-72	2.2	27-41	275	3	23	34-303	8.9	13-23	169	1	+1
UL Monroe	23	23-50	2.2	33-54	474	1	24	47-238	5.1	21-30	299	2	0
New Mexico St	21	28-135	4.8	25-47	245	2	22	47-226	4.8	13-26	212	2	0
Idaho	21	54-227	4.2	14-21	144	1	19	30-179	6.0	19-33	213	1	+2
at S Mississippi	8	33-94	2.8	14-23	106	3	26	46-264	5.7	18-29	286	0	+1
Fla International	24	50-236	4.7	21-37	207	0	23	26-94	3.6	19-41	211	4	+1
at Middle Tenn	33	43-139	3.2	37-56	435	1	22	41-121	3.0	23-40	284	4	0
TOTALS	214	422-1398	3.3	250-437	2628	19	268	505-2590	5.1	192-347	2678	20	+5
AVERAGES	17.8	35-117	3.3	21-36	219	1.6	22.3	42-216	5.1	16-29	223	1.7	0.4

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma St	+34	7-24	W
Texas Tech	+22	17-38	W
at Houston	+21	0-45	L
Middle Tenn	-2	45-31	W
Louisiana Tech	+15	31-41	W
at Wash St	+21	0-44	L
at Tulane	+27'	32-48	W
NE Louisiana	-3	7-31	L
at Arkansas St	+10'	27-31	W
at S Mississippi	+37	0-48	L
Wofford	NL	37-34	–

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	14-21	–
at Texas	+46'	10-52	W
at Texas Tech	+32	0-26	W
Northwestern St	NL	21-23	–
at UAB	+19	2-47	L
Tulane	+20'	37-38	W
at Louisiana Tech	+6	14-48	L
N Texas	-4'	0-13	L
at UL Monroe	+2	21-18	W
Jacksonville St	NL	14-28	–
at Middle Tenn	+26'	38-41 OT	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
at Minnesota	+24'	14-44	L
S Mississippi	+24'	10-35	L
Middle Tenn	+16	9-26	L
at Arizona St	+33	27-63	L
at Arkansas St	+3'	20-26	L
at Idaho	+11	54-37	W
UL Monroe	-8	17-12	L
at N Texas	+10	17-42	L
N Mexico St	+7'	46-49	W
at UCF	+28'	0-31	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas A&M	+28'	7-31	W
Minnesota	+13	11-35	L
at Houston	+9	17-36	L
UAB	+7'	34-0	W
at LSU	+27'	0-48	L
at N Mexico St	+12'	28-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+9'	35-48	L
N Texas	+4	0-27	L
Idaho	+1'	31-28	W
Arkansas St	-3'	13-10	L
at Arkansas	+34	17-24	W
at UL Monroe	-4	10-34	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Carolina	+24	7-14	W
Louisiana Tech	+4'	3-34	L
Houston	+7	14-21	T
at Minnesota	+35	14-48	W
at N Texas	+18'	23-44	L
at Oklahoma St	+35	3-56	L
UL Monroe	-4	42-45	L
New Mexico St	+7'	26-24	W
Idaho	+3	31-20	W
at S Mississippi	+23'	3-48	L
Fla International	NL	43-10	–
at Middle Tenn	+14'	57-51 4OT	W

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2004

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Ark St had to replace their all-time career passing leader in Cleo Lemon and his backup quit prior to the year. Four QB's split the duties including Elliott Jacobs (PS#87), who threw for 586 yards (42%) with a 5-7 ratio while rushing for 205. Jacobs was originally recruited as an option QB but the team switched to the one back passing offense. He still took almost all of the snaps in 2002 throwing for 1,751 yards (52.7%) with a 7-7 ratio. His backup last year looked to be Reid McKinney (6-3 230 So) who was PS#136 and tied a national HS record with 8 TD's in one half. He threw for 4,685 yards and 62 TD's as a senior despite playing in just 5 full games sitting out the 2H of blowouts. McKinney suffered a neck injury during the spring last year and sat out last season but could return for 2004. Jacobs did not have a great season and at the end of the year when ASU finished #92 in the NCAA in pass efficiency and last in the SBC, coach Roberts named three reasons why and one of them was "limitations at QB". Jacobs threw for 1,537 yards (53.1%) with a 10-13 ratio while rushing for 299 gross yards. His backup early in the season was JC Michael Clark who hit 8 of 20 for 104 yards. A frustrated Roberts, in the midst of his 2nd consecutive shutout loss, pulled the redshirt off of JUCO Nick Noce (PS#355JC) against Utah St with 8:31 left in the 2Q. Noce tossed 4 int and hit just 7 of 23 for 121 yards and basically had a season wasted as he would attempt just 8 more passes. Brian Hicks (6-2 229 Jr) originally signed at ULM in 2000 but spent the next 3 years in the Brewers organization after being a 6th round DC in MLB. Jacobs, Noce and Hicks all return but I expect Devin Hollins to win the starting job. Hollins (PS#59JC) originally signed at Wisconsin and was their Offensive Scout Tm POY in 2002. Last year at JC he threw for 3,309 yards (57%) with a super 34-7 ratio. With or without Hollins winning the starting job, this unit should show significant improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - The biggest signee in ASU history was Jonathan Adams (PS#6). In his junior and senior seasons he became just the 2nd ASU RB to top 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons and left as ASU's #2 all-time leading rusher. 2002's group of RB's were lightly tested. Antonio Warren (PS#113) who was academically ineligible in 2001 took over vs Tulsa and rushed for 193 yards but cracked a rib which would limit him the rest of the year. Danny Smith emerged and ended up setting a school record with 1,390 yards rushing (old record was held by Richie Woit with 1,250 in 1952) and averaged a solid 5.5 ypc. Last year, prior to the first game, Roberts had 5 TB's listed as co-starters including Shermar Bracey (PS#154JC) who has 4.38 speed and originally signed with Arkansas. Bracey led the team with 530 yards (4.7) but it was Chris Easley (PS#271) who emerged down the stretch with 114 yards vs N Mex St and 168 vs Idaho. He had 389 of his 475 yards (4.0) in the final 4 games. Warren, a power back with sub-4.5 speed, had just 384 yards (3.8) and Clinton Roy, who tore his ACL vs SEM, rushed for 107 (5.6). The fifth co-starter, Terrence Dunbar had 96 yards (7.4) but missed time with an ankle injury and suspension and is no longer on the team. Roy did not play in the spring but should return in August and Easley tore his ACL and MCL in the spring and is questionable for the fall. I list the 3 deep below. Also in the mix are Andre Rose (5-11 200 Jr), Anquion Williams (5-10 196 So) and this year's true frosh. If Easley and Roy are able to return healthy this unit should be more productive than last year's group which had a 4.2 ypc average.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 the team had to replace their leading receiver but Mike Cox (PS#147JC), who has 4.4 speed and broke some of Jason Sehorn's JUCO records, had 100 yard efforts in each of his first two games. Unfortunately, he suffered a fractured foot and missed most of the year. Their leading returning receiver, Jamie Hickenbotham, was the fastest player on the team (4.24) and led with 27 rec (17.3). Last year he was the only loss. Cox got in 7 starts and led the team with 35 rec (13.6) and added 372 yards in returns. Jason Wood was #4 in 2002 (22, 8.4) but suffered a broken hand and started just 3 games with 10 rec last year. Jerome Stegall, who experimented at RB in 2002, was 2nd on the team with 27 rec (13.5) in 2003. The only losses this year are Cox, Jason Boyd (3 sts, 8 rec) and Jerry Mack (1 rec). I list the 2 deep below and 6 players have starting experience. Not listed are WR's Ed Hampton (5-11 175 Jr), Brandon Jones (5-6 168 So), Kenny Miller (6-2 173 So, PS#263RB) and Levi Dejohnette (6-0 168 rFr, PS#306). Even with the loss of their top guy, this unit could show improvement.

LG Steven Gibbs

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Indian's O-line paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing in 2002 while allowing a minuscule 7 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including two all-SBC players and two backups. Roberts brought in a lot of JUCO's for competition. As expected the numbers dropped, but not much as the O-line paved the way for 4.2 ypc while allowing just 13 sacks. This year they lose RT Kimani Jones (1st Tm SBC, 12 sts, 2 yr st'r), RG Frank Arritt (12 sts), RT Anthony Mitchell (2 gms), LT Darrian Billups (1 gm) and RT Kurt Walton (3 gms). Five players return with starting experience and I list the 2 deep below. This unit has more experience than the 2003 version and will once again be one of the top O-lines in the SBC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This position will go through a drastic change in 2004. Last year's D-line had NFL scouts looking at their beefy DT's, Jonathan Bradley (300 lbs) and Corey Williams (295 lbs), who earned 1st & 2nd Tm SBC honors with Bradley earning All-Conf honors for 3 straight years. Surprisingly with all 4 starters returning from a D-line that in 2002 helped ASU record 33 sacks, the Indians had just 17 sacks last year. This year's line will be less experienced and smaller but should be quicker and put more pressure on the QB. Utah St's coach last year said that ASU's D-line was not as fast as N Texas but was bigger and stronger. This year they must replace Bradley (12 sts, 49 tkls, 4 sks, 7 tfl), Williams (8 sts, 21 tkls, 5 tfl, #6DC of GB), DE Zach Grigsby (12 sts, 36 tkls, 4 sks), NT Bryant Berry (4 sts, 15 tkls, 1 sk), DE David Vargas (2 sts, 11 tkls, 2 tfl) and DE Anthony Camp (5 tkls, 3 tfl). I do think the front wall has some potential. Quinton Thomas originally signed with Ohio St. Myron Anderson who has 4.8 speed with a 276 lb frame probably would have played a lot more had he not been playing behind Bradley and Williams. Look for a little more pressure but the D will be more yielding vs the run and overall looks weaker in 2004.

LINEBACKERS - The Les Echols era is over. He led the team in tackles for 3 consecutive seasons and last year earned 1st Tm SBC honors with 123 tackles and 18 tfl. ASU uses a 4-2-5 alignment and I list the WS in the LB position. Last year they had two starters returning to this group including Echols. This season they must replace Echols, WLB Curtis Barfield (2 tkls, 9 gms), MLB Reggie Everett (5 sts, 27 tkls, 2 tfl) and WS LaKeith Grace (5 sts, 42 tkls, 3 tfl). They moved last year's starting SS Chris Littleton to WS so this unit basically has two starters returning. The new WLB, Eddie Walker, has seen plenty of action recording 104 tackles in 3 years. I also look for a bigger impact out of LeUndo Adams (PS#27JC) who had just 2 starts last year and Steven Tookes started the last 7 at MLB. Despite the loss of their top guy, this group could be one of the better LB units in the SBC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU was #88 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and opted to go to less man-to-man coverage last year and more zone. The unit was extremely banged up during the season with almost every player having an injury that kept him out of games. It appeared that the unit would have 3 starters returning last year but Chris Jones, who started 7 games in 2002, missed the year with a knee injury so only two starters were back. ASU dropped to #100 in my pass D rankings allowing 59.9% with a 25-13 ratio. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are CB Jonathan Burke (12 sts, 9 int, 87 tkls, 9 pbu, 1st Tm SBC), Lamar Lee (12 sts, 52 tkls, 7 pbu), SS Casey Venters (12 sts, 64 tkls) and FS Josh Ward (4 tkls). FS Alex Peoples was called the best tackler in the secondary and moves to SS and I list the rest of the 2 deep below. This is a unit where some true frosh could have an immediate impact but with the return of Jones basically two starters are back.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ASU had some solid finishes in my special teams rankings under Hollis including #31 in '99 and #21 in 2000. The unit was just #85 in Steve Roberts 1st year and last season they had to replace their top PR, KR and P. Not unexpectedly the unit struggled again (#105), despite the fact that Mike Cox avg'd a solid 11.1 on PR's. They had some frosh walk-on's battle for the P's job in the fall and Jared Little won it and was also SBC special teams POW twice. He avg'd 39.6 with a 34.3 net. K Eric Neihouse only attempted 7 FG's and hit just 3 with a long of 26 but was PS#34K and has a strong leg. He had a 62 yd FG in spring practice and was 10 of 22 with a long of 39 in 2002 although 0 for 6 from 40+. The top 2 KR's are back but the team only averaged 17.4 last year. Last year the team surprisingly allowed 25.2 in KR's (17.3 in '02) and I expect this year's numbers to more resemble the 2002 version.

COACHES - Steve Roberts enters his 3rd year here after being the head man at Northwestern St (LA) in 2000-'01 and compiled a 14-9 record. He was head coach at S Arkansas from '94-'99 going 26-5 over his final 3 years. He brought in his staff from N'western St with OC Doug Ruse and co-DC's Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis. In their 1st year they switched the team from a 3-4 to a 4-2-5 D and posted the 9th best defense improvement in the NCAA in '02 as the D went from allowing 402.6 ypg to 341.7 ypg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 ASU came within 11 points of an SBC Title, finishing in 3rd place. They were just 3 plays from a 9-4 season but also just 2 plays from a 4-9 year. They brought in 11 JUCO's (7 from California) and started slow. They were one game shy of a 2nd place SBC finish and having their first undefeated season at home since 1986, letting a 14-3 lead slip away in the finale vs Mid Tenn St. They had four losses by 44 or more points. In league play, they were 3-3 but were outscored by an average of 15.8 ppg and outgained by a league worst 123 ypg. They trailed Idaho, ULM and N Mex St by double digits but prevailed in all three, and those 3 were their only SBC wins. This team was 3-19 the two seasons prior to Roberts arrival and has been 11-14 since. Since 1992 ASU only has had three seasons of 5 or more wins and Roberts has two of those. ASU has the most lettermen lost in the conference (26). Offensively they are in good shape with Elliott Jacobs back at QB and he may lose his job to JUCO transfer Devin Hollins and they have solid returning veterans everywhere else. Defense is a major question mark. Last year they allowed 33.4 ppg and only have 4 starters back on that side of the ball. The schedule is not easy either as ASU could be a dog through their first 9 games. I think Roberts is doing a great job here, and it would not surprise me to see him out perform my expectations but I cannot see them matching 2003's five win total.

OFFENSE 2004 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUPS DEFENSE

QB DEVIN HOLLINS JR. 6-1 205 **PS#59JC**. 3309 yds, 34-7 ratio at JC LY. Orig at **Wisc. Elliott Jacobs** (6-2 224 Sr) PS#87. 27 sts, 3874 yds (51%) 22-27 ratio, 847 rush 3Y.

RB SHERMAR BRACEY JR. 6-2 228 4.38 spd. 1 st, 530 yds (4.7) LY. **Antonio Warren** (5-10 194 Sr) PS#113. 10 sts, 938 yds (4.0) 2Y. **Chris Easley** (6-0 199 So) 1044 ttl yds, 4 sts LY. ACL.

FB OREN O'NEAL JR. 6-0 238 10 sts in '03, 42 yds rush, 4 rec (9.8). Ramon Williams (5-11 232 Jr) PS#306JC. RS LY. Clinton Roy (6-1 222 Jr) 107 yds, 4 games til ACL LY.

WR Jerome Stegall Sr. 6-0 196 6 sts in '01, 17 rec (11.4). 1 st in '02, 12 rec (10.7). 1 st LY, 27 rec (13.5). Jason Wood (5-11 175 Sr) 7 sts, 22 rec (8.4) in '02. 3 sts LY (inj) 10 rec.

WR CHUCK WALKER SR. 6-0 188 13 sts, 19 rec (12.5) in '02. 11 sts LY, 26 rec (10.3). Gary Vincent (5-9 165 So) 2 sts, 14 rec (9.6). Patrick Higgins (6-1 184 rFr) PS#355.

TE MIKE BROOKS SR. 6-1 232 3 sts, 2 rec in '02. 9 sts LY, 8 rec (11.5). Manuel Burton (6-4 228 Jr) 3 sts, 7 rec 2Y. Greg Reece (6-6 240 rFr). Josh Green (6-2 231 So).

C TAB SLAUGHTER SR. 6-2 276 12 sts at C in '02. 6 sts in '03 until injury. Missed spring this year. **Tanner Jenkins** (6-1 294 So) PS#279. 6 sts at C as rFr. 390 bench.

RG Sam Vegas Sr. 6-4 312 PS#145JUCO. In fall last year & 5 games. Lance Martin (6-3 286 Jr) PS#370JUCO. In for spring. Heath Lockley (5-11 283 rFr) PS#322.

LG STEVEN GIBBS SR. 6-3 346 PS#204. 6 sts at RT as true. 5 sts at RG in '02. 12 sts at LG in '03. Nick Steffens (6-3 284 Jr) PS#572 in '02. JUCO. In for spring.

RT Nyeem Wesley Sr. 6-1 269 PS#254JC. 7 games as here in '03, 2 sts at LT. Kyle Koets (6-4 288 rFr) PS#577. Matt Reibe (6-4 295 rFr) PS#115WR. Moved from TE.

LT MATT ROTH SR. 6-5 319 PS#251JUCO. In for spring in '03, 10 sts at LT. Cody Brown (6-5 301 Jr) PS#374JC. In for spring. Nat Duvall (6-5 280 Fr). PS#322OL.

K ERIC NEIHOUSE JR. 5-9 200 PS#34K. 52 yd FG in HS. 10 of 22 here as rFr, long of 39. 3 of 7 FG's last year, long of 26. 31 of 32 xp's. 60 yd FG in practice last year.

DE John Najm Jr. 6-1 248 PS#216JC, in for spring. 75 tkls, 10 sks at JC LY. Terrance Chavis (6-1 252 Jr) PS#298. 1 tkl. 4.5 spd. Curtis Bonds (6-3 249 rFr) PS#452.

DT Myron Anderson Jr. 6-4 276 4.8 spd. 19 tkls, 5 tfl as true. 22 tkls, 4 tfl in '03. Jamarrow James (6-1 262 So) 1 tkl in '03, moved from RB. Jason Hamilton (5-11 264 Jr).

DT Quinton Thomas So. 6-4 258 PS#166. Orig signed at **Ohio St** in '01. 1 tkl as "true" LY. Zelas Abby (6-0 287 So) 1 game as rFr. Reggie Green (6-5 246 So) 2 games.

DE COURTNEY TODD SR. 6-2 233 15 tkls as true. 13 sts in '02, 59 tkls, 6 sks, 4 tfl. 10 sts LY, 28 tkls, 2 sks. Brandon Rollins (6-4 253 So) PS#227DL. Tyler McNeely is PS#94TE.

WLB Eddie Walker Sr. 6-2 223 PS#166. 18 tkls as true. 49 tkls in '02. 37 tkls in '03. Elias Ellis (5-10 212 Jr) PS#380JC. In for spring. Doug Carter (5-11 195 rFr) PS#250.

MLB STEVEN TOOKES SR. 5-10 229 21 tkls as true. 11 sts, 93 tkls, 4 tfl in '02. Last 7 sts LY, 90 tkls, 7 tfl. Josh Williams (6-1 218 rFr) PS#283RB. Isaiah Rucker is PS#238DL.

WS LeUNDO ADAMS SR. 6-1 201 **PS#27JC**. 2 sts in '03, 35 tkls, 2 sks. **Chris Littleton** (5-11 210 Jr) 25 tkls in' 02. **10 sts** at SS in '03, 33 tkls, 6 tfl, 1 int. Bret Miles is PS#240.

CB Kelvin Cox So. 6-0 190 Orig signed w/SMU. 13 tkls, 8 games in '03. Joshua Powell (5-10 185 Jr) PS#455JC. 6 int LY at JUCO. Montis Harrison (5-10 172 rFr).

CB Chris Jones Sr. 5-9 171 PS#290WR. 2 sts, 16 tkls true. 8 sts, 43 tkls, 5 pbu in '01. 7 sts, 38 tkls, 6 pbu in '02. Med RS LY. Charles Johnson (5-10 173 So) PS#354WR. 9 tkls true.

SS ALEX PEOPLES SR. 6-1 198 3 sts as true, 36 tkls. 13 sts in '02, 103 tkls, 7 pbu. 7 sts at FS LY, 71 tkls, 1 int, 3 pbu. **Edgar Givens** is PS#86. Farron Fowler (5-8 184 So).

FS Khayyam Burns rFr. 6-0 180 PS#145DB. RS last year after 3 games. Tyrell Johnson (6-0 192 rFr) Speedy. Koby McKinnon is PS#387. Keon Morning (6-1 175 rFr).

P JARED LITTLE SO. 6-1 211 PS#36. Broke all ASU frosh punting records LY, 78 punts, 39.6 avg & net of 34.3. 15 inside the 20 as true. Also #2 PK for 2004.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2004

QB	Devin Hollins 6-1 205 PS#59JC
DB	Edgar Givens 6-4 190 PS#86
DL	Jonathan Najm 6-3 252 PS#216JC
QB	Travis Hewitt 6-2 190 PS#148
DB	Bret Miles 6-1 205 PS#240
DL	Isaiah Rucker 6-2 240 PS#238
DL	Antwoine Thomas 6-3 264 PS#244
OL	Nat Duvall 6-5 280 PS#322
OL	Lance Martin 6-4 290 PS#352
OL	Cody Brown 6-4 315 PS#374JC
LB	Elias Ellis 5-11 215 PS#380JC
TE	Tyler McNeely 6-4 231 PS#94
WR	Kevin Jones 5-11 190 PS#276
OL	Matt Mandich 6-2 275 PS#453
DL	Tim Burleson 6-2 315 PS#373
DB	Koby McKinnon 6-3 202 PS#387
WR	Joe Smith 6-4 190 PS#314
LB	Brian Flagg 6-3 236 PS#328
TE	Manuel Burton 6-4 238 PS#123
LB	Page Gill 6-4 275 PS#380

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STEVE ROBERTS Career 11-14 (Div IAA 49-33-1)
3rd Year at Arkansas St
Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

11-14	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
10-11	Vs The Spread	5-1	Home Underdog
6-5	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
8-4	Vs Conference	5-7	Away Underdog
	2-7 Vs Non-Conference		

2003 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

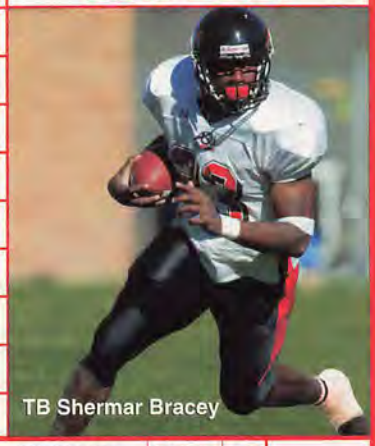
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (22,17,3)
Lost: 26 (11,15,0)

2003 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,488

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2004 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2004 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Since 1990 ASU is 3-8 ATS as a favorite. ASU is 11-3 as a home dog the last 14. The Indians are 1-4 ATS as a dog of 25+ pts under Roberts.
Sep. 4	at Missouri	A						ASU is 10-4 ATS in the last 14 season openers. Ark St is 0-9 SU & 2-7 ATS the last 9 non-conference road games.
Sep. 11	at LSU	G						ASU has been outscored by a combined 112-20 in the only 2 prior meetings. However, ASU did cover the last meeting in '98 as a 43 pt AD losing 42-6.
Sep. 18	Memphis	G						Arkansas St is 0-9-1 SU & 6-4 ATS the last 10 in this series. ASU is 4-1 ATS when hosting a non-conference opponent since 1999.
Sep. 25	at UL Monroe	G						The visitor has covered 3 straight games in this series. The dog is 3-1 SU & 4-0 ATS in this series since 1998.
Oct. 2	at Mississippi	A						Arkansas St trails series 1-19-2 SU with lone win in 1915. The Indians are 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs Ole Miss but have lost the last 2.
Oct. 9	at Middle Tenn	A						ASU is 1-4 SU & 1-2 ATS in this series. ASU was hammered 54-6 (+22) their last trip to Murfreesboro.
Oct. 16	Troy St (HC)	G						ASU is 3-1 SU all-time vs Troy St, last meeting in 1992. ASU is 7-3 ATS their last 10 conference home games.
Oct. 23	at Louisiana-Lft	G						The dog is 5-1 ATS the last 6 in this series. The last 5 meetings have been decided by 6 or less pts.
Oct. 30								
Nov. 6	at Idaho	A						The Indians are 4-1 ATS vs Idaho since 1999. Arkansas St is 7-3 ATS in November road games since 1995.
Nov. 11	Utah St (Thur)	G						The home team is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in this series. Last year's 49 pt defeat was ASU's worst Sun Belt Conference loss ever.
Nov. 18	N Texas (Thur)	G						The Indians are 6-3 ATS the last 9 lined home finales. Arkansas St is 5-2 ATS as a double digit home dog since 1996.
Nov. 27								


TB Shermar Bracey

STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (30,694)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-8	4-7	1-10	2-9	6-7	5-7	24-57
ATS	3-5	5-6	7-3	4-6	5-4	7-4	3-7	34-35
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-6
Home Dog	1-0	1-3	3-0	1-2	2-0	4-0	1-1	13-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
Away Dog	2-4	4-1	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-3	2-4	18-21
Favorite	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	3-8
Dog	3-4	5-4	6-2	3-6	4-3	7-3	3-5	31-27
Grass	3-5	3-6	6-1	4-5	5-2	6-2	3-3	30-24
Artificial	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-4	4-11
vs Conf	1-2	1-2	4-2	1-4	3-3	6-0	2-4	18-16
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-4	3-1	3-2	2-1	1-4	1-3	16-19
Off SU Win	1-0	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-3	6-12
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-3	6-0	3-6	4-2	5-1	1-4	23-21

2003 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shermar Bracey	112	558	28	530	8	4.7
Chris Easley	118	508	33	475	2	4.0
Antonio Warren	101	418	34	384	1	3.8
Elliott Jacobs	52	299	82	217	3	4.2
Clinton Roy	19	107	0	107	2	5.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Elliott Jacobs	273	145	53.1	1537	10	13
Nick Noce	31	8	25.8	176	0	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Cox	35	477	13.6	1	55
Jerome Stegall	27	364	13.5	3	40
Chuck Walker	26	267	10.3	1	29
Jason Wood	10	174	17.4	2	30
Gary Vincent	14	135	9.6	0	42

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jarod Little	78	3085	39.6	4	34.3	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Neihouse	31-32	3-5	0-0	0-2	0-0	3-7	26

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Les Echols	123	3	15	6	1
Steven Tookes	90	1	6	2	0
Jonathan Burke	87	0	2	9	9
Alex Peoples	71	0	2	3	1
Casey Venters	64	1	1	1	0
Lamar Lee	52	0	0	7	1
Jon Bradley	49	4	7	3	0
LaKeith Grace	42	0	3	2	0
Eddie Walker	37	0	0	2	0
Zach Grigsby	36	4	3	0	0
LeUndo Adams	35	2	0	1	0
Chris Littleton	33	2	4	2	1
Courtney Todd	28	2	1	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Cox	20	223	11.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Easley	28	511	18.2	0
Terrence Dunbar	11	196	17.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ARKANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	20.2	16	159	4.2	151	49.1	15.4	-3	2003	9	33.4	21	149	3.9	250	59.9	12.0
8*	19.9	16	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	+7	2002	6	27.8	19	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3
5	16.1	15	146	3.8	137	45.5	17.6	-5	2001	4	32.5	21	182	4.1	220	61.7	12.4
7*	22.5	14	128	4.2	184	55.8	13.9	-3	2000	6	37.3	24	207	4.6	246	62.0	12.2
9*	22.4	18	147	3.9	182	47.4	14.7	-1	1999	7	30.2	21	202	4.8	214	56.9	13.8
9*	18.0	15	85	2.6	240	47.3	18.0	0	1998	9	32.1	22	230	5.1	216	57.3	13.9

2003 STATS BY GAME

	OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
at Texas A&M	12	38-114	3.0	11-20	94	2	14	34-131	3.9	12-20	126	1	+1
Tenn-Martin	21	44-437	9.9	8-19	90	0	15	32-73	2.3	20-34	180	2	0
SE Missouri St	15	40-101	2.5	13-22	211	0	15	23-59	2.6	24-40	200	2	+1
at Tulsa	15	42-207	4.9	6-26	64	0	17	41-217	5.3	13-25	187	0	-3
at Memphis	14	34-105	3.1	16-29	171	1	19	39-163	4.2	20-36	238	0	-1
UL Monroe	16	37-227	6.1	12-22	138	0	28	42-208	5.0	24-41	330	1	+4
at Mississippi	15	28-54	1.9	18-40	181	1	33	43-192	4.5	27-40	390	0	+1
at Utah St	15	39-114	2.9	11-32	158	5	18	41-91	2.2	15-25	275	3	-5
at New Mexico St	21	42-196	4.7	17-29	206	0	24	41-178	4.3	21-33	314	2	0
Idaho	16	50-190	3.8	15-24	137	1	22	35-66	1.9	23-39	270	2	+2
at N Texas	13	35-41	1.2	13-24	149	3	23	49-337	6.9	10-17	185	1	-1
Middle Tenn	22	31-124	4.0	21-41	218	0	20	37-76	2.1	23-37	306	3	-2
TOTALS	195	460-1910	4.2	161-328	1817	13	248	457-1791	3.9	232-387	3001	17	-3
AVERAGES	16.3	38-159	4.2	13-27	151	1.1	20.7	38-149	3.9	19-32	250	1.4	-0.3

1999 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	+14'	3-41	L
at Mississippi	+32	14-38	W
at Memphis	+18	26-31	W
TCU	+16	21-24	W
Sam Houston St	NL	45-20	–
at Utah St	+12	14-20	W
Idaho	+7'	24-30 OT	W
at N Texas	-1/2/E	14-10	W
SW Louisiana	-10'	31-27	L
at Boise St	+9'	10-63	L
Nevada	+3'	44-28	W

2000 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+15'	31-38 2OT	W
at Oklahoma	+32	7-45	L
Memphis	+7	17-19	W
at TCU	+26'	3-52	L
Richmond	NL	27-30	–
at Mississippi	+26	10-35	W
at Idaho	+12	25-42	L
N Mexico St	+3'	29-35 OT	L
at Utah St	+5	31-44	L
Boise St	+14	14-42	L
N Texas	-7'	53-28	W

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	17-45	W
at Baylor	+7'	3-24	L
Jacksonville St	NL	28-31	–
Mississippi	+22	17-35	W
Louisiana-Lft	-3'	26-20	W
at N Texas	+6'	0-45	L
Idaho	+5'	34-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+22	6-54	L
at New Mexico St	+20	17-28	W
UL Monroe	-5'	7-16	L
Nicholls St	NL	22-28	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech	+37	7-63	L
San Jose St	-1	14-33	L
Tulsa	+4'	21-19	W
at Illinois	+31'	7-59	L
at UL Monroe	+3	33-21	W
Tenn-Martin	NL	30-10	–
Middle Tenn	+16	13-7	W
at Mississippi	+29	17-52	L
N Texas	+8'	10-13	W
N Mexico St	+7	21-26	W
S Utah	NL	38-16	–
at Louisiana-Lft	+3'	10-13	W
at Idaho	+3'	38-29	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas A&M	+29	11-26	W
Tenn-Martin	NL	63-6	–
SE Missouri St	NL	21-3	–
at Tulsa	-3'	7-54	L
at Memphis	+16	16-38	L
UL Monroe	-7'	44-41	L
at Mississippi	+26	0-55	L
at Utah St	+8'	0-49	L
at New Mexico St	+15	28-24	W
Idaho	+1'	24-23	W
at N Texas	+20	14-58	L
Middle Tenn	+6	14-24	L

Super Six Angles Week by Week for 2004

September 4th

Ohio St is 11-0 SU & 9-2 ATS in their 1st HG of the season.
UL Monroe is 0-9 SU & 2-7 ATS vs the SEC S/'99.
Fresno St is 10-3 ATS vs Pac 10 foes.
The dog is 7-1 ATS L/8 & 11-3 ATS L/14 in the Colorado/CSU series.
Iowa is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs the MAC since 1998.
Including bowl gms, Maryland is 22-6 ATS as a fav under Friedgen.

September 11th

The dog is 7-1 ATS the L/8 & 14-3-1 S/'80 in the Mich/ND series.
Ole Miss is just 2-9 ATS in their L/11 SEC openers.
Arizona St is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS in road openers since 1998.
Oregon St is 2-11 ATS the L/13 in their 2nd of a 2+ gm road trip.
The dog is 14-1 ATS in the Clemson/Georgia Tech series.
Illinois is 2-8 SU & 1-9 ATS vs the Pac 10 at home since 1985.

September 18th

ND is 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS the last 8 vs Michigan St.
Houston is 5-14 ATS in home openers since 1983.
Connecticut is 13-5 ATS as an away dog.
Navy is 16-5 ATS on artificial turf since 1994.
Syracuse is 11-3 SU & 11-2 ATS at home vs non-conf teams S/'99.
Miami, Fl is 6-1 SU but 1-6 ATS after a bye the last 3 years.

September 25th

Northwestern is 18-3 ATS away on artificial turf (8-0 L4Y).
NC State is 9-0 ATS as an away dog under Amato.
LSU is 11-1 SU & ATS vs Miss St.
The HT is 11-2 ATS in the Cincy/E Carolina series since 1989.
UAB is 4-0 SU & ATS vs Memphis the last 4 years.
Louisville is 10-1 ATS vs ACC teams since 1988.

October 2nd

Iowa St is 1-8 ATS in their conference road opener since 1995.
Syracuse is 7-1 SU & ATS in BE home openers w/the avg score of 43-16.
Nebraska is 16-4 ATS vs Kansas S/'84 (including 8-1 ATS in Lincoln).
Arkansas is 2-10 ATS after Alabama since 1992.
Notre Dame is 11-0 SU & 8-3 ATS at home vs Purdue since '80.
Iowa is 3-7 SU & 8-2 ATS since 1977 at Michigan.

October 9th

The SU winner in the Northwestern /Indiana game is 20-0 ATS.
Bowling Green is 1-6 ATS vs C Michigan S/'93.
Rutgers is 9-1-1 ATS L/11 games on the road vs non-conf tms.
Wash St is 12-3 ATS in Pac 10 home openers since 1989.
Illinois is 2-8 SU & ATS the L/10 meetings vs Michigan St.
The dog is 12-2 ATS in the Clemson/Virginia series.

October 16th

N Carolina is 6-0 ATS the L/6 on artificial turf.
The Kentucky/S Carolina visitor is 10-2 ATS.
Washington St is 2-10 ATS vs Stanford.
Wyoming is 8-1 ATS vs BYU.
Minnesota is 1-10 ATS the game after Michigan.
Tulane is 1-11-2 ATS vs Memphis.

October 23rd

USC is 8-3 ATS vs Washington.
Arizona St is 7-2-1 ATS vs UCLA since 1991.
Mississippi St is 1-7 ATS after a bye week since 1999.
Navy is 5-1 ATS the L/6 vs Rice.
The dog is 5-1 ATS the L/6 in the Ark St/Louisiana-Lft series.
Illinois is 1-5 ATS in their L/6 trips to the Metrodome.

October 30th

Florida is 8-2 ATS vs Georgia.
The road team is 7-1 ATS L/8 in the Auburn/Mississippi series.
Stanford is 11-3-2 ATS vs UCLA S/'88 & are 9-0-2 ATS at S/'82.
The home team is 8-2 ATS in the Indiana/Minnesota series.
Ohio St is 5-0 SU & ATS when hosting Penn St.
The favorite is 7-1 ATS in the Arizona/Oregon St series.

November 6th

Kansas is 2-18 ATS as a November home dog.
Texas Tech is 11-2 ATS vs Baylor.
The HT is 9-1 ATS the L/10 in the Oklahoma/Tex A&M series.
Boston College HC O'Brien is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS vs Rutgers.
The visitor is 10-2 ATS the L/12 in the W Virginia/Temple series.
The favorite has covered 9 of the L/10 in Ark/S Carolina series.

November 13th

Memphis is 2-13 ATS vs S Mississippi.
Texas A&M is 3-10 ATS vs Texas Tech.
Al Groh is 8-1 ATS as a home dog with Virginia.
The LSU/Alabama home team is 3-15 ATS.
Michigan St is 12-0-1 ATS in home finales.
Memphis is 3-12 ATS in home finales.

November 20th

The Akron/Miami, Oh home team is 8-2-1 ATS.
Penn St is 11-2 ATS in home finales.
LSU is 4-10 ATS in home finales.
The home team is 6-0 ATS in the Purdue/Indiana rivalry.
Florida St is 7-0-1 SU & 7-1 ATS vs Florida at Tallahassee S/'88.
Georgia Tech is 2-7-1 ATS prior to meeting rival Georgia S/'94.

November 27th

Kentucky is 3-15 ATS in road finales.
Texas is 7-1-1 ATS vs arch rival Texas A&M.
Tennessee is 12-0 SU & 10-2 ATS vs Kentucky.
Arizona is 3-7 SU & 0-10 ATS in home finales since 1992.
Colorado is 7-1 ATS vs Nebraska since 1996.
TCU is 5-2 SU & 0-7 ATS vs Tulane since 1993.

ATTENTION!

There are 3 methods of handicapping: Fundamental, Situational & Technical. Of the 3, I rate Technical Handicapping (Angles) as the third most important in college football handicapping. I list all of these trends & angles in this book so you do not have to research them. Please do not get the impression that I am a Technical Handicapper. I use all 3, but **I am first & foremost a Fundamental Handicapper** who looks at the talent differences & matchups between the two teams. I believe Fundamental handicapping is most important, followed by Situational & lastly Technical. (See "Ten Keys to a Winning Season" on page 26).

NOTE: All records are against the Las Vegas spread (ATS).

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- Which AFC team is 18-4-1 ATS at home vs non-division teams?
- What coach who has won a Super Bowl is a poor 2-9 ATS as an away favorite with his current team?
- Which AFC North team is 11-3-1 ATS hosting a non-division team with a losing record?
- What team is 7-21 ATS as a division home favorite since 1993?
- Which team is a poor 6-22-1 ATS as a September home favorite?
- What team is just 2-11 ATS after playing in a Monday Night Game?
- Which NFC team is a super 11-3 ATS on the road after losing at home by 10 or more?
- What team seems to have problems restarting their offense after a bye week having 12 Unders and 3 Overs in the past 15 years (also 4-11 ATS)?
- What playoff team is a poor 10-28-1 ATS at home vs teams with a losing record?
- What team is a super 15-5-2 ATS at home after scoring 10 or less points their previous game?
- Which NFC team is 7-15-2 ATS vs the AFC since 1998?
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WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual players' "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on the many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best, and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When I receive a recruiting magazine, I translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. I then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2004 Freshmen List has roughly 10,000 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school that year.

Texas
QB Vince Young

Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#99TE totaled just 110.1 points in my system, while PS#99OL this year has 366.2 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 110.1 points on the offensive line is rated PS#429OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. For example 2000 MVP Kurt Warner who was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. But also, just like the NFL, there are many MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB, William Green PS#8RB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples, but as you see the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

I find PS#'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally, with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT (Very Highly Touted) guidelines in the past couple of years. At K the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 50 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #50 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many recruiting publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has by far the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. On the offensive line sometimes I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Many times the top player out of Canada is an NFL prospect but only has a PS# of around 150 or 200 because not all publications track Canadian recruits. Therefore they are often more talented than their PS# would give them credit for.

On page 295 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 500 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 1999-2004 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Call 1-800-654-3448 to order your copy today.

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3. Rhett Bomar — Oklahoma
4. Matt Tuiasosopo — Washington
5. Robert Reid — Oklahoma St
6. Anthony Morelli — Penn St
7. Stephen McGee — Texas A&M
8. Brian Brohm — Louisville
9. Cornelius Ingram — Florida
10. AJ Bryant — Georgia
11. Rocky Hinds — USC
12. Chase Patton — Missouri
13. Nick Patton — Kansas St
14. Kirby Freeman — Miami, Fl
15. Drew Weatherford — Florida St
16. Graham Harrell — Texas Tech
17. Darrell Jackson — Missouri
18. Nathan Longshore — California
19. Blake Barnes — Georgia
20. Brent Schaeffer — Tennessee
21. Sean Glennon — Virginia Tech
22. Erik Ainge — Tennessee
23. Brian Hoyer — Michigan St
24. Alex Mortensen — Arkansas
25. Ryan Walters — Colorado
26. Jordan Steffy — Maryland
27. Sean Lewis — Wisconsin
28. Gary Rogers — Washington St
29. Curtis Painter — Purdue
30. Bryan Savage — Wisconsin
31. John Parker Wilson — Alabama
32. Brian Hildebrand — Oregon St
33. Mike Vlahogeorge — Indiana
34. Shae Reagan — TCU
35. CJ Bachér — Northwestern
36. Anthony Turner — Bowling Green
37. DT McDowell — Troy St
38. Calvin Booker — Auburn
39. Rudy Carpenter — Arizona St
40. Joseph Fields — Syracuse

RUNNING BACKS

1. Adrian Peterson — Oklahoma
2. Bobby Washington — Miami, Fl
3. Thomas Brown — Georgia
4. Tony Temple — Missouri
5. Jamaal Edwards — Florida St
6. Andrew Johnson — Miami, Fl
7. DJ Wolfe — Oklahoma
8. Charlie Jones — Miami, Fl
9. Peyton Hillis — Arkansas
10. Andre Brown — NC State
11. Michael Hart — Michigan
12. Dwayne Jones — Rutgers
13. Darius Walker — Notre Dame
14. George Bell — Virginia Tech
15. Ja'Kouri Williams — Tennessee
16. Markus Manson — Florida
17. Terrell Jackson — Oregon
18. Erik Haw — Ohio St
19. Tony Pittman — Ohio St
20. Justin Hoskins — Notre Dame
21. Max Martin — Michigan
22. Delbert Ferguson — Cincinnati
23. Marshawn Lynch — California
24. Joe Casey — N/A
25. Jamil Walker — Wisconsin
26. Matt Hahn — Penn St
27. Samson Taylor — Texas A&M
28. Brock Bolen — Illinois
29. Cedric Peerman — Virginia
30. Brad Lester — Auburn
31. Ramonce Taylor — Texas
32. Greg Coleman — Iowa St
33. David Holbert — Tennessee
34. Raymond Williams — W Virginia
35. Ahmad Bradshaw — Virginia
36. Jay Lucas — N/A
37. Patrick Gates — San Diego St
38. Rafael Little — Kentucky
39. Jacob Hester — LSU
40. Brandon Gunn — Iowa St
41. Korey Sutton — Arkansas
42. Curtis Brinkley — Syracuse
43. Jason Scales — Iowa St
44. Jamario Thomas — N Texas
45. Dan Lawlor — Penn St
46. Jerald Watson — Auburn
47. Andrew Pearman — Hawaii
48. Chris Pressley — Wisconsin
49. Kenny Wilson — N/A
50. Brandon Jackson — Nebraska
51. Derron Thomas — Miami, Fl
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53. Parrish Fisher — Kansas St
54. Antwain Carey — N Carolina
55. Kendrick Lynch — S Carolina
56. Lamar Lewis — Florida St
57. Anthony Heygood — Purdue
58. Leon Pennington — Michigan St

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Early Doucet — LSU
2. Xavier Carter — LSU
3. Fred Davis — USC
4. Dwayne Jarrett — USC
5. Lavelle Hawkins — LSU
6. Cameron Colvin — Oregon
7. Jordan Shipley — Texas
8. Michael Bumpus — Wash St
9. Derrick Jones — USC
10. Adrian Arrington — Michigan
11. Lance Leggett — Miami, Fl
12. Brandon Barrett — W Virginia
13. Rory Nicol — Ohio St
14. Doug Dutch — Michigan
15. Nikita Stover — Alabama
16. Lendy Holmes — Oklahoma
17. Calvin Johnson — Georgia Tech
18. George Walker — Texas
19. Morgan Trent — Michigan
20. Brandon Robinson — Boston College
21. Nate Jones — Texas
22. Miles Williams — Michigan St
23. Derrick McPhearson — Florida
24. Sidney Rice — S Carolina
25. Carl Grimes — Michigan St
26. Marquise Liverpool — Boston College
27. McIntosh Nicolas — Florida
28. Quentin Chaney — Oklahoma
29. Chancellor Young — Duke
30. Michael Bell — Michigan St
31. Lonnell Dewalt — Kentucky
32. Tony Burks — Mississippi
33. Chris Ogbonnaya — Texas
34. Otis McDaniel — TCU
35. Jamar Bryant — Georgia
36. Jerrill Humphrey — Missouri
37. Eddie Royal — Virginia Tech
38. Anthony Jenkins — Texas Tech
39. Richard Abney — Michigan St
40. Kerry Franks — Texas A&M
41. Damahco Ousley — Tulsa
42. Michael McIntosh — Florida
43. Mario Urrutia — Louisville
44. JJ Bedle — Syracuse
45. Deon Curry — Michigan St
46. Kenny O'Neal — Florida St
47. Tory DeGrate — Texas A&M
48. DJ Hall — Alabama
49. Greg Carr — Florida St
50. Ryan Graves — UCLA
51. Bryant Creamer — Illinois
52. Fabian Martin — Purdue
53. Danny Amendola — Texas Tech
54. Nick Patterson — Ohio St
55. Fred Strong — Oklahoma
56. Demiko Goodman — Georgia
57. Jaison Williams — Oregon

TIGHT ENDS

1. Zach Miller — Arizona St
2. Anthony Vernaglia — Notre Dame
3. Dale Thompson — USC
4. Chad Hoobler — Ohio St
5. Brad Allen — Vanderbilt
6. Kellen Freeman-Davis — Michigan St
7. Tom Santi — Virginia
8. Octavius Darby — NC State
9. Tate Casey — Florida
10. Michael Stuart — USC
11. Mike Lucian — Penn St
12. Trent Davidson — Alabama
13. Andrew Pettes — Arizona St

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Jeff Byers — USC
2. Roland Martin — Michigan St
3. Leon Hart — Auburn
4. Lydon Murtha — Nebraska
5. Calvin Darity — N Carolina
6. Kyle Mitchum — Ohio St
7. Aaron Klovas — Oregon
8. Drew Miller — Florida
9. Herman Johnson — LSU
10. Cedric Dockery — Texas
11. Brandon Braxton — Oklahoma
12. Chilo Rachal — USC
13. Ryan Miller — LSU
14. Matt Boss — Kansas St
15. Brett Gallimore — Michigan
16. Alex Fletcher — Stanford
17. Tyrell Sales — Penn St
18. Greg Harrison — Penn St
19. Jeremy Ciulla — Michigan
20. Cory Lambert — Clemson
21. Micah Jones — Kentucky
22. Kyle Riggs — Missouri
23. Scott Burley — Maryland
24. Alex Mitchell — Michigan
25. Ben Person — Ohio St
26. Kellen Heard — Miami, Fl
27. Dumaka Atkins — Florida St
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54. Cole Linehan — Oregon
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57. Derek Lokey — Texas
58. Brandon Daniel — Florida
59. LaMarte McGhee — NC State
60. Kevin Hamilton — Alabama
61. Corey Davis — Pittsburgh
62. Cory Bennett — Oklahoma
63. Chris Wade — Missouri
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65. Lorenzo Washington — Alabama

LINEBACKERS

1. Willie Williams — Miami, Fl
2. Keith Rivers — USC
3. Dan Connor — Penn St
4. Brian Toal — Boston College
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55. Jed Collins — Washington St
56. Mitch King — Iowa

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4. Drew Kelson — Texas
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7. Willie Glasper — Oregon
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18. Sirjo Welch — Ohio St
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35. Trevor Ford — Florida St
36. Virdell Larkins — California
37. Rod Council — N/A
38. Martel Thatch — N Carolina
39. Jackie Bates — Oregon
40. Jamar Adams — Michigan
41. Jeffery Jack — LSU
42. Myrio Davis — Arizona St
43. Desmond Williams — Arkansas
44. Lovon Ponder — Miami, Fl
45. Tony Joiner — Florida
46. Daniel Drayton — N/A
47. Keston Cheathem — Michigan
48. Kwame Agyeman — Oregon
49. Tristan Davis — Auburn
50. Myron Hardy — Texas
51. Shaun Lane — Ohio St
52. Darrelle Revis — Pittsburgh
53. Ryan Palmer — Texas
54. Jerome Boyd — Oregon
55. Adam Gunn — Pittsburgh
56. Tony Davis — Penn St
57. Steve Gandy — Auburn
58. CJ Barber — S Carolina

KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Connor Barth — N Carolina
2. Tyler Lewis — NC State
3. Dave Brytus — Purdue
4. Aaron Perez — UCLA
5. Gary Cismesia — Florida St

JUCO's

1. Scott Ware — USC
2. Albert Toeaina — Tennessee
3. Tyler McMeans — Miami, Fl
4. Taitusi Lutui — USC
5. Claude Wroten — LSU
6. Ryan Powdrell — USC
7. Paul Soliai — Utah
8. John Harris — N/A
9. Dashon Goldson — Washington
10. Domata Peko — Michigan St
11. Christopher Pino — San Diego St
12. Robert Johnson — Texas Tech
13. Quincy Butler — TCU
14. Justin Luettgerodt — BYU
15. Keith Ellison — Oregon St
16. Andre Hall — S Florida
17. Brett Bischofberger — Texas Tech
18. Mario Stevenson — LSU
19. Maurice London — Arizona St
20. Chris Herring — N/A
21. Jerome Harrison — Washington St
22. Bret Jones — Kansas St
23. Glenn Davis — N/A
24. Ryan Lux — Temple
25. Delanie Walker — N/A
26. Brent Hecht — TCU
27. Jesse Mahelona — Tennessee
28. Vince Feula — BYU
29. Chris Turner — Alabama
30. Byron Smith — Arizona
31. Ryan Young — Arkansas
32. Deke Bake — Texas Tech
33. Larry Kendrick — Mississippi
34. EJ Kuale — LSU
35. Terrence Smith — Texas A&M
36. Bruce Gordon — Purdue
37. Lee Foliaki — Texas A&M
38. Rashaad Goodrum — Washington
39. Eddie Scipio — BYU
40. Merci Falaise — NC State
41. Aaron Brown — Texas A&M
42. Joe Harris — Wyoming
43. Tim Brown — Temple
44. Chad Wilmott — UAB
45. Kyle Williams — Kansas St
46. DJ Johnson — Houston
47. DeQawn Mobley — Texas A&M
48. Walner Belleus — Iowa
49. Remi Ayodele — Oklahoma
50. Todd Watkins — BYU

FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS LAST 5 YEARS

Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
1. USC	1. Florida St	1. Florida St	1. Florida	1. Texas
2. Florida	2. Texas	2. Michigan	2. Tennessee	2. Alabama
3. Notre Dame	3. Ohio St	3. Texas	3. Florida St	3. Texas A&M
4. Michigan	4. Tennessee	4. LSU	4. Penn St	4. Ohio St
5. Tennessee	5. Notre Dame	5. Notre Dame	5. Texas	5. LSU
6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl	6. Notre Dame	6. Michigan
7. LSU	7. USC	7. Tennessee	7. Alabama	7. Notre Dame
8. Ohio St	8. Oklahoma	8. Ohio St	8. Ohio St	8. Georgia
9. Texas	9. UCLA	9. Oklahoma	9. Miami, Fl	9. Miami, Fl
10. Oklahoma	10. Michigan	10. Nebraska	10. Michigan St	10. Miss St
11. Texas A&M	11. Virginia	11. Penn St	11. USC	11. Arkansas
12. Virginia	12. Penn St	12. UCLA	12. Arizona St	12. Boston College
13. Georgia	13. Florida	13. USC	13. Auburn	13. Michigan St
14. Maryland	14. S Carolina	14. Washington	14. Oklahoma	14. UCLA
15. N Carolina	15. Michigan St	15. Stanford	15. Michigan	15. Florida
16. NC State	16. Georgia	16. Virginia Tech	16. Stanford	16. Florida St
17. Virginia Tech	17. Colorado	17. Arkansas	17. UCLA	17. Auburn
18. Wisconsin	18. Washington	18. Texas A&M	18. Colorado	18. Kansas St
19. Florida St	19. Miss St	19. Florida	19. N Carolina	19. Georgia Tech
20. Iowa	20. Boston College	20. Purdue	20. Nebraska	20. N Carolina
21. Stanford	21. Texas A&M	21. Wisconsin	21. Wisconsin	21. Tennessee
22. Boston College	22. LSU	22. Kansas St	22. Syracuse	22. Syracuse
23. UCLA	23. Stanford	23. Georgia	23. Texas A&M	23. USC
24. Alabama	24. Nebraska	24. Iowa	24. LSU	24. S Carolina
25. Nebraska	25. Auburn	25. Clemson	25. Georgia Tech	25. Arizona St

2004 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2004 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. USC
2. Oklahoma
3. Miami, Fl
4. LSU
5. Texas
6. Michigan
7. Florida
8. Florida St
9. Ohio St
10. Penn St
11. Georgia
12. Tennessee
13. Oregon
14. Texas A&M
15. California
16. Michigan St
17. Notre Dame
18. Maryland
19. Missouri
20. Alabama
21. Washington
22. Nebraska
23. Oklahoma St
24. Virginia
25. S Carolina
26. NC State
27. Arizona St
28. Iowa
29. Auburn
30. Arkansas
31. UCLA
32. Washington St
33. Boston College
34. Wisconsin
35. N Carolina
36. Mississippi
37. Virginia Tech
38. Kansas St
39. Oregon St
40. Texas Tech
41. Purdue
42. Pittsburgh
43. Rutgers
44. Kentucky
45. Georgia Tech
46. Stanford
47. Colorado
48. Illinois
49. Syracuse
50. West Virginia
51. Iowa St
52. BYU
53. Clemson
54. Arizona
55. San Diego St
56. South Florida
57. TCU
58. Louisville
59. Colorado St
60. Duke
61. Indiana
62. Mississippi St
63. Minnesota
64. Tulane
65. Kansas
66. Northwestern
67. Utah
68. Tulsa
69. Cincinnati
70. Memphis
71. Wake Forest
72. Vanderbilt
73. Temple
74. S Mississippi
75. E Carolina

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2004 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2004 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 15 signees, Top 10 signees and the average signing grade per player for the overall class. This list is not about the quantity of the freshmen signed, but the overall quality of the class. Sometimes a team with a small class of just 15 players may rate higher than one of 30. Some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings are the three teams that battled it out for #1 at the end of 2003 all ended up in the Top 4 of the signing classes (USC, Oklahoma & LSU) of 2004. The rankings for Air Force, Army and Navy are not complete because the academies do no release official signee lists until summer. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars. The ACC was strange last year (2003) as for the first time Florida St did not come in first in recruiting with Virginia hauling in the best class. Florida St was again beat out this year with Miami topping them but Virginia dropped to a still very respectable 4th in the ACC and #24 overall. Missouri had its best finish yet in my recruiting rankings at #4 in the Big 12 and a Top 20 finish overall. My, how a year changes things. Last year Tulsa was off a 1-11 season and had the worst recruiting class of the WAC and this year, off a bowl trip, they landed the best in the WAC! The Big East took a big hit. In 2002 they had 3 teams in the Top 22 of overall classes. This year they lose 2 of them to the ACC and with all the questions surrounding their league in February the top rated Big East team was Boston College at #33. South Florida tapped into their state pipeline and had the best class of the CUSA. TCU had the 2nd best class of CUSA and had they been a part of their new league they would have been third in the MWC. UCLA had one of their lowest rated classes yet at #6 in the Pac 10. The Top 10 is made up of 9 teams that were in it last year but Tennessee which was #5 last year dropped to #12 and Joe Paterno made a surprising re-entry with the Lions bagging the #10 rated class after being #36 last season.

BIG 10

1. Michigan
2. Ohio St
3. Penn St
4. Michigan St
5. Iowa
6. Wisconsin
7. Purdue
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Minnesota
11. Northwestern

BIG 12

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Texas A&M
4. Missouri
5. Nebraska
6. Oklahoma St
7. Kansas St
8. Texas Tech
9. Colorado
10. Iowa St
11. Kansas
12. Baylor

SEC

1. LSU
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. Tennessee
5. Alabama
6. S Carolina
7. Auburn
8. Arkansas
9. Mississippi
10. Kentucky
11. Mississippi St
12. Vanderbilt

ACC

1. Miami, Fl
2. Florida St
3. Maryland
4. Virginia
5. NC State
6. N Carolina
7. Virginia Tech
8. Georgia Tech
9. Clemson
10. Duke
11. Wake Forest

PAC 10

1. USC
2. Oregon
3. California
4. Washington
5. Arizona St
6. UCLA
7. Wash St
8. Oregon St
9. Stanford
10. Arizona

SUN BELT

1. Utah St
2. Middle Tenn
3. Arkansas St
4. Troy St
5. New Mexico St
6. North Texas
7. Idaho
8. UL Monroe
9. Louisiana-Lft

INDEPENDENT

1. Notre Dame
2. Navy
3. Florida Atlantic
4. Fla International

BIG EAST

1. Boston College
2. Pittsburgh
3. Rutgers
4. Syracuse
5. West Virginia
6. Temple
7. Connecticut

CUSA

1. South Florida
2. TCU
3. Louisville
4. Tulane
5. Cincinnati
6. Memphis
7. S Mississippi
8. E Carolina
9. UAB
10. Houston
11. Army

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. San Diego St
3. Colorado St
4. Utah
5. Wyoming
6. New Mexico
7. UNLV

MAC

1. W Michigan
2. Toledo
3. Marshall
4. Miami, Oh
5. N Illinois
6. Bowling Green
7. E Michigan
8. Ball St
9. UCF
10. Ohio
11. C Michigan
12. Akron
13. Buffalo
14. Kent St

WAC

1. Tulsa
2. Hawaii
3. Boise St
4. SMU
5. Nevada
6. Louisiana Tech
7. San Jose St
8. Fresno St
9. UTEP
10. Rice

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- ESPN SUNDAY NIGHT PLAY
  75-43-2 64% Last 8 years!
- COLLEGE BOWL TOTALS PLAYS
  Triple Plays 28-9 76% the Last 5 years!
- BIG DOG PLAY OF THE WEEK
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By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the Sports Service Industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS, Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "FREE" plays until you purchase their "much stronger" plays. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these "boiler room" operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the Sports Service Industry. We are very different here at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you have already sent in for your FREE 2004 Pro Football Preview (see page 325). If you did, you already know that there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and **we did not ask for your phone number**. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that at Northcoast when we say FREE and with no sales pressure, we mean it!

At Northcoast Sports we have **ONE set of Late Phone Plays**. These plays are not free, but they will help me illustrate how my FREE Phone Selections work. Each week we release 3 to 7 College Late Phone Selections and usually 3 NFL Late Phone Selections. We also provide "Small College Late Phone Plays" and "College Totals Club Plays" for those who can play smaller college numbers and College Over/Unders.

Our one set of Late Phone releases can be purchased in many different ways. Our Executive Club Members sign up for the season and receive EVERY Late Phone Selection that we release. These plays are also given to two different monitoring services: The Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and Sports-Watch of Las Vegas. If you signed up for a month of our Late Phone Service, you would receive the EXACT SAME Late Phone Plays as our Executive Club Members, which are of course, the same plays given to the monitors. If you signed up for a week of service, you would also receive the EXACT SAME plays. If you call the Executive 900 Line (1-900-776-7871) or log onto the NCstore at www.ncsports.com, you would receive the **EXACT SAME** plays for $15 each. The same plays, just different ways of receiving them.

Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro Late Phone Play. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone Selections for the week. Of course it is part of the EXACT SAME plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-255-9467) for $25 per call each Sat & Sun, after 11:15 am ET.

Late Phone Selections are our Top 3 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and Top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE Phone Selections. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free Complimentary Selection Line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phone lines in 45 different cities (see inside back cover). We have EIGHT FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES plus audio is available on our website. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta, Las Vegas and on our website at www.ncsports.com. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE LINES are where you can receive EVERY FREE PLAY we put out. As I mentioned, we have Full Service Lines in eight different locations, plus the internet as of this writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to ELEVEN FULL SERVICE LINES at some point in the near future. I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Southern California this season! If you live in one of those states, call our office at 1-800-654-3448 and see if our Full Service Line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service Line is the ultimate FREE information phone. When you call our Full Service Line you will listen to the main menu which will tell you all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service Line as long as you like. If you listen to the Latest Injury Report and the Las Vegas Line Updates (Button #5), you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service Lines:

Button #1 - Football Scores-Scores are updated all day and night on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service Line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including any games in progress. They will be in the international rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

Button #2 - Local Guest Handicapper-All of our Full Service Lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a city's line that is near them. The hard working handicappers that I have on the line are: **Atlanta** - JB Sports, **Chicago** - Stan Lisowski, **Cleveland** - Billy Coleman, **Dallas** - Master Sports, **Honolulu** - Stan Lisowski, **Las Vegas** - Billy Coleman, **Nebraska** - Master Sports, and **New Jersey** - Stan Lisowski. Our website, www.ncsports.com, has a new guest handicapper every day. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

Button #3 - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week-These are the strongest FREE PLAYS available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have a high winning percentage throughout the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. **As you know, my Underdog Play of the Week is 157-92 63% in Power Sweep over the last 20 years!** The Complimentary Underdog Play is usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. We own two #1 Titles from The Sports Monitor in NFL Totals Selections (Over/Unders). **Seventeen times in the last five seasons, this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday!** Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed out on being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the 6th (and there are usually 40 games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week and it was almost a Late Phone Selection! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the Top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. Make sure to call each day to get these quality plays.

Button #4 - Mike Lee-A handicapper who has been around longer than I have and someone I truly respect is Mike Lee. Mike has been on TV and has had his own service since the '70's. He puts up a free play each and every day on Button #4. He usually adds some humor and life to his free plays and always tells you how he did the previous day, win or lose. Check out Button #4 and see why Mike is so widely respected across the country.

Button #5 - Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury Report-If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest injuries, this button is a must call. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor SEVEN Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates which are provided for newsmatter only. On Saturday morning (up late Friday night) I put up the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for Saturday's games. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up-to-date, and best of all, FREE information.

Button #7 - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele-I put up timely information for the upcoming week. Included are things like the last 4 week's rankings, which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks of stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week have shown a high percentage of winners.

Button #9 - Daily Guest Handicapper-Free plays from one of the nation's top handicappers. A new selection each and every day. Sometimes I even give away free Private Play Hotline selections during the week (a $9 value).

That is a lot of information and it is all FREE, on tape and updated every day during the football season. Now you know why I call them the Northcoast FULL SERVICE Lines.

Now the question arises - What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary Lines? These two have the same exact plays daily. They are taken from the Full Service Lines. Here is what is available on a day to day basis on the 800 and Local Comp Lines:

Monday - Guest Handicapper. **The last 4 years I have released my Early Bird Play of the Week from my Private Play Hotline ($9 value) and this play is now 65-32 67% over the last 7 years!!** I will be releasing this play every Monday again this year, so don't miss out. This is the same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Line.

Tuesday - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Line.

Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. A $9 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Lines.

Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.

Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.

Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.

All three are the exact same plays offered on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines.

If you call 1-800-475-8168 and instead of hearing free plays, you hear a busy signal, that means you live in a city where we have either a local Comp Line or Northcoast Full Service Line. If you can't find your area code call our office at 1-800-654-3448 and our friendly staff will assist you in finding it. Check out the inside back cover for a complete listing. I hope you take advantage of the finest FREE plays in the country this year!

2004 NFL DRAFT By Phil Steele
A Day for VHT's!!!

The NFL draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors, some high-quality juniors and a few sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six figures and that is why a big final year is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 pick who never panned out or who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. In 1999, RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1,553 yards as a ROOKIE! The most dangerous receiver in football at this time is Randy Moss of Minnesota and he too was a 1st round choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in 1999 and 2002 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning, the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans and he simply dominated as a rookie with 14.5 sacks and helped the team get to the Super Bowl. In 2000 leading rusher Jamal Lewis led the Ravens to a Super Bowl Championship as a rookie first round pick. Last year he finished with 2,066 yds rushing. Jeremy Shockey made a huge impact at TE for the NY Giants. He was a 1st rounder and the only rookie at the 2002 Pro Bowl. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases you must be among the most productive players in the college game. Productivity is not the only criteria. Ty Detmer is the all-time career passing leader in college football with over 15,000 yards but was not a first round pick. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the Top 5 when they graduated and neither were a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. 2001's Heisman winner, Eric Crouch, waited until the 3rd round before his name was called. Ken Dorsey who only lost 2 games as a starter was not drafted until round 7. The top three reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Arnold Jackson, Geoff Noisy and Trevor Insley and none of the 3 were drafted.

#1 Overall Pick in 2004 NFL Draft
Mississippi's Eli Manning

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other measurable physical characteristics.

Even after all that number crunching, there are plenty of stories of players who were not drafted and went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season to see Kurt Warner. Warner, a QB who had never been drafted and even played in the Arena Football League, simply became the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. This type of story is great but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools' scholarships over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida St, Ohio St or Alabama offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Boise St or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the very top athletes coming out as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 294).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,435 fall into the HT category. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 405 of these players each year with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 8.1 players per state so we are talking about the créme de la créme from the recruiting rankings.

On page 294, I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 4 or 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true frosh years.

This year I once again look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2004 NFL draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all the top picks. **I was pleasantly surprised that of the Top 25 players taken in this year's draft 17 were VHT's.** Of the Top 23 players select in the 2003 draft, 13 were VHT's. Of the Top 18 players selected in the 2002 draft, 11 were VHT's and 3 more were near VHT's. Of the Top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, 9 were VHT's. In 2000, nine of the Top 12 picks were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 kids who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 405 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 15% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 5 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (60 players), 37 have been VHT's!! That means that 62% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's Top 25 NFL Draft selections and where they were rated out of high school. As you can see the NFL draft was a VHT day.

2004's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	Eli Manning	Mississippi	VHT	PS#12QB in 1999
2.	Robert Gallery	Iowa		PS#51TE in 1999
3.	Larry Fitzgerald	Pittsburgh	VHT	PS#11WR in 2001
4.	Philip Rivers	NC State	Close!	PS#40QB in 2000
5.	Sean Taylor	Miami, Fl		PS#80RB in 2001
6.	Kellen Winslow	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#31WR in 2001
7.	Roy Williams	Texas	VHT	PS#5WR in 2000
8.	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	VHT	PS#15DB in 2001
9.	Reggie Williams	Washington	VHT	PS#3WR in 2001
10.	Dunta Robinson	S Carolina		PS#191DB in 2000
11.	Ben Roethlisberger	Miami, Oh		PS#74QB in 2000
12.	Jonathan Vilma	Miami, Fl		PS#165LB in 2000
13.	Lee Evans	Wisconsin		PS#73WR in 1999
14.	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#2DL in 2001
15.	Michael Clayton	LSU	VHT	PS#2WR in 2001
16.	Shawn Andrews	Arkansas	VHT	PS12OL in 2001
17.	DJ Williams	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#1LB in 2000
18.	Will Smith	Ohio St	VHT	PS#18DL in 2000
19.	Vernon Carey	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#1OL in 1999
20.	Kenechi Udeze	USC	VHT	PS#69OL in 2000
21.	Vince Wilfork	Miami, Fl	VHT	PS#8DL in 2000
22.	JP Losman	Tulane	VHT	PS#6QB in 1999
23.	Marcus Tubbs	Texas		PS#51TE in 1999
24.	Steven Jackson	Oregon St	VHT	PS#35RB in 2001
25.	Ahmad Carroll	Arkansas	VHT	PS#8DB in 2001

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2005 NFL draft as well. I have done some research on this year's top juniors & seniors for the draft and last year only 3 of my Top 11 that were eligible for the NFL draft were NOT picked in the 1st round. Two of those 3 went in the 2nd round including LB Karlos Dansby from Auburn, who was the 1st pick of the 2nd round. Obviously draft positions will be affected by a player's 2004 performance. In 2001, of the Top 9 players I listed in this magazine, eight entered the NFL draft and SEVEN were drafted in the top 18, that's an 87.5% success rate!!!!!

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2005 NFL DRAFT

1. QB Matt Leinart, USC
2. LB Derrick Johnson, Texas
3. CB Antrel Rolle, Miami, Fl
4. QB Kyle Orton, Purdue
5. WR Braylon Edwards, Michigan
6. OT Alex Barron, Florida St
7. DT Anttaj Hawthorne, Wisconsin
8. RB Carnell Williams, Auburn
9. FS James Butler, Georgia Tech
10. DE Marcus Spears, LSU
11. DE Dan Cody, Oklahoma
12. WR Fred Gibson, Georgia
13. OT Jammal Brown, Oklahoma
14. QB Andrew Walter, Arizona St
15. CB Antonio Perkins, Oklahoma
16. WR Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St
17. RB Cedric Benson, Texas
18. DT Rodrique Wright, Texas
19. CB Marlin Jackson, Michigan
20. DE David Pollack, Georgia
21. QB Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut
22. CB Corey Webster, LSU
23. LB Kirk Morrison, San Diego St
24. WR Mark Clayton, Oklahoma
25. DT Shaun Cody, USC
26. OT Michael Munoz, Tennessee
27. RB Cedric Houston, Tennessee
28. CB Brandon Browner, Oregon St
29. DT Orien Harris, Miami, Fl
30. QB Charlie Frye, Akron
31. DE Bill Swancutt, Oregon St
32. C Ben Wilkerson, LSU

2003 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, last year, Arizona returned only 18 punts all year and punted 98 times. Their net punting average was weighted over 5 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. These ratings do not take into account the accuracy of the FG kicker. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/Blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. Listed are the computer's 2003 final special teams ratings not including the kicker.

#	TEAM	NET PUNTS	KR OFF	PR OFF	KR DEF	TD BLK	RATNG
1	LSU	39.0	22.3	14.5	16.6	3	9.9
2	Boise St	35.7	23.1	13.0	17.0	5	9.4
3	Oklahoma St	38.2	20.2	16.1	18.3	3	9.2
4	Michigan St	40.7	23.7	6.1	16.3	4	9.1
5	North Texas	38.6	19.0	9.2	14.3	5	9.0
6	Iowa	37.3	22.2	13.1	16.6	3	8.9
7	Air Force	41.5	17.2	8.6	14.9	2	8.6
8	Toledo	40.7	19.0	16.1	18.6	2	8.5
9	South Florida	37.2	25.2	9.9	15.2	2	8.5
10	Virginia Tech	36.1	23.0	14.9	20.8	5	8.4
11	Oklahoma	38.3	21.9	11.9	18.5	2	8.3
12	Miami, Fl	33.3	25.2	11.3	19.1	6	8.3
13	UCF	41.9	19.7	8.1	17.5	1	8.2
14	Fresno St	35.0	24.4	9.9	20.2	7	8.0
15	Texas	36.0	19.4	13.1	17.6	4	7.9
16	Miami, Oh	34.4	15.6	16.3	17.5	3	7.9
17	Washington St	39.8	19.4	9.7	18.9	3	7.9
18	Florida St	39.4	22.8	11.1	21.4	2	7.9
19	W Michigan	40.2	19.4	11.5	17.0	0	7.8
20	Arkansas	36.7	19.3	13.0	17.8	3	7.8
21	Colorado St	38.9	22.6	11.2	19.4	0	7.7
22	Stanford	37.1	20.7	9.0	14.1	2	7.6
23	Utah	37.7	28.2	6.8	16.4	-2	7.5
24	Nebraska	40.1	24.3	9.7	22.4	0	7.5
25	Kansas St	37.9	22.0	11.0	22.0	4	7.4
26	Tennessee	38.9	20.7	12.3	25.2	2	7.4
27	Washington	38.6	18.3	10.9	17.4	1	7.2
28	Maryland	37.9	22.9	10.7	21.0	1	7.1
29	Ohio St	41.0	17.6	6.7	20.5	2	7.1
30	Oregon	34.5	23.2	10.3	19.5	3	7.1
31	Arizona St	38.8	21.9	8.8	18.5	-1	7.0
32	Clemson	36.3	27.7	7.6	20.1	1	7.0
33	Akron	35.9	20.7	12.7	21.1	3	6.9
34	Wisconsin	36.9	18.0	14.3	21.3	3	6.9
35	USC	43.7	22.6	6.8	21.2	-1	6.8
36	North Carolina	36.3	26.6	10.5	23.3	-2	6.7
37	Mississippi	39.0	23.7	8.3	19.1	-2	6.7
38	West Virginia	34.3	23.1	13.4	18.0	-1	6.7
39	Auburn	38.6	19.4	10.0	23.8	2	6.6
40	Tulane	38.1	21.2	7.1	19.6	1	6.6
41	Northern Illinois	35.5	19.4	9.8	18.2	2	6.5
42	UTEP	37.3	23.0	7.8	22.0	1	6.5
43	Purdue	36.4	21.2	10.4	18.1	-1	6.5
44	Wyoming	36.3	23.1	9.4	19.7	-1	6.4
45	Alabama	34.7	22.5	8.7	21.6	4	6.3
46	Bowling Green	35.4	20.3	8.2	18.9	2	6.2
47	California	36.5	18.5	9.9	21.3	3	6.1
48	East Carolina	40.6	18.8	4.6	21.4	1	6.1
49	Texas Tech	37.6	19.6	10.9	20.4	0	6.1
50	Houston	33.7	22.7	10.1	19.6	0	6.0
51	Kent St	36.2	21.0	6.9	16.3	-2	6.0
52	Mississippi St	33.7	23.2	11.0	19.0	-1	5.9
53	Louisiana Tech	36.9	20.4	11.4	23.0	-1	5.9
54	S Mississippi	35.5	22.1	12.9	20.3	-3	5.9
55	Temple	32.8	21.5	10.8	13.1	-3	5.8
56	Georgia	35.5	18.2	10.0	21.4	3	5.7
57	Baylor	35.9	22.9	8.1	23.1	0	5.7
58	UNLV	38.3	16.0	12.6	24.1	0	5.6
59	Kentucky	33.5	22.9	10.2	16.8	-2	5.6
60	Notre Dame	33.0	19.4	12.3	19.5	2	5.6
61	UAB	36.1	18.6	8.6	19.8	1	5.6
62	Pittsburgh	37.6	19.5	9.8	25.9	2	5.6
63	Indiana	34.7	20.4	9.5	15.7	-2	5.6
64	Wake Forest	38.3	19.6	6.9	20.7	-1	5.5
65	Missouri	31.1	21.0	15.6	19.2	0	5.5
66	Kansas	33.3	22.0	13.9	18.9	-4	5.4
67	South Carolina	38.0	18.9	14.4	24.6	-1	5.4
68	Illinois	37.6	19.5	7.8	21.0	-1	5.4
69	Minnesota	33.1	20.4	13.6	21.9	0	5.3
70	Louisville	36.2	18.4	9.2	21.6	2	5.3
71	TCU	34.5	19.5	10.7	20.6	0	5.3
72	New Mexico	35.8	19.1	8.7	22.1	2	5.3
73	Texas A&M	35.0	23.9	5.7	21.5	0	5.3
74	UCLA	36.5	22.4	8.2	22.1	-2	5.3
75	Duke	35.0	23.0	5.4	20.6	0	5.3
76	Navy	34.6	18.1	8.0	17.3	-1	5.2
77	Virginia	32.2	24.8	9.3	20.5	0	5.2
78	NC State	37.4	17.4	10.5	25.8	4	5.2
79	Colorado	34.3	22.4	11.7	22.8	-2	5.2
80	Georgia Tech	32.6	20.4	11.5	22.9	2	5.0
81	Florida	36.4	21.5	11.2	23.1	-3	5.0
82	Rutgers	33.8	20.3	11.8	20.2	-2	5.0
83	Hawaii	34.6	21.7	9.0	23.7	0	4.9
84	Tulsa	34.1	21.8	10.2	20.8	-2	4.9
85	San Diego St	38.5	17.2	8.2	25.3	0	4.9
86	Idaho	34.2	21.0	5.2	19.1	1	4.8
87	BYU	36.4	20.2	8.0	21.0	-3	4.8
88	Central Michigan	34.6	18.1	7.6	20.4	2	4.8
89	Rice	37.4	17.1	7.0	22.1	1	4.7
90	Ohio	32.6	20.0	10.9	18.0	-2	4.7
91	Army	32.0	20.5	11.0	17.3	0	4.6
92	Northwestern	34.3	20.7	7.4	16.9	-3	4.5
93	Utah St	32.3	20.6	9.9	22.5	1	4.5
94	Michigan	32.0	19.4	12.7	20.3	-4	4.4
95	Syracuse	32.2	19.6	11.2	20.5	-2	4.1
96	Troy St	36.3	18.9	7.7	25.6	-2	4.1
97	Ball St	32.3	18.3	7.7	17.4	-1	4.0
98	E Michigan	34.9	17.1	7.9	21.3	-1	3.7
99	UL Monroe	35.3	23.5	6.7	21.8	-8	3.7
100	Vanderbilt	33.7	19.0	8.3	22.3	-2	3.6
101	Oregon St	35.5	15.8	5.2	20.5	-1	3.6
102	Middle Tenn	34.0	16.3	6.8	18.1	-2	3.6
103	SMU	31.1	25.8	8.6	22.6	-4	3.4
104	San Jose St	30.5	23.7	10.7	24.8	-3	3.4
105	Arkansas St	34.3	17.4	11.2	25.2	-1	3.4
106	Arizona	35.6	16.7	5.2	20.7	-4	3.3
107	Marshall	29.2	18.3	8.5	19.2	-2	3.2
108	Iowa St	35.0	18.9	6.9	23.0	-6	2.8
109	Louisiana-Lft	33.5	17.2	6.4	22.6	-2	2.7
110	Penn St	33.3	15.3	9.2	24.3	-3	2.5
111	New Mexico St	33.9	18.4	6.9	23.2	-4	2.5
112	Nevada	34.0	18.8	6.2	29.1	-1	2.4
113	Cincinnati	32.7	19.0	9.2	21.2	-7	2.4
114	Boston College	32.8	21.2	11.2	24.4	-7	2.4
115	Connecticut	35.0	20.1	4.7	21.5	-7	2.3
116	Memphis	33.2	18.6	7.8	25.0	-5	1.7
117	Buffalo	29.2	18.8	5.6	21.7	-5	0.8

2003 KICKERS RATINGS

To grade the kickers I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (graded everything on scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (31) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with the stronger legs. The final results are below and according to my calculations, Billy Bennett of Georgia should have won the Lou Groza award which went to Jonathan Nichols of Mississippi.

#	TEAM	RATING	FG TOTAL	%	50+
1	Georgia	4.73	31-38	82%	2-2
2	Purdue	4.57	25-30	83%	1-2
3	TCU	4.47	28-34	82%	1-3
4	Washington St	4.44	27-31	87%	0-0
5	Virginia	4.41	23-25	92%	3-4
6	Michigan St	4.29	22-29	76%	4-8
7	Iowa	4.18	20-21	95%	2-2
8	Maryland	4.17	24-32	75%	2-4
9	Mississippi	4.06	25-29	86%	3-4
10	Oklahoma	4.02	19-22	86%	0-0
11	Florida	3.84	21-27	78%	1-2
12	UAB	3.80	17-20	85%	1-1
13	Northern Illinois	3.78	21-26	81%	2-2
14	Fresno St	3.75	21-28	75%	0-0
15	Miami, Fl	3.75	22-28	79%	1-1
16	Notre Dame	3.73	21-27	78%	1-3
17	Ohio St	3.73	16-19	84%	2-2
18	UNLV	3.68	20-25	80%	1-1
19	Boise St	3.66	19-25	76%	1-3
20	Florida State	3.63	19-25	76%	0-0
21	BYU	3.61	14-18	78%	3-5
22	New Mexico	3.60	16-18	89%	0-0
23	Minnesota	3.60	14-18	78%	2-4
24	Louisiana Tech	3.54	21-31	68%	4-7
25	Tennessee	3.51	17-24	71%	1-2
26	Middle Tennessee	3.50	13-16	81%	0-1
27	Georgia Tech	3.46	17-21	81%	0-0
28	Buffalo	3.44	15-19	79%	1-1
29	Cincinnati	3.44	20-28	71%	0-0
30	Eastern Michigan	3.42	14-17	82%	0-2
31	Oregon St	3.41	19-24	79%	3-4
32	USC	3.39	19-24	79%	0-0
33	UCLA	3.32	14-19	74%	0-0
34	San Diego St	3.31	18-29	62%	1-4
35	Louisiana-Lft	3.27	12-15	80%	0-2
36	Kansas St	3.26	12-17	71%	0-1
37	Texas A&M	3.24	17-22	77%	0-0
38	S Mississippi	3.24	14-17	82%	0-0
39	Oklahoma St	3.21	16-18	89%	3-3
40	Kent St	3.21	16-24	67%	0-0
41	Mississippi St	3.20	8-10	80%	0-2
42	UCF	3.19	10-13	77%	0-0
43	Houston	3.18	14-19	74%	0-0
44	Utah	3.14	11-14	79%	0-0
45	Alabama	3.11	16-25	64%	0-0
46	UL Monroe	3.10	8-10	80%	0-1
47	Clemson	3.10	18-26	69%	0-1
48	Oregon	3.04	13-19	68%	1-4
49	North Carolina	3.03	12-16	75%	3-4
50	Louisville	2.99	14-20	70%	0-0
51	Memphis	2.99	19-29	66%	0-1
52	Bowling Green	2.96	16-24	67%	0-0
53	Akron	2.94	17-23	74%	1-2
54	Navy	2.93	11-16	69%	0-0
55	Nebraska	2.89	15-24	63%	0-0
56	Illinois	2.86	14-23	61%	0-2
57	Wyoming	2.85	12-17	71%	0-0
58	Nevada	2.84	13-17	76%	1-1
59	East Carolina	2.83	12-18	67%	0-2
60	Duke	2.81	13-21	62%	1-2
61	Colorado St	2.80	13-19	68%	0-0
62	Missouri	2.79	10-14	71%	0-1
63	Texas	2.76	10-12	83%	0-0
64	Syracuse	2.73	12-17	71%	0-0
65	South Florida	2.68	12-20	60%	0-1
66	Air Force	2.67	13-21	62%	1-2
67	Michigan	2.66	11-16	69%	0-0
68	NC State	2.66	12-17	71%	0-0
69	New Mexico St	2.64	13-23	57%	1-2
70	San Jose St	2.64	11-17	65%	0-0
71	LSU	2.64	12-20	60%	0-1
72	Iowa St	2.64	8-12	67%	1-2
73	North Texas	2.62	10-15	67%	0-2
74	Washington	2.62	10-17	59%	0-0
75	Indiana	2.60	12-19	63%	0-3
76	Hawaii	2.59	17-27	63%	0-1
77	Arkansas	2.56	14-21	67%	0-1
78	Ball St	2.55	14-22	64%	0-1
79	California	2.51	15-30	50%	2-7
80	Penn St	2.49	11-21	52%	0-4
81	SMU	2.48	10-14	71%	0-0
82	Colorado	2.48	7-11	64%	0-1
83	Tulsa	2.47	9-16	56%	0-3
84	Arizona St	2.44	10-15	67%	0-0
85	Virginia Tech	2.43	12-18	67%	0-0
86	Wake Forest	2.43	8-12	67%	0-0
87	Rice	2.41	7-13	54%	0-0
88	Auburn	2.40	11-19	58%	1-2
89	Kansas	2.40	14-21	67%	1-1
90	Army	2.36	6-8	75%	0-0
91	Wisconsin	2.33	13-21	62%	0-1
92	Ohio	2.27	8-12	67%	0-0
93	Rutgers	2.24	13-25	52%	0-2
94	West Virginia	2.23	11-18	61%	0-1
95	Boston College	2.22	11-18	61%	0-1
96	Baylor	2.21	7-13	54%	0-3
97	Pittsburgh	2.18	10-20	50%	0-1
98	Texas Tech	2.14	8-13	62%	0-0
99	Miami, Oh	2.12	10-15	67%	0-0
100	Kentucky	2.07	6-10	60%	0-0
101	South Carolina	2.05	8-15	53%	0-0
102	UTEP	2.00	8-18	44%	0-1
103	Temple	1.94	10-23	43%	0-3
104	Western Michigan	1.90	8-16	50%	0-1
105	Marshall	1.87	8-15	53%	0-0
106	Connecticut	1.72	11-23	48%	0-0
107	Stanford	1.65	7-13	54%	0-0
108	Idaho	1.63	6-14	43%	0-0
109	Northwestern	1.56	7-14	50%	0-0
110	Vanderbilt	1.51	6-12	50%	0-0
111	Central Michigan	1.47	4-8	50%	0-1
112	Tulane	1.44	3-7	43%	0-0
113	Troy St	1.42	6-13	46%	0-0
114	Utah St	1.41	4-8	50%	0-0
115	Arizona	1.19	2-11	18%	0-2
116	Toledo	1.18	3-7	43%	0-0
117	Arkansas St	1.18	3-7	43%	0-0

2003 COMBINED RATINGS

Here is the combined special teams ratings for the first time including K's. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. Georgia moved up from #56 to #25 with the K's included and Toledo fell from #8 to #37.

1	Michigan St	40	Louisiana Tech	79	Temple
2	Iowa	41	UAB	80	Kentucky
3	Boise St	42	Arizona St	81	Colorado
4	LSU	43	Alabama	82	NC State
5	Oklahoma St	44	Notre Dame	83	Hawaii
6	Oklahoma	45	UNLV	84	S Carolina
7	Washington St	46	Stanford	85	Tulsa
8	Miami, Fl	47	Houston	86	Rutgers
9	Fresno St	48	Wyoming	87	E Michigan
10	North Texas	49	Kent St	88	Rice
11	Florida St	50	Bowling Green	89	Middle Tenn
12	UCF	51	Wisconsin	90	Oregon St
13	Maryland	52	Mississippi St	91	Michigan
14	Air Force	53	S Mississippi	92	Ohio
15	South Florida	54	Auburn	93	Army
16	Purdue	55	E Carolina	94	Syracuse
17	Tennessee	56	Minnesota	95	UL Monroe
18	Ohio St	57	New Mexico	96	Ball St
19	Virginia Tech	58	West Virginia	97	Idaho
20	Mississippi	59	Florida	98	C Michigan
21	Texas	60	California	99	Northwestern
22	Utah	61	UCLA	100	San Jose St
23	Kansas St	62	Texas A&M	101	Louisiana-Lft
24	Colorado St	63	UTEP	102	Utah St
25	Georgia	64	Georgia Tech	103	SMU
26	Nebraska	65	BYU	104	Cincinnati
27	Arkansas	66	Louisville	105	Troy St
28	Northern Illinois	67	Missouri	106	Iowa St
29	USC	68	Illinois	107	Nevada
30	Oregon	69	Texas Tech	108	Vanderbilt
31	Clemson	70	San Diego St	109	New Mexico St
32	Miami, Oh	71	Indiana	110	Marshall
33	Akron	72	Navy	111	Penn St
34	Washington	73	Duke	112	Memphis
35	TCU	74	Tulane	113	Boston College
36	N Carolina	75	Wake Forest	114	Arkansas St
37	Toledo	76	Baylor	115	Arizona
38	W Michigan	77	Kansas	116	Buffalo
39	Virginia	78	Pittsburgh	117	Connecticut

PHIL STEELE'S DRAFT GUIDE

On page one of the magazine I thank you for purchasing Phil Steele's College Football Preview and you do have my heartfelt thanks for that!! I could also have noted the additonal bonus you receive in Phil Steele's 2004-05 DRAFT GUIDE as it is basically included in the magazine! Let me explain.

In the front of the magazine I list my Top QB's, RB's, WR's, etc for each season. This is done with a heavy emphasis on who I think will be taken in next year's draft as well. On this page is some of last year's AA Team. As you see of the top 17 QB's I listed last year 14 were either drafted or they are returning to college ball for this season. The other 3 were quickly signed as free agents. The top 11 RB's all fell into the drafted or returning category, the top 10 WR's, 8 of the top 10 TE's, etc.

On this page of "Tops" there are 148 players listed. Two are in limbo (Clarett, Williams) but would have been drafted so I put them in that category. Of the 148 only 5 players fall into the category of not being drafted or signed as a free agent including two who did not play in the 2003 season. There were 12 players who signed as UFA's (Undrafted Free Agents). That means that 131 (89%) were either drafted or are returning and 143 (97%) are in an NFL camp or returning. **Thank you for purchasing my NFL Draft Guide (see pages 7-15)!**

2003's TOP POSITIONS

QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Eli Manning	Mississippi	1/1	NY Giants
2.	Casey Clausen	Tennessee	UFA	Kansas City
3.	Ben Roethlisberger	Miami, Oh	1/11	Pittsburgh
4.	Cody Pickett	Washington	7/217	San Francisco
5.	Philip Rivers	NC State	1/4	San Diego
6.	Andrew Walter	Arizona St		Returning
7.	Jared Lorenzen	Kentucky	UFA	NY Giants
8.	Brad Smith	Missouri		Returning
9.	John Navarre	Michigan	7/202	Arizona
10.	David Greene	Georgia		Returning
11.	Derek Anderson	Oregon St		Returning
12.	Chris Rix	Florida St		Returning
13.	Matt Schaub	Virginia	3/90	Atlanta
14.	Luke McCown	Louisiana Tech	4/106	Cleveland
15.	Timmy Chang	Hawaii		Returning
16.	Rod Rutherford	Pittsburgh	UFA	Carolina
17.	JP Losman	Tulane	1/22	Buffalo

RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Maurice Clarett	Ohio St		Pending
2.	Greg Jones	Florida St	2/55	Jacksonville
3.	Kevin Jones	Virginia Tech	1/30	Detroit
4.	Steven Jackson	Oregon St	1/24	St Louis
5.	Cedric Benson	Texas		Returning
6.	Carnell Williams	Auburn		Returning
7.	Mewelde Moore	Tulane	4/119	Minnesota
8.	Michael Turner	N Illinois	5/154	San Diego
9.	Cedric Houston	Tennessee		Returning
10.	TA McLendon	NC State		Returning
11.	Anthony Davis	Wisconsin		Returning

WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Larry Fitzgerald	Pittsburgh	1/3	Arizona
2.	Roy Williams	Texas	1/7	Detroit
3.	Reggie Williams	Washington	1/9	Jacksonville
4.	Rashaun Woods	Oklahoma St	1/31	San Francisco
5.	Michael Jenkins	Ohio St	1/29	Atlanta
6.	Michael Clayton	LSU	1/15	Tampa Bay
7.	Mike Williams	USC		Pending
8.	Fred Gibson	Georgia		Returning
9.	Braylon Edwards	Michigan		Returning
10.	Devard Darling	Washington St	3/82	Baltimore

TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Kellen Winslow Jr	Miami, Fl	1/6	Cleveland
2.	Ben Utecht	Minnesota	UFA	Indianapolis
3.	Ben Watson	Georgia	1/32	New England
4.	Bo Scaife	Texas		Returning
5.	Brock Edwards	Texas	UFA	San Diego
6.	Ben Troupe	Florida	2/40	Tennessee
7.	Sean Ryan	Boston College	5/144	Dallas
8.	Alex Holmes	USC		Returning

CENTERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Alex Stepanovich	Ohio St	4/100	Arizona
2.	Scott Wells	Tennessee	7/251	Green Bay
3.	Brian Ottney	Michigan St	Did not play	
4.	Ben Wilkerson	LSU		Returning
5.	Nick Leckey	Kansas St	6/167	Arizona
6.	AJ Ricker	Missouri	UFA	Chicago
7.	Jake Grove	Virginia Tech	2/45	Oakland

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Shannon Snell	Florida	UFA	Denver
2.	Bryce Bishop	Ohio St	UFA	Tennessee
3.	David Baas	Michigan		Returning
4.	Justin Smiley	Alabama	2/46	San Francisco
5.	Adrien Clarke	Ohio St	7/227	Philadelphia
6.	Elton Brown	Virginia		Returning
7.	Stephen Peterman	LSU	3/83	Dallas
8.	Lamar Bryant	Maryland	UFA	Atlanta
9.	Chris Myers	Miami, Fl		Returning
10.	Doug Buckles	Mississippi		Returning
11.	Jason Respert	Tennessee		Returning
12.	Tyson Clabo	Wake Forest	UFA	Denver
13.	Chris Snee	Boston College	2/34	NY Giants
14.	Kanan Sanchez	Oregon St		Returning

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Robert Gallery	Iowa	1/2	Oakland
2.	Tony Pape	Michigan	7/221	Miami
3.	Shawn Andrews	Arkansas	1/16	Philadelphia
4.	Wesley Britt	Alabama		Returning
5.	Max Starks	Florida	3/75	Pittsburgh
6.	Travelle Wharton	S Carolina	3/94	Carolina
7.	Carlos Joseph	Miami, Fl	7/254	San Diego
8.	Shane Olivea	Ohio St	7/209	San Diego
9.	Rob Petitti	Pittsburgh		Returning
10.	Vernon Carey	Miami, Fl	1/19	Miami
11.	Nat Dorsey	Georgia Tech	4/115	Minnesota
12.	Brian Rimpf	E Carolina	7/246	Baltimore
13.	Chris Colmer	NC State		Returning

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Antwan Odom	Alabama	2/57	Tennessee
2.	David Pollack	Georgia		Returning
3.	Will Smith	Ohio St	1/18	New Orleans
4.	Marquise Hill	LSU	2/63	New England
5.	Kenechi Udeze	USC	1/20	Minnesota
6.	Nathaniel Adibi	Virginia Tech	5/145	Pittsburgh
7.	Claude Harriott	Pittsburgh	5/147	Chicago
8.	Marcus Spears	LSU		Returning

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Vince Wilfork	Miami, Fl	1/21	New England
2.	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma	1/14	Chicago
3.	Rodrique Wright	Texas		Returning
4.	Randy Starks	Maryland	3/71	Tennessee
5.	Marcus Tubbs	Texas	1/23	Seattle
6.	Shaun Cody	USC		Returning
7.	DeMarco McNeil	Auburn		Unsigned
8.	Haloti Ngata	Oregon		Returning
9.	Darnell Dockett	Florida St	3/64	Arizona
10.	Darrion Scott	Ohio St	3/88	Minnesota
11.	Anttaj Hawthorne	Wisconsin		Returning
12.	Tim Anderson	Ohio St	3/74	Buffalo
13.	Rodney Leisle	UCLA	5/139	New Orleans

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Rod Davis	Southern Miss	5/155	Minnesota
2.	Jonathan Vilma	Miami, Fl	1/12	NY Jets
3.	Lance Mitchell	Oklahoma		Returning
4.	Richard Seigler	Oregon St	4/127	San Francisco
5.	Chad Mascoe	UCF	Did not play	
6.	Niko Koutouvides	Purdue	4/116	Seattle
7.	Barrett Ruud	Nebraska		Returning
8.	Sean Tufts	Colorado	6/196	Carolina

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	DJ Williams	Miami, FL	1/17	Denver
2.	Karlos Dansby	Auburn	2/33	Arizona
3.	Derrick Johnson	Texas		Returning
4.	Dontarrious Thomas	Auburn	2/48	Minnesota
5.	Kendyll Pope	Florida St	4/107	Indianapolis
6.	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma	2/37	Detroit
7.	Daryl Smith	Georgia Tech	2/39	Jacksonville
8.	Kevin Burnett	Tennessee		Returning
9.	John Leake	Clemson	UFA	Tennessee
10.	Michael Boulware	Florida St	2/53	Seattle

CORNERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Marlin Jackson	Michigan		Returning
2.	Matt Ware	UCLA	3/89	Philadelphia
3.	Nathan Vasher	Texas	4/110	Chicago
4.	Derrick Strait	Oklahoma	3/76	NY Jets
5.	Ahmad Carroll	Arkansas	1/25	Green Bay
6.	Chris Gamble	Ohio St	1/28	Carolina
7.	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	1/8	Atlanta
8.	Antrel Rolle	Miami, FL		Returning
9.	Keiwan Ratliff	Florida	2/49	Cincinnati

FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Stuart Schweigert	Purdue	3/67	Oakland
2.	Brandon Everage	Oklahoma		Unsigned
3.	Sean Taylor	Miami, FL	1/5	Washington
4.	Dexter Reid	N Carolina	4/113	New England
5.	Jason Shivers	Arizona St	5/158	St Louis
6.	Madieu Williams	Maryland	2/56	Cincinnati
7.	Etric Pruitt	Southern Miss	6/186	Atlanta
8.	Mitch Meeuwsen	Oregon St		Returning
9.	Rashad Baker	Tennessee	UFA	Buffalo
10.	Darren Williams	Mississippi St		Returning
11.	Keith Lewis	Oregon	6/198	Oregon
12.	Eric Oliver	Mississippi		Returning
13.	Ben Emanuel	UCLA		Returning
14.	Erik Coleman	Washington St	5/143	NY Jets

STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Maurice Sikes	Miami, Fl		Unsigned
2.	Jamaal Brimmer	UNLV		Returning
3.	Kentrell Curry	Georgia	UFA	Cleveland
4.	Bob Sanders	Iowa	2/44	Indianapolis
5.	Jerome Carter	Florida St		Returning
6.	Guss Scott	Florida	3/95	New England

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2003 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Just like the special teams, I feed the pass defense numbers into my computer to rank each team's pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's and opposing QB's faced. If a team faced mostly running offenses and very few solid pass attacks, they will rank lower in these ratings even if their percentage and ratio were solid. For example, Air Force finished #38 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2003. They allowed opposing QB's just 54.2% completion percentage and gave up only 11 TD's while picking off 13. When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #77 in my rankings as their opponent rating is only 7.65. Conversely, USC finished only #26 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but #7 in my rankings as they took on the 2nd, 6th, 20th, 21st (Hawaii, Oregon St, Arizona St, Washington St) rated passing offenses in the NCAA and yielded 55% completions for the season. They gave up 18 TD's, but made 22 interceptions vs an opponent rating of 12.56 (4.91 pts higher than Air Force's). Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1	LSU	185.0	477	213	44.7	12	21	17.5	11.36
2	WASHINGTON ST	227.7	547	263	48.1	19	24	16.2	11.46
3	MIAMI, FL	140.9	328	167	50.9	9	19	15.5	11.13
4	OREGON ST	204.3	467	206	44.1	22	20	15.4	11.04
5	NEBRASKA	177.8	430	218	50.7	10	32	15.0	9.58
6	BOISE ST	247.9	614	302	49.2	17	21	14.7	10.84
7	USC	276.2	567	312	55.0	18	22	14.5	12.56
8	OKLAHOMA	146.4	419	218	52.0	11	22	14.4	10.07
9	TENNESSEE	186.1	414	230	55.6	10	15	13.5	11.31
10	S MISSISSIPPI	174.0	364	189	51.9	9	14	13.5	10.73
11	GEORGIA	174.5	412	224	54.4	12	17	13.3	10.89
12	UCLA	200.7	422	249	59.0	15	19	13.2	12.27
13	MICHIGAN	180.5	410	221	53.9	9	14	13.1	10.50
14	FLORIDA ST	212.9	449	247	55.0	12	15	13.0	11.19
15	TEXAS	177.3	354	167	47.2	14	15	12.4	9.62
16	FLORIDA	208.9	414	228	55.1	12	20	12.4	10.44
17	MEMPHIS	185.4	394	187	47.5	14	11	12.2	9.63
18	WASHINGTON	233.4	375	194	51.7	18	16	12.2	11.40
19	KANSAS ST	174.6	447	224	50.1	19	20	12.1	9.45
20	TULSA	180.9	373	189	50.7	12	19	12.0	9.25
21	MARYLAND	179.0	368	185	50.3	10	12	12.0	9.63
22	IOWA	221.8	462	257	55.6	11	13	11.9	10.60
23	PURDUE	205.6	420	222	52.9	12	14	11.8	10.00
24	UTAH	198.8	347	171	49.3	9	8	11.8	9.92
25	SOUTH FLORIDA	179.9	352	173	49.1	14	13	11.7	9.02
26	SAN DIEGO ST	160.3	345	176	51.0	12	12	11.6	9.21
27	ARKANSAS	187.0	399	213	53.4	17	17	11.6	9.96
28	CINCINNATI	188.6	337	170	50.4	17	19	11.5	9.46
29	WISCONSIN	213.4	423	228	53.9	13	12	11.4	10.35
30	OREGON	259.9	485	253	52.2	22	12	11.4	11.40
31	PENN ST	153.3	311	160	51.4	14	10	11.3	9.65
32	BYU	176.2	320	168	52.5	13	14	11.3	9.73
33	MIAMI, OH	229.5	481	252	52.4	22	21	11.1	9.86
34	UAB	208.3	385	223	57.9	11	14	11.1	10.42
35	ARIZONA ST	253.9	393	216	55.0	20	16	11.0	11.65
36	STANFORD	296.3	459	250	54.5	23	9	11.0	12.43
37	OHIO ST	234.5	515	298	57.9	14	15	10.9	10.08
38	FRESNO ST	206.4	451	251	55.7	22	16	10.8	10.71
39	CLEMSON	204.5	409	230	56.2	15	14	10.7	10.15
40	VIRGINIA	223.0	415	235	56.6	14	13	10.5	10.44
41	AUBURN	189.0	362	193	53.3	15	11	10.5	9.87
42	GEORGIA TECH	221.7	425	257	60.5	15	13	10.4	11.35
43	TCU	255.8	423	218	51.5	18	18	10.3	9.67
44	CONNECTICUT	201.2	395	210	53.2	17	9	10.1	9.48
45	NOTRE DAME	213.0	337	194	57.6	16	13	10.1	11.17
46	KENTUCKY	195.6	330	186	56.4	14	11	10.1	10.40
47	PITTSBURGH	217.6	407	233	57.2	15	14	10.1	10.15
48	UTAH ST	192.8	348	188	54.0	14	14	10.0	9.04
49	UNLV	239.8	404	235	58.2	17	16	10.0	10.44
50	SYRACUSE	222.2	395	237	60.0	22	17	9.8	11.04
51	NEW MEXICO	248.2	477	270	56.6	20	13	9.8	10.37
52	CALIFORNIA	251.1	469	262	55.9	25	14	9.8	11.43
53	BOSTON COLLEGE	229.5	442	255	57.7	21	19	9.7	9.83
54	TROY ST	224.2	393	232	59.0	11	16	9.6	9.29
55	WEST VIRGINIA	259.8	489	289	59.1	18	21	9.6	9.58
56	ALABAMA	227.8	432	250	57.9	23	12	9.5	11.08
57	MINNESOTA	217.7	454	268	59.0	14	11	9.5	9.69
58	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	230.5	392	219	55.9	15	23	9.5	8.38
59	VANDERBILT	199.4	328	184	56.1	14	10	9.4	9.85
60	LOUISVILLE	258.3	474	264	55.7	19	13	9.4	9.83
61	OHIO	219.8	352	179	50.9	20	11	9.3	9.29
62	MARSHALL	177.4	304	163	53.6	15	7	9.2	9.35
63	OKLAHOMA ST	241.1	437	247	56.5	23	18	9.2	9.79
64	AKRON	225.7	396	226	57.1	23	15	9.2	8.10
65	TULANE	220.9	357	192	53.8	19	14	9.2	9.31
66	NEVADA	237.3	382	220	57.6	18	15	9.1	9.94
67	COLORADO ST	215.2	377	216	57.3	17	13	9.0	9.83
68	MISSISSIPPI	276.1	454	255	56.2	26	15	9.0	11.02
69	MICHIGAN ST	255.2	450	244	54.2	27	15	9.0	10.04
70	RUTGERS	216.4	347	179	51.6	20	10	8.9	9.15
71	HAWAII	239.4	460	261	56.7	17	15	8.8	9.13
72	BOWLING GREEN	207.7	430	235	54.7	19	11	8.8	8.93
73	VIRGINIA TECH	231.5	405	244	60.2	19	15	8.6	10.25
74	WAKE FOREST	279.8	465	288	61.9	22	13	8.6	11.33
75	DUKE	216.9	351	207	59.0	15	11	8.6	9.79
76	HOUSTON	231.7	375	205	54.7	27	14	8.5	10.44
77	AIR FORCE	183.1	312	169	54.2	11	13	8.4	7.65
78	MISSOURI	213.8	422	266	63.0	15	9	8.3	10.10
79	NORTHWESTERN	253.2	427	261	61.1	15	15	8.1	9.58
80	TEXAS TECH	256.3	410	235	57.3	20	16	8.1	9.40
81	NAVY	180.2	370	229	61.9	13	16	8.0	8.21
82	LOUISIANA-LFT	223.2	347	192	55.3	22	12	7.9	9.21
83	NC STATE	284.1	516	305	59.1	28	11	7.9	10.87
84	SAN JOSE ST	271.7	364	219	60.2	21	15	7.9	10.39
85	NORTH TEXAS	212.5	399	245	61.4	20	18	7.8	8.83
86	IDAHO	199.3	339	211	62.2	8	9	7.8	8.75
87	NEW MEXICO ST	199.7	322	179	55.6	19	12	7.7	8.42
88	SOUTH CAROLINA	202.6	341	211	61.9	23	9	7.7	10.94
89	LOUISIANA TECH	272.8	400	247	61.8	17	14	7.7	10.10
90	WYOMING	212.2	332	192	57.8	20	12	7.7	9.21
91	COLORADO	281.3	416	247	59.4	25	10	7.6	11.27
92	RICE	224.8	382	234	61.3	20	8	7.2	9.69
93	SMU	225.3	335	189	56.4	28	10	7.1	10.04
94	EAST CAROLINA	199.7	298	173	58.1	26	7	7.0	10.71
95	UTEP	257.5	395	224	56.7	24	11	7.0	9.62
96	ILLINOIS	202.3	313	189	60.4	15	2	6.9	9.81
97	ARIZONA	279.3	394	241	61.2	26	7	6.8	12.40
98	KANSAS	217.9	390	242	62.1	18	12	6.7	8.58
99	WESTERN MICHIGAN	245.2	376	235	62.5	22	12	6.7	9.88
100	ARKANSAS ST	250.1	387	232	59.9	25	13	6.7	9.25
101	TEMPLE	227.0	340	215	63.2	20	11	6.6	10.06
102	BALL ST	189.5	342	214	62.6	22	6	6.5	9.33
103	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	254.4	401	248	61.8	23	12	6.5	9.27
104	BAYLOR	256.5	377	211	56.0	31	6	6.5	10.44
105	TOLEDO	238.2	399	252	63.2	22	15	6.2	8.23
106	BUFFALO	253.3	368	220	59.8	23	4	6.1	10.21
107	EASTERN MICHIGAN	201.9	314	192	61.1	15	6	5.9	8.00
108	ARMY	253.4	382	249	65.2	21	12	5.7	10.17
109	IOWA ST	225.8	340	227	66.8	19	8	5.6	10.17
110	TEXAS A&M	206.4	311	192	61.7	29	6	5.6	10.60
111	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	256.0	386	249	64.5	19	8	5.5	8.98
112	KENT ST	260.5	404	256	63.4	27	9	5.3	9.44
113	UCF	211.2	318	208	65.4	19	5	4.8	8.75
114	MISSISSIPPI ST	283.3	373	232	62.2	31	6	4.3	10.90
115	UL MONROE	232.2	317	189	59.6	30	7	4.3	8.35
116	INDIANA	237.1	316	212	67.1	24	9	4.0	9.71
117	NORTH CAROLINA	278.3	359	226	63.0	25	2	4.0	10.25

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THE POWER PLAYS FACTOR- STRENGTH OF OPPONENTS FACED MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Phil Steele

When I first started handicapping professionally, way back in 1982, my main source of statistical information was the raw stats provided by the NCAA. These stats can paint a very good picture of each team's strengths and weaknesses; however, sometimes statistics can be deceiving.

Facts can be distorted by what I call garbage yards. Let me give you an example from 2001. In a game against Iowa St, Kansas St had a snap fly over everyone's head on a 22 yd FG attempt and it turned into a 49 yard loss. In the NCAA statistics, KSU was credited with -49 yards rush. They actually had 392 yards rushing on 74 carries with a 5.3 ypc but the final stats showed them with 343 yards on 75 carries and only a 4.6 ypc. I added the 49 yards back into KSU's rush offense total to correct the misleading stat in the Power Plays system, making the Power Plays forecast more accurate.

Here is an example from the 1998 season which illustrates another important factor, the strength of opponents faced. In their 3rd and 4th games, the Houston Cougars allowed a total of 84 points and 999 yards. Now if you were looking at straight statistics, you could surmise that 42 ppg and 500 ypg are very poor averages and UH's defense was extremely weak. A closer inspection shows that they faced the potent offenses of UCLA and Tennessee in those two weeks, so the defense wasn't as bad as it seemed. The next week vs a more manageable foe (Memphis) they allowed just 8 FD's, 200 total yards of offense and 14 points.

Let me give you another example from that season. After 3 games New Mexico was a 2-1 football team and looked like it statistically. On offense they were averaging 379.6 ypg and 35 ppg. Anyone who studied pure statistics would call that a potent offense. The defense was allowing 24.3 ppg which is not overwhelming but still a solid effort. Just looking at the stats, you would have called them a Top 40 contender. San Diego St plays in the same conference. After 3 games things did not look too bright. They stood at 0-3 straight up for the season and statistically they were very poor. Their offense was averaging a poor 264 ypg and only scoring 13 ppg. The defense looked very weak as they were allowing 32 ppg to opposing offenses and 374 ypg. This was clearly a team that was going nowhere and ranked in the bottom of the NCAA in almost every category.

The thing the statistics do not tell you is the strength of opponents that each faced. In their first three games, New Mexico took on Idaho St, Utah St and New Mexico St. San Diego St, on the other hand, faced a killer schedule with Arizona, Wisconsin and USC. Arizona and Wisconsin would end the year in the Top 5 and USC was a bowl team. Could the strength of opponents really skew the statistics that much? You bet it did!

The Aztecs played a similar schedule of WAC teams down the stretch. San Diego St, with the defense that looked horrible allowing 32 ppg to open, got much tougher vs the lesser competition. They allowed just 16 ppg over the final 8 games or 50% less. The Aztecs were 7-1 over their last 8 games, which to a pure stats man would have come as a complete surprise prior to conference play.

New Mexico, which appeared poised to win the WAC Title based on their early season stats, faltered vs the now stronger competition. Their offense, which had been averaging 35 ppg, only had 19 ppg in their final 8 outings. New Mexico would go just 1-8 down the stretch with their defense giving up 36 ppg. These two teams prove that statistics can indeed be misleading and strength of opponents must be weighed into the analysis of a team.

Some folks have adapted their power ratings to take into account the strength of opponents faced. This too can be a flawed method. As an example: You could correctly deduce that for the most part a team would be better than their statistics indicated if they faced a team like Oklahoma. By the same token you could come to the conclusion that your statistics would be better than they should be if you faced a team like Vanderbilt (2-10 last year). There are two obvious exceptions. Using a straight power rating to modify the statistics would be accurate for the most part but the passing game rating could be inaccurate. Let me clarify.

Let's say Indiana gave up 400 yards rushing and 150 yards passing in a blowout loss to Ohio St. On the same day, Texas A&M allowed 30 yards rushing and 250 yards passing to Hawaii. Now let's use a straight power rating number to modify the numbers. Let's say you counted Indiana's performance at 125% since they were taking on a powerhouse. You would probably have used a 75% rating for the weaker Hawaii squad. That sounds good but the area that is seriously flawed is pass defense. The straight stats would show that Indiana's pass defense (allowed 150 yards) had a much better day than the Aggies' which allowed 250 yds. Modifying the result by the overall strength of opponents would only skew the results worse. If Indiana held the Buckeyes to 150 yards passing but only because OSU ran at will and rarely passed the ball, that would not be a solid effort-just a lack of the Bucks trying to pass. However, for a defense to hold the high flying Warriors to only 250 yards would have been an outstanding effort.

So, if you cannot trust the numbers alone and cannot trust the numbers with the strength of opponents rating, what are you to do? That is the dilemma I faced in the mid 1980's. I then devised my Power Plays system. My Power Plays system not only looks at statistics, but also the strength of opposing units faced. For example, in the Ohio St and Hawaii scenarios I just explained, my Power Plays system would have entirely different results than the other 2 methods.

Odds are that my Power Plays numbers would have called for Ohio St to pass for about 135 yds vs Indiana. With the Hoosiers allowing 150 yards passing, my Power Plays method would actually have DOWNGRADED their pass defense numbers, even though they were better than average in pass yards allowed. My Power Plays system would probably have forecasted Hawaii to pass for about 320 yds. Since A&M allowed just 250, my Power Plays would actually UPGRADE them in the rankings for a solid performance.

Going back to my earlier example of San Diego St and New Mexico will also help you see the advantage of Power Plays. My Power Plays power ratings for the Aztecs' defense actually got stronger over the first 3 weeks of the season as they allowed less points and yards than Power Plays had expected them to. This was surprising considering how bad their raw stats were. On the other hand, New Mexico's Power Plays ratings were weakening on both offense and defense as Power Plays expected better performances from them vs their overmatched opponents. After 3 games the NCAA statistics clearly said that New Mexico had the far superior defense to San Diego St. My Power Plays had San Diego St's D rated higher and that was correct, especially looking at the results of the 1998 season.

Another area I look at is the end-of-the-year analysis. Texas gave up 139 ypg rushing on defense in 1998 with a 3.4 ypc and ranked 45th in the NCAA rush D rankings. I felt that they were much better than that, as they played in the then run dominated Big 12 conference and faced strong rush attacks like Nebraska, Texas A&M and Colorado on a weekly basis.

It's also helpful to see a thorough comparison of pass defense rankings. Kansas St always ranks high in the NCAA pass D ratings and finished #9 in 1998. They were only #32 in mine. Auburn was #43 in the NCAA rankings but #3 in mine. The key difference was the strength of opponent. KSU took on opponents like Indiana St, N Illinois, UL Monroe and the aforementioned, run-dominated teams of the Big 12. Even facing a soft slate of opposing QB's they allowed over 200 ypg six times and even gave up 324 yards to a run based Texas A&M team. KSU did have a good pass D (ranked #32) but not a great one. Auburn finished the year with 19 interceptions and just 14 TD's allowed on defense, while giving up 56% completions. A closer look shows they took on quarterbacks like Doug Johnson of Florida, Aaron Brooks of Virginia, Romaro Miller of Ole Miss, Herbert Tyler of LSU, Tim Rattay of La Tech, Daunte Culpepper of UCF, Clint Stoerner of Arkansas and Quincy Carter of Georgia. Seven of those 8 QB's have played in the NFL, with five of them starting NFL games! Three of those teams ranked in the Top 10 in passing in the NCAA, and the 11 opponents combined averaged 256 ypg passing, but only 187 vs the Tigers. They faced just one opponent that ranked in the bottom 50 in pass offense. Kansas St played NINE opponents in the bottom 50! As you can see, the strength of opponents' units faced is very important indeed.

If this is the type of statistical analysis that you would like on a weekly basis, then I recommend my Power Plays newsletter. It includes not only the point forecast for each team for the week, but also projects the yards rushing, passing, and turnovers for each team. The Power Plays newsletter, however, is almost strictly a statistical analysis based on this fine method that I have developed. Each week there are usually between 7 and 11 4★ plays. To be a 4★, the Power Plays forecast must be strongly on one side of the game and I have to agree with it. The star ratings range from 1★ to 5★ for college and NFL. I do not agree with all of the Power Play forecasts, (no one should use just one method to handicap) but I do not make a final analysis of a game without at least considering what the Power Plays numbers forecast. This year Power Plays has been greatly upgraded containing as much useful statistical information as I could compile. For a free sample copy, call 1-800-654-3448.

PHIL STEELE'S POWER PLAYS

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#1 FIVE STRAIGHT YEARS!!

-by Arne K. Lang

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America's top newsstands seem to carry as many football magazines as Baskin-Robbins has ice cream flavors. In the college category, there's one that stands above the pack. It bears the name of its architect and builder, Phil Steele.

This is not just one man's opinion. At the venerable and venerated Gamblers Book Shop, one of the last remnants of old Las Vegas, consumers voting with their dollars have voted Steele's publication the best. An independent survey, uncorrupted by advertising sales, informs us that Phil Steele's College Football Preview magazine is the most complete magazine on the market and has voted it so for 5 consecutive years.

The survey – the only one of its kind – rates preseason football publications using a host of different variables blended into a complex mathematical formula that eliminates subjective opinions. Categories include forecasting accuracy, information quality, information quantity, recapping information, and price. Each category is assigned a different weight for the purpose of determining the final numerical rating. Forecasting accuracy is the category weighted highest to determine the overall score.

The ratings, the brainchild of a man named Chris Stassen, were first published in 1993 – two years before the advent of Phil Steele's first preseason annual – but Phil had no knowledge of these ratings until 1997 when he stumbled across Stassen on the Internet. This serendipitous encounter was disconcerting.

Phil's publication was rated sixth, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings and not total wins and losses, a criterion that carries more favor with bowl committees. As an example in 1997, Phil forecast that Cincinnati would finish with a stronger record overall than would East Carolina. The Bearcats went 7-4 that year and East Carolina was just 5-6. Phil was correct but in the Stassen ratings he did not fare well. The Stassen ratings go by conference record. East Carolina was 4-2 in CUSA play and Cincy was just 2-4.

This artifice penalized Steele enormously, reducing his overall score below what it would have been if he had configured his forecasts to fit the Stassen model. However, his dissatisfaction was tempered by his respect for the integrity of the Stassen ratings. The whole point of the survey was to identify the best value for the consumer. The scope of Stassen's study was impressive and his purpose was noble.

Phil accepted his 1997 ranking as constructive criticism. He tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his long-range forecasts, but also adding teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity. His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams. Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph, but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. In 2002 Phil expanded to two full pages on ALL 117 teams (now 119 teams).

Let me delve a little deeper into the accuracy aspect of the magazines. In 1998, Steele's magazine started to project the teams in order of Conference finish and NOT overall record. That year Steele's magazine finished fifth in forecasting accuracy, but there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street and Smith had the best score at 138 points (like golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions. For example in the SEC last year, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia all tied for first in the SEC East in conference games. For purposes of the Stassen survey, the three 6-2 teams finished first, second or third whatever placement was most favorable for the forecaster. Last year everyone had those teams in the top three so no points were assessed for their forecasts. As in golf, the lower the score, the better the score.

Last year I showed you the Big Ten where only two of the rival publications in Stassen's top ten concurred with Phil's assessment that Ohio St was the team to beat in the Big 10 and would finish atop the heap when the final standings were posted. The Buckeyes not only did that but they won the national title as Phil's #1 surprise team for 2002. Last year NO OTHER magazine picked LSU to even win the SEC West and one even had them 4th. Phil had LSU #1 in the SEC West and his #2 surprise team in the country and was rewarded when they not only won the West, but when they won a share of the national title. The chart shows us at a glance, how Stassen's grading system works and the points assessed for how far off Phil was on each.

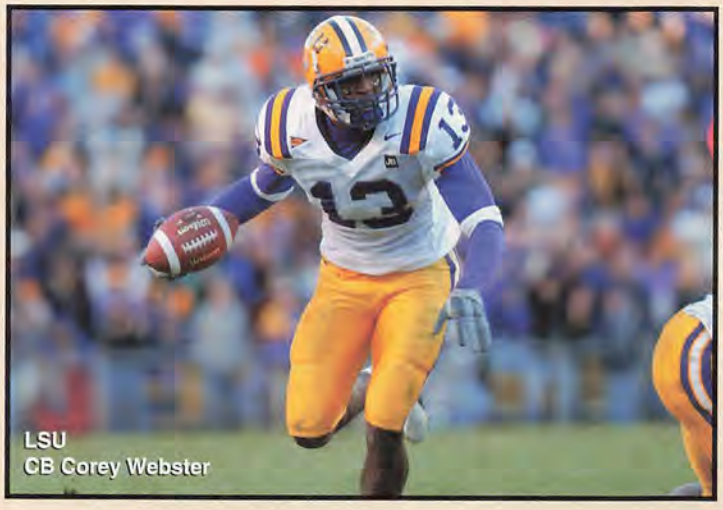
Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
East				
Tennessee	6-2	1st (Tie)	1	0
Georgia	6-2	1st (Tie)	2	0
Florida	6-2	1st (Tie)	3	0
S Carolina	2-6	4th	4	0
Kentucky	1-7	5th (Tie)	5	0
Vanderbilt	1-7	5th (Tie)	6	0
West				
LSU	7-1	1st (Tie)	1	0
Mississippi	7-1	1st (Tie)	4	2
Auburn	5-3	3rd	2.5	.5
Arkansas	4-4	4th	2.5	1.5
Alabama	2-6	5th	5	0
Miss St	1-7	6th	6	0
				Total Pts: 4

Phil's top finish in SEC forecasting accuracy was largely due to pegging 9 teams in the correct slot only being assessed 4 points for the 3 other teams. Phil also proved to be the most accurate in the Big 12 South last season with a perfect forecast.

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for the magazine accuracy. In 2001, Steele vaulted to first place in forecasting accuracy, outdistancing his nearest competitor by 7 points, the widest gap between the first and second place finishers since 1995. Listed below is the final chart for the SEC for the 2003 season.

Winning the accuracy title every year is a tough task. Street and Smith along with Lindy's both have proven track records. Street and Smith has finished #1 in the accuracy rankings four times since 1993 with their most recent #1 finish in 1999. Lindy's has finished in the top spot twice

Publication & Total Pts	Phil Steele	Lindy's	Game Plan	ATS Consultants	Athlon	Jim Feist	The Sporting News	CNN/SI	Football Action	Street & Smith	Total Points
Tennessee	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	15
Georgia	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	18
Florida	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	27
South Carolina	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	44
Kentucky	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	5	46
Vanderbilt	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	60
East Total Pts	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	
Auburn	2.5	1	1	1.5	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
LSU	1	2	3	4	2	2	2	3	3	2	24
Arkansas	2.5	4	5	1.5	4	3	5	2	2	4	33
Alabama	5	3	2	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	36
Mississippi	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	45
Mississippi St	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	60
West Total Pts	**4**	**7**	**9**	**9**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**9**	**7**	



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The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 years and even an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2003. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past five years (1999-2003) in the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	Ttl Score	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Phil Steele	**1**	**729**	**155**	**153**	**148**	**130**	**143**
Lindy's	2	730	149	150	155	124	152
Athlon	3	738	149	144	162	134	149
Sporting News	4	740	146	131	173	135	155
Jim Feist	6	742	141	148	162	129	162
Game Plan	7	749	141	154	165	132	157
Street & Smith	8	756	147	155	180	136	138
Football Action	5	775	182	142	166*	136	149
ATS Consultants	9	775	165	147	158	147	158

* Record was not available on site, so used on average score of all ranked services.

(1995 & 1998). Last year I chronicled the top 10 magazines in Stassen's accuracy ratings over the last 4 years. Blue Ribbon, which was #10 of 10 in accuracy was not monitored by the Stassen site last year so this year I list 9. Last season was not a good one for Phil. When Pitt lost to Miami at home late in the year ending their shot at a BCS game, he dropped in the ratings and was only #7 among magazines in terms of accuracy. This has really tightened up the race as Phil's once wide lead has dropped to 1 point over Lindy's and just 9 over Athlon. The big question for 2004 is can Phil hold onto the top spot in the accuracy ratings for the sixth straight year when the chart is compiled after the season?

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information. In this regard, the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games, but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's web site, but why even bother? For a mere $7.95, one can have this information right at their fingertips.

Rated best overall in 1999 and 2000, Steele's magazine was accorded its highest rating ever in 2001, scoring 78 of a possible 80 points!! Steele's overall rating for 2001 was 17 points higher than the runner-up (a thicker and much more expensive publication that is a spin-off of a distinguished college basketball annual) and a mind-boggling 50 points higher than the publication that finished at the bottom of the Stassen survey! (For verification, dial up the Stassen Report at www.preseason.stassen.com, or take a bit longer road and type in the keyword "stassen."). In 2002, Phil's publication matched the 78 grade of the year before and **once again stayed on top of the poll by 17 points.** Last year it dropped to a 72 grade (lost some points under accuracy) but was still #1 by 16 points.

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The late gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fits neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of ATS (against the spread). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone that is serious about beating the bookie.

Perhaps only another compiler can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. In 2001, I prepared a college football annual of my own, a modest 56-pager that was loosely modeled on Phil's preseason magazine. The publication was not widely disseminated on newsstands. More than likely you never saw it. But trust me. It was a very time-consuming endeavor. Excavating data on 119 teams and then stitching that info into a coherent presentation is labor-intensive, even if the end product is skimpy.

The hours were long, but the work was hardly tedious and it served a dual purpose, sharpening my effectiveness as an odds consultant. Likewise, Phil Steele produces his magazine for reasons other than profiting from newsstand sales. The painstaking research gives him a leg up when the season starts. The information he needs to make sound judgments during the course of the season is now right at his fingertips.

Phil has reached the point of his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his handicapping proficiency. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

I do my own homework (while readily acknowledging that Steele's magazine is an indispensable crutch), and often draw conclusions that do not jibe with Mr. Steele. To that point however I note that in 1919, Chicago Tribune sportswriter Ring Lardner – not yet famous as a critically acclaimed author of short fiction – prefaced his analysis of the upcoming Willard-Dempsey fight by telling his readers "I can point with a whole lot of pride to some of my pickings in the past."

Me too. And being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions with a friendly wager, even against an adversary as formidable as Phil Steele.

But let's get one thing straight: my mama didn't raise no fool. I'm not about to joust with the reigning five-time Stassen champion unless he is willing to lay me odds. And for the record, no I was not around in 1919 to heed Ring Lardner's recommendation to bet the barn on poor Jess Willard who would be beaten into a bloody pulp.

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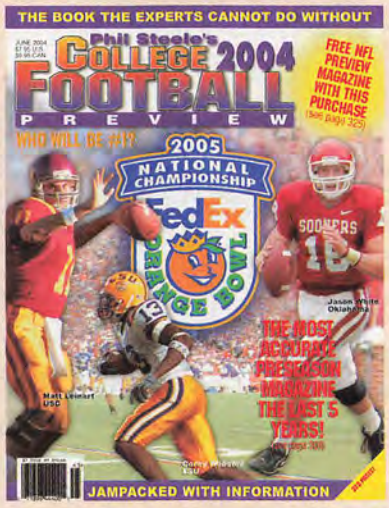

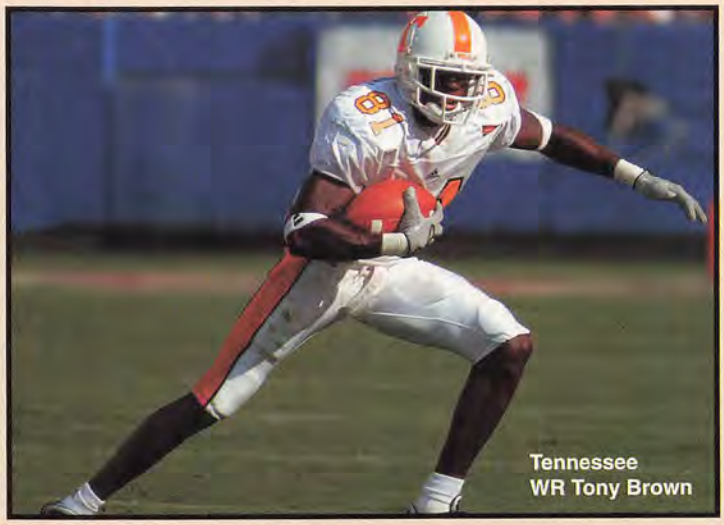
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DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future as they can tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last seven years' drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points and a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality free agent signee, so I did not lend a high level of merit to that category. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 7 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points which make them among the best in the NCAA. I will now review these results for you year-by-year.

Chris Gamble was 1 of 14 Ohio St Buckeyes taken in this year's draft

Starting with the 1997 draft, there were 17 teams that had 12 points or more lost in the draft. Of those 17 an amazing 14 did not improve upon their previous year's record and those 17 teams went from a combined 147-43 (77.4%) record to 121-69 (63.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Houston, which went from 7-4 down to 3-8, Texas, which fell from 8-4 to 4-7, Colorado, which dropped from 9-2 to 5-6, and 3 teams (Arizona St, California and Virginia Tech) were -3 in the net win category during the regular season. Of the Top 10 teams in this survey, only one managed a stronger record the next year but ironically it would be the 1997 National Champion, Nebraska!

In 1998 there were 21 teams that totalled 12 points or more in my "Hangover" system. Of those 21, EIGHTEEN did not improve upon the previous year's record. This time, out of the top 11 qualifiers, 10 teams did not improve upon their record with the only exception, like Nebraska the previous year, being Tennessee, which ended up being the National Champ in 1998! The 21 teams that made my list had gone a combined 180-58 (75.6%) in 1997 but with their draft losses stumbled to a combined 136-102 in 1998 (57.1%). The biggest losers on the year were Washington St which went from the Rose Bowl and a 10-1 record down to 3-8, Auburn which dropped from 9-3 all the way down to 3-8, Cincinnati which fell from 7-4 down to 2-9, N Carolina which dropped from 10-1 to 6-5, and Clemson which went from 7-4 to 3-8.

In 1999, there were 23 teams that lost enough players in the NFL Draft to total 12 points or more. Of the 23 teams, 17 (73.9%) had weaker records in 1999. In 1998 the 23 teams combined for 188-79 (70.4%) record and fell to a combined 153-112 (57.7%) record in 1999. Those who felt the draft's effect the most were Arizona which plummeted from 11-1 to 6-6, UCLA which dropped from 10-1 to 4-7, Ohio St which went from 10-1 to a stunning 6-6, Notre Dame fell from 9-2 to 5-7, while W Virginia went from a solid 8-3 season to a 4-7 year. Of the Top 8 teams that made my list, seven had weaker records in the 1999 season.

In 2000, 25 teams "earned" 12 points or more. Those 25 teams combined for a 209-81 (72.1%) record in 1999 but in 2000 the same 25 teams combined to go 174-114 (60.4%). The biggest loser on the year was Alabama, who went from 10-2 and thinking National Title to a massively disappointing 3-8 season after incurring the sixth biggest loss on draft day. Other big losers were Marshall which went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season, Michigan St which plummeted from a Citrus Bowl winning 10-2 year to 5-6, and Penn St which went from 9-3 to one of Joe Paterno's worst seasons ever at 5-7. Nineteen out of the 25 teams failed to achieve a stronger record the next year (76.0%). Amazingly, for the third time in 4 years, one of the teams that made this list won the National Title, as Oklahoma had to replace 1st and 2nd round draft picks.

There were 25 teams who "earned" 12 points or more in 2001. Those 25 teams combined for a 208-94 (68.9%) record in 2000 but in 2001 the 25 teams dropped to 184-114 (61.7%). The biggest losers on the year were Florida St who was at the top of the chart and fell out of the final Top 5 at the end of the season for the first time in 14 years. Kansas St went from 11-3 to 6-6 and Washington went from 11-1 to 8-4. Four teams who went to a bowl in 2000 that did not make a bowl in 2001 were Wisconsin, Minnesota, Notre Dame and Arizona St. Again, for the 4th time in 5 years one of the teams that made this list won the National Title and that was Miami, Fl, who was #2. Out of the 25 teams, 11 of them (44%, highest percentage in 5 years) did manage to improve their record.

There were 27 teams that had "earned" 12 points or more in the 2002 draft. I noted that 7 teams had "earned" MORE points in the draft the previous year so they actually were in better shape losing less NFL prospects than the previous year. Of those 7, 5 had better records that year and I noted that by fine tuning the list of 12+ point teams that it became about an 80% proposition for teams to have a weaker record the next year. In a box at the bottom of the page I listed the 20 teams which had suffered the biggest losses from the previous year. For the FIFTH time in 6 years the National Champ was in that list (Ohio St). In fact if you take out Ohio St's record, the other 19 teams combined to go 168-65 (72.1%) in 2001 and just 131-111 (54.1%) in 2002!!! The biggest loser was Stanford, which went from 9-3 down to 2-9, and BYU which went from 12-2 in 2001 to a losing record of 5-7 in 2002. Oregon, a BCS team from 2001, went from 11-1 to 7-6 after their draft losses. North Carolina, South Carolina, Mich St and UAB all went from being bowl-eligible to a losing season. Of the 20 teams in the box the year before, only 4 managed to achieve a better record in 2002 than they did in 2001 so the system once again hit 80% as only 20% had a better record.

Last year there were 24 teams that had 12 or more points in the 2003 draft. I eliminated the 7 that actually lost less points compared to the 2002 draft and listed the remaining 17 on the page. Of those 7, 2 had better records including co-National Champ LSU. Four had weaker records and 1 had the same. **Of the 17 teams that were in the box on last year's page, only 3 (17.6%) managed a stronger record than the previous year.** ONCE AGAIN the list did contain the co-National Champ in USC. Eliminating USC's record, the teams in the box combined for a 145-62 70.0% record in 2002 but in 2003 their combined records were just 124-83 59.9%. The biggest losers were Penn St which topped last year's list with 38 points and went from 9-4 to 3-9, Notre Dame which went from 10-3 to 5-7 and Illinois which went from 5-7 to 1-11. Of the 17 teams in the box last year, only 3 managed to achieve a better record in 2003 than they did in 2002 so the system hit 82.4% as only 17.6% had a better record. With both LSU and USC winning a share of the National Title in the last 7 years, there have been 8 champs and 7 have been on this list.

With that in mind, this year there were 25 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. Ohio St set a record for most points as they had an NFL record 14 players selected in 7 rounds. Once again I have qualified the list even further to become an 80% proposition by eliminating the teams that lost fewer points in 2003 than they had the previous year. Some teams normally graduate a large amount of NFL players and are actually in better shape than the previous year as they lose less points. There are 5 teams that qualify in this category: Florida (19), Georgia (18), Iowa (18), Notre Dame (15) and Michigan (13). **According to past history, in reviewing the 20 teams in the box to the left, only 3 or 4 will manage to improve their record this year but the National Champ has a good chance (87.5%) of being one of the overall 25 teams on the Draft Day Hangover Lists.**

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2004 NFL DRAFT
Ohio St	51
Miami, Fl	45
LSU	25
Purdue	25
Virginia Tech	24
Arkansas	24
Pittsburgh	21
USC	20
Florida St	19
Oregon St	18
Texas	18
Georgia Tech	17
Washington	17
Oklahoma	16
Oklahoma St	14
NC State	14
Oregon	14
Auburn	14
Maryland	14
Mississippi	12

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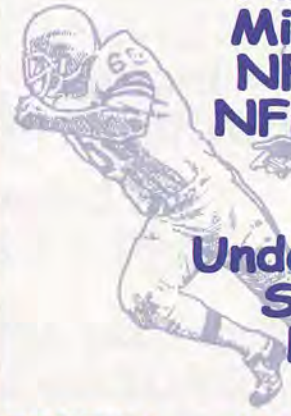

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NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. With that in mind, we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter, 2.5 for every additional Senior in the two deep, 2 points for every additional Jr starter, 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep, 1 point for an additional Sophomore starter, 0.5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The total points column uses that formula to figure out the total points awarded to a team. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in my overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May which might not be accounted for but it will give you an idea of the most experienced and least experienced teams in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	FLORIDA ST	12	6	7	7	19	13	3	8	0	1	82
48	VIRGINIA TECH	10	5	10	4	20	9	0	7	2	6	67
53	VIRGINIA	9	4	6	7	15	11	6	7	1	4	66
57	DUKE	10	0	7	9	17	9	5	9	0	4	65
64	CLEMSON	10	1	7	7	17	8	5	9	0	5	64
64	N CAROLINA	9	4	7	4	16	8	6	8	0	6	64
93	NC STATE	10	0	7	7	17	7	4	9	1	6	59
101	MARYLAND	9	5	7	2	16	7	3	8	3	7	57
108	GEORGIA TECH	7	4	9	2	16	6	4	8	2	8	54
108	MIAMI, FL	6	2	11	4	17	6	5	6	0	10	54
114	WAKE FOREST	8	1	7	4	15	5	6	9	1	8	52

NCAA RANK	BIG 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
6	WISCONSIN	14	6	6	7	20	13	2	6	0	3	83
48	INDIANA	7	5	9	6	16	11	6	6	0	5	67
72	PENN ST	5	4	11	6	16	10	5	9	1	3	63
72	MINNESOTA	7	3	9	7	16	10	5	8	1	4	63
76	OHIO ST	5	3	10	7	15	10	6	10	1	2	62
83	ILLINOIS	9	6	5	4	14	10	5	7	3	5	61
83	NORTHWESTERN	10	0	10	6	20	6	2	8	0	8	61
87	MICHIGAN ST	10	1	8	8	18	9	3	4	1	9	60
93	IOWA	8	2	7	6	15	8	7	7	0	7	59
111	PURDUE	6	1	8	8	14	9	6	7	2	6	53
114	MICHIGAN	6	0	10	4	16	4	5	13	1	5	52

NCAA RANK	BIG 12	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
6	KANSAS ST	13	4	8	10	21	14	1	6	0	2	83
20	OKLAHOMA	14	4	8	7	22	11	0	4	0	7	77
23	KANSAS	9	6	9	6	18	12	3	9	1	1	75
27	TEXAS TECH	9	6	7	4	16	10	6	11	0	1	73
64	NEBRASKA	8	2	10	7	18	9	3	9	1	4	64
76	COLORADO	7	2	10	5	17	7	5	11	0	4	62
76	BAYLOR	5	8	7	2	12	10	10	6	0	6	62
76	MISSOURI	9	4	7	6	16	10	4	6	2	6	62
87	OKLAHOMA ST	8	2	7	8	15	10	6	6	1	6	60
101	TEXAS	6	3	9	5	15	8	5	10	2	4	57
111	IOWA ST	7	5	4	5	11	10	7	7	4	5	53
111	TEXAS A&M	8	2	8	6	16	8	4	4	2	10	53

NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
5	TEMPLE	10	7	9	10	19	17	3	4	0	1	85
37	WEST VIRGINIA	11	5	6	7	17	12	3	7	2	3	71
37	PITTSBURGH	10	7	9	5	19	12	2	2	1	8	71
41	RUTGERS	6	5	10	8	16	13	5	7	1	2	69
53	CONNECTICUT	10	4	6	6	16	10	5	7	1	5	66
57	SYRACUSE	7	3	11	8	18	11	3	6	1	5	65
118	BOSTON COLL	8	1	9	3	17	4	2	8	3	10	47

NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
2	ARMY	16	10	5	7	21	17	1	5	0	0	97
6	MEMPHIS	12	9	8	2	20	11	2	9	0	2	83
12	CINCINNATI	19	6	2	4	21	10	0	6	1	6	81
12	S MISSISSIPPI	12	6	7	8	19	14	2	7	1	1	81
20	UAB	9	7	9	7	18	14	4	4	0	4	77
44	TCU	10	3	6	9	16	12	5	6	1	4	68
57	LOUISVILLE	10	4	8	5	18	9	3	6	1	7	65
57	EAST CAROLINA	4	5	12	6	16	11	6	7	0	4	65
64	S FLORIDA	12	3	6	7	18	10	2	4	2	8	64
64	TULANE	7	2	11	6	18	8	4	10	0	4	64
107	HOUSTON	7	1	9	6	16	7	6	6	0	9	55

NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	FLA ATLANTIC	16	12	4	6	20	18	2	3	0	1	98
3	NAVY	19	8	0	6	19	14	3	7	0	1	92
44	FLA INTERNATIONAL	3	2	14	11	17	13	5	9	0	0	68
87	NOTRE DAME	7	4	7	6	14	10	7	6	1	6	60

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18	E MICHIGAN	14	5	6	7	20	12	2	4	0	6	78
20	OHIO	12	5	5	7	17	12	5	8	0	2	77
31	MARSHALL	13	6	4	6	17	12	3	5	2	5	72
44	W MICHIGAN	8	6	7	5	15	11	6	8	1	3	68
48	BUFFALO	6	4	13	7	19	11	2	7	1	4	67
57	UCF	10	4	5	6	15	10	7	5	0	7	65
57	BOWLING GREEN	9	4	11	5	20	9	2	3	0	10	65
72	TOLEDO	10	4	6	5	16	9	4	8	2	5	63
76	C MICHIGAN	12	2	7	3	19	5	3	8	0	9	62
76	N ILLINOIS	10	4	7	4	17	8	5	4	0	10	62
87	KENT ST	12	2	6	4	18	6	3	7	1	9	60
87	AKRON	12	3	5	5	17	8	4	3	1	11	60
97	MIAMI, OH	7	2	11	7	18	9	3	4	1	9	58
116	BALL ST	5	0	5	10	10	10	11	6	1	6	50

NCAA RANK	MT WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
4	AIR FORCE	13	6	7	10	20	16	2	6	0	0	88
15	UNLV	14	5	4	8	18	13	4	6	0	3	80
17	UTAH	9	9	10	5	19	14	3	3	0	5	79
27	NEW MEXICO	8	4	9	14	17	18	3	1	2	3	73
48	BYU	9	5	7	6	16	11	5	6	1	5	67
53	SAN DIEGO ST	9	4	9	8	18	12	3	2	1	8	66
106	WYOMING	7	1	9	6	16	7	6	7	0	8	56
117	COLORADO ST	4	3	12	5	16	8	2	6	4	8	48

NCAA RANK	PAC 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	CALIFORNIA	12	9	7	4	19	13	2	7	1	2	82
41	OREGON ST	12	3	5	7	17	10	5	6	0	6	69
64	OREGON	9	4	7	8	16	12	3	5	2	5	64
76	WASHINGTON	10	2	7	3	17	5	5	12	0	5	62
87	ARIZONA	9	4	9	3	18	7	4	4	0	11	60
93	USC	8	4	4	8	12	12	7	6	3	4	59
97	ARIZONA ST	10	2	5	7	15	9	4	8	3	5	58
97	STANFORD	7	3	6	8	13	11	7	6	2	5	58
101	WASH ST	10	1	7	5	17	6	2	12	3	4	57
101	UCLA	8	1	12	4	20	5	2	7	0	10	57

NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
12	S CAROLINA	10	7	9	8	19	15	3	4	0	3	81
18	VANDERBILT	7	6	13	8	20	14	2	6	0	2	78
31	MISSISSIPPI	11	4	7	11	18	15	1	4	3	3	72
31	AUBURN	10	4	7	7	17	11	5	8	0	3	72
44	TENNESSEE	9	0	10	11	19	11	3	7	0	4	68
53	MISSISSIPPI ST	6	6	9	4	15	10	6	10	1	2	66
64	ALABAMA	10	2	7	7	17	9	4	8	1	5	64
64	GEORGIA	7	0	13	6	20	6	2	14	0	2	64
72	KENTUCKY	7	0	13	6	20	6	2	13	0	3	63
83	FLORIDA	7	4	7	4	14	8	7	11	1	3	61
97	ARKANSAS	7	1	11	7	18	8	3	7	1	7	58
108	LSU	5	2	11	7	16	9	4	6	2	7	54

NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
23	ARKANSAS ST	14	3	5	9	19	12	2	6	1	4	75
23	TROY ST	15	4	4	7	19	11	1	8	2	3	75
26	LOUISIANA-LFT	11	7	7	5	18	12	3	5	1	5	74
31	UL MONROE	13	7	2	6	15	13	5	4	2	5	72
40	NORTH TEXAS	14	2	5	6	19	8	3	8	0	6	70
41	UTAH ST	9	3	8	10	17	13	3	7	2	2	69
48	NEW MEXICO ST	6	7	8	5	14	12	8	5	0	5	67
83	MIDDLE TENN	4	4	10	9	14	13	7	4	1	5	61
101	IDAHO	7	4	7	5	14	9	6	7	2	6	57

NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	LOUISIANA TECH	14	4	8	9	22	13	0	5	0	4	82
15	SAN JOSE ST	9	5	11	13	20	18	1	1	1	3	80
27	NEVADA	11	4	7	8	18	12	4	5	0	5	73
27	TULSA	12	6	5	4	17	10	5	7	0	5	73
31	FRESNO ST	8	5	10	5	18	10	4	10	0	2	72
31	UTEP	10	2	6	14	16	16	4	5	2	1	72
37	HAWAII	10	6	8	4	18	10	4	6	0	6	71
57	RICE	10	4	7	1	17	5	5	13	0	4	65
93	BOISE ST	9	3	4	6	13	9	8	7	1	6	59
119	SMU	5	4	6	1	11	5	8	10	3	7	45

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a big impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter. By reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at several examples from the last 2 years.

Notre Dame had a 18-13 FD edge vs Purdue and a 346-223 yard edge but due to a costly -4 in TO's, they actually lost the game 23-10. The next week they traveled to Pitt and were a large 9 point road underdog. They surprised Pitt with a 385-175 yard edge but this time were +1 in TO's and won 20-14 over a ranked team delivering an easy cover.

UAB struggled late last season without QB Hackney who was injured. They were outgained by South Florida 336-277 but a +5 in TO's masked the tough time their offense had as they pulled out a road win. The next week we used a Top Late Phone play on Houston who was only -1 at home and the Cougars rolled to a super easy 56-28 win vs the overmatched team.

Baylor took advantage of a Colorado team that did not start an injured Joel Klatt at QB. The Buffs were -4 in turnovers and the Bears got a RARE Big 12 win 42-30 at home. Was Baylor ready to join the middle of the pack in the Big 12? Hardly, the next week at -2 in turnovers they were pummeled 73-10 by Texas A&M.

Memphis clinched a bowl bid after 11 games but in the season finale they outgained South Florida by a 458-192 margin. But due to a -5 in TO's they actually lost 21-16 ending the regular season on a down note. They were only favored by 4 in the bowl game mainly due to that loss (probably would have been a 10 pt favorite off a win) and beat N Texas by 10 points for the cover.

UNLV was outgained by New Mexico by a wide 578-229 margin but thanks to +5 in TO's they managed to pull the upset, 37-35. The next week they were favored at home vs a weaker foe (SD St) but were outFD'd 18-11 and without the TO edge lost outright 7-0.

Back in 2002 Florida St could have beaten Virginia by as much as a 61-0 margin. They had a 397-62 rushing edge but in the first half alone FSU was int'd at the VA 1, fumbled at the 3 and was int'd in the EZ from the 2 costing them 21 points. Later they missed a FG from the 9, so altogether FSU had 4 possessions inside the 10 for 0 points. Virginia got a TD pass with :29 left for the backdoor cover (+26') "only" losing 40-19 after trailing 33-0. In FSU's next game we used them as our FREE September 5★ for Power Sweep subscribers and they whipped Maryland 37-10 (-15) to deliver the easy win.

Arizona St dominated N Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their 2002 game, but due to FIVE turnovers they actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NC St and were whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to N Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353. They lost at home only 43-35 thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD and then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With both teams off misleading finals the next week we used Arizona St +3 at home over Oregon St as a rare 5★ Late Phone Play and the Sun Devils won outright at home by a 13-9 margin.

The Washington Huskies hosted UCLA in 2002 and dominated the game from start to finish with a 31-13 FD edge!! Four turnovers however were key including a 42 yard int return for a TD with 1:17 left and UCLA won the game SU by 10 points. The next week the Huskies were a 6 pt dog AT HOME to Oregon St, a team that struggled on the road all year. We used Washington +6 as our 5★ College Game of the Year and they whipped OSU 41-29, covering by 18 points!! UW then went on to pull upsets of Oregon and Wash St in their final two games both on the road.

I could list many more examples but as you can see turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They can also lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game, but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

In 2002 Purdue led the Big 10 in both offense and defense but finished just 7-6 due to a -10 in turnovers and 9 missed FG's. They lost a lot of close games. Last year the team benefitted from +12 in turnovers and this time most of the close games went their way. They finished 9-3 during the regular season and were a Big 10 contender.

Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. Last year they held onto the ball much better and improved up to an 8 win season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from a double-digit TO losing year to a bowl in 2003.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that had benefitted from double-digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001 without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St who went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

In 1998 Illinois was -11 in turnovers and lost their games by an average of 29-13. In 1999 they had 14 starters returning and went from a 3-8 team to 8-4, including a 63-21 rout of Virginia in their bowl game. The difference? The Illini profited from +13 turnovers. In 2000, they had an even more talented team returning but did not make a bowl game as the turnovers disappeared and they finished the year with a -2 margin and a 5-6 record. The Illini turned it around in 2001 with a +4 turnover ratio and a 10-2 record.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Here are some more examples.

Duke was a Cinderella team in 1994. They went 8-3 thanks in part to a +15 turnover edge. They also made this article in '95. The Blue Devils were only +2 in '95, and without all the breaks, fell to 3-8.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, they fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? They went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7. They had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a miserable year turned out shockingly well. S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters. A bowl seemed in the offing. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

Last year 17 teams made this article after benefitting from double digit turnovers in 2002. Of those 17, only 2 ended 2003 with a stronger record than the year before and 12 had weaker records (3 had the same record). Teams going from a winning record to a losing one after benefitting from TO's in 2002 were Tulane, South Florida, Alabama and Penn St.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 11 years, 168 teams have had plus double digit turnovers. Of those 168, 107 have had weaker records the following year (64%). Only 41 teams (24%) have improved their record and the other 20 had the same record. Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

GOING DOWN?

Nebraska	+23	Georgia	+11
Miami, Ohio	+20	Michigan St	+11
USC	+20	Missouri	+11
Oklahoma	+17	Toledo	+11
West Virginia	+16	Boise St	+10
Northern Illinois	+14	North Texas	+10
Purdue	+12	Wyoming	+10

In 1996, there were two big gainers. North Carolina was -16 in turnovers in '95, but rebounded and ended up 10-2. Wyoming had been 6-5 in '95 with -12 turnovers but improved to 10-2 in '96.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997.

In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column!

In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii, previously mentioned Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999, but were actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally they made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. They finished +5 in turnovers in 2000.

In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double digit negative turnovers in 2000. Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!! Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to 7-5 (+18), a winning record!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4.

Last year some teams that moved well up after having bad luck in 2002 were Navy, Memphis and Rutgers who improved by 6, 5 and 4 wins in the standings with the first two making rare bowl appearances.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 11 years, there have been 129 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 129 teams, 85 (66%) have had better records the next year! Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

UCF	-22	Colorado St	-15
Mississippi St	-21	UTEP	-15
Army	-20	BYU	-14
UL Monroe	-19	SMU	-13
Marshall	-19	E Carolina	-12
Illinois	-18	Texas A&M	-11
N Carolina	-15	Vanderbilt	-10

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as well as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2004!

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1999	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Carolina (+7') Green Bay	33-31	WIN!
1999	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Washington (+10') Kansas St	20-24	WIN!
1999	5★	Playoff Play of the Year	UNDER 37' TB/Wash	14-13	WIN!
2000	5★	College Play of the Year	Wisconsin (-6') Indiana	43-22	WIN!
2000	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Washington (-6') Dallas	13-32	loss
2000	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Louisville (+2) Colorado St	17-22	loss
2000	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	NY Giants (-4) Philly	20-10	WIN!
2001	5★	College Play of the Year	New Mexico (-2') UNLV	27-17	WIN!
2001	5★	Pro Play of the Year	St Louis (-7) San Fran	27-14	WIN!
2001	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Florida St (+2) Virginia Tech	30-17	WIN!
2001	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Green Bay (-3') San Fran	25-15	WIN!
2002	5★	College Play of the Year	Washington (+6) Oregon St	41-29	WIN!
2002	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Pittsburgh (-8') Carolina	30-14	WIN!
2002	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Arizona St (+18') Kansas St	27-34	WIN!
2002	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Tampa Bay (-6) San Fran	31-6	WIN!
2003	5★	College Play of the Year	Wisconsin (-1') Michigan St	56-21	WIN!
2003	5★	Pro Play of the Year	Dallas (-2) Washington	27-0	WIN!
2003	5★	Bowl Play of the Year	Arkansas (-2') Missouri	27-14	WIN!
2003	4'★	Playoff Play of the Year	Dallas (+3) Carolina	10-29	loss

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THE POWER POLL TOP 119

Once again I would like to thank EVERYONE who sent in their questionnaire from last season with your comments about the magazine. Once again I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year. This year one of the biggest requests was for a Top 117 (which is now 119) to be included. It has been pointed out there are other magazines out there who provide this information. Due to your comments and requests, HERE IT IS!

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine MY College Top 40 is based on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I clearly point out each year my surprise teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is my #1 surprise team West Virginia. The Power Poll talent ratings have the Mountaineers rated #19 in overall talent heading into the year, but I list them in my Top 10 up front and gave them the prized title of my #1 surprise team. They simply have the schedule, enough talent and some of my sets of power ratings have them going undefeated this year. In the watered down Big East they should win the title, which automatically gets them a BCS bowl berth.

For the Top 119 I could have continued on from the 46 teams I list in my Top 40 and taken that down to #119 but the weakest teams listed may be those that face the toughest schedules and I did not feel that would be fair. Therefore I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 119. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it is derived.

A few years back, before the computers got involved in the BCS, there was no doubt there were flaws in the polls and teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were only the 5th or 6th best team. One internet site decided to produce a poll of the top handicappers and sportsbook managers each week and invited me to join. The reason they did this was Las Vegas sportsbooks earn their living handicapping college football and take it more seriously than many writers. They also spent more time on it than the coaches do when they do their polls. A Las Vegas sportsbooks power rating is a truer reflection of the strength of a team. I myself work on football 365 days a year and especially during magazine time (March, April, May) and football season (August thru January) there are many 15-18 hour days put in and it is working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set?? As I mention throughout the magazine I have SEVEN different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses and defenses plus special teams. Another is a continually updated power ratings and that is on the score of the games and the strength of opponent (see page 322).

What I decided to do was combine all 7 into one rating which gave me a very solid overall ranking for each team. I now have used this combined set which takes in EVERY factor as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from page 322's Plus or Minus ratings as that set is just one of SEVEN used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not worry about who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2004. Keep in mind this is basically MY COMPUTERS Top 119. With no further adieu and at YOUR request here is my 2004 Preseason Power Poll.

1. Oklahoma
2. USC
3. LSU
4. Florida St
5. Miami, Fl
6. Georgia
7. Michigan
8. Texas
9. Florida
10. California
11. Ohio St
12. Kansas St
13. Tennessee
14. Virginia
15. Wisconsin
16. Auburn
17. Clemson
18. Oregon
19. West Virginia
20. NC State
21. Utah
22. Alabama
23. Minnesota
24. Iowa
25. Missouri
26. South Carolina
27. Texas Tech
28. Maryland
29. Oregon St
30. Notre Dame
31. Penn St
32. Purdue
33. Texas A&M
34. Arizona St
35. Louisville
36. Georgia Tech
37. Michigan St
38. Memphis
39. Mississippi
40. Colorado
41. Virginia Tech
42. Boston College
43. TCU
44. Oklahoma St
45. UCLA
46. Arkansas
47. S Mississippi
48. Houston
49. Nebraska
50. Fresno St
51. Boise St
52. UNLV
53. Washington
54. Pittsburgh
55. BYU
56. Syracuse
57. Wake Forest
58. Marshall
59. Rutgers
60. Vanderbilt
61. Northwestern
62. Connecticut
63. Miami, Oh
64. Stanford
65. UAB
66. Hawaii
67. Washington St
68. Cincinnati
69. Colorado St
70. Bowling Green
71. Temple
72. Toledo
73. New Mexico
74. North Carolina
75. Mississippi St
76. San Diego St
77. Iowa St
78. Kansas
79. Illinois
80. North Texas
81. Indiana
82. Kentucky
83. Tulsa
84. Air Force
85. Rice
86. Arizona
87. Navy
88. Northern Illinois
89. South Florida
90. Louisiana Tech
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93. Tulane
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101. East Carolina
102. Wyoming
103. New Mexico St
104. Nevada
105. SMU
106. Middle Tennessee
107. Army
108. Florida Atlantic
109. Utah St
110. Eastern Michigan
111. Louisiana-Lft
112. Central Michigan
113. San Jose St
114. Buffalo
115. UL Monroe
116. Ball St
117. Florida International
118. Arkansas St
119. Idaho

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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss records from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear cut example from 2001. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs TCU and Troy St. Troy St was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but was in a rebuilding year with a new coach in 2001. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in my Top 20 in terms of talent in 2001 (Colorado and USC). Both made it to bowls that year with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy St in 2001.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall record. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2003, that would count as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Alabama who was 4-9 last year or Notre Dame and Texas A&M who both had losing seasons last year but should be bowl teams this year. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent, which was their record the previous year. Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opponents by an average score of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle of the road opponent. Last year my power ratings had both Nebraska and Purdue as Top 25 teams but the NCAA only gave the teams credit for the 7-7 and 7-6 records they had in 2002, and once again facing a Top 25 team is a far cry from facing a .500 foe.

Let me delve a little further in last year's ratings. Coming into the year, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the toughest schedule for the 2003 season and when the season was over, they did indeed face THE toughest schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had their schedule ranked the 49th toughest, a fairly average slate. Let's take a look at some of their opponents from last year to further explain why the NCAA's rating based on previous years' records for opponents is so far off. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams with only BYU and Stanford not making the cut. Their opponents in 2003 were a combined 97-55, which finished as the third toughest schedule in the country by the NCAA rankings, the same ones that had them #49 heading into the year. Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S team NOT last year's record. Michigan St was a poor 4-8 in 2002 and that is the team the NCAA gave ND credit for facing. My power ratings had the Spartans as a bowl caliber team and they ended up 8-5. Navy was a 2-10 team in 2002 which is what the NCAA method logged in for ND but Navy was one of the most improved teams in the country and would make it to a bowl. My overall ratings had the Irish facing 11 bowl caliber foes prior to the season, while basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002 it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing the teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Michigan St, and Boston College. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA!

Now before I move on to who plays the toughest schedule this year, we should review some facts from last year. Notre Dame, as chronicled previously, took on the toughest schedule and paid the price falling from 10-3 to 5-7. Alabama took on the 3rd toughest schedule and coupled with some other problems, they dropped from 10-3 to just 4-9. Miss St and Iowa St are two teams that took on a Top 10 schedule last year and failed miserably with 2-10 records. NINE teams that took on my Top 14 schedules ended the season with a losing record!! Who benefitted from the easiest schedules last year to get to a bowl? Memphis took on the #111 slate, Boise St #109, Navy #108, North Texas #105 and Tulsa #98. Two of those teams went from losing records to a RARE bowl appearance. At the start of 2002, Ohio St did not rank in my Top 10 (in terms of talent) in any of my 7 sets of preseason power ratings but three of them called for an undefeated season for the 7-5 Buckeyes. My preseason strength of schedule said they only faced the 38th toughest schedule and it finished at #40. The schedule was a factor in them taking home the National Title. Last year these pages showed LSU to have the #47 schedule. Much like Ohio St, I said many of my sets of power ratings had them going undefeated and they were my #2 Surprise Team in the front of the magazine. After playing in the SEC Title game against Georgia and their bowl against Oklahoma they finished with the 31st toughest schedule and that was a factor in their National Title season. Here is a list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules from last season. The 2003 bowl teams are in **boldface**.

2003's TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. Notre Dame	**40. NC State**	79. SMU
2. Arizona	41. Indiana	80. Cincinnati
3. Alabama	**42. Virginia**	**81. Miami, Oh**
4. Georgia	**43. Texas**	82. Troy St
5. Florida St	44. Temple	**83. Houston**
6. Florida	**45. West Virginia**	84. Tulane
7. Miss St	46. Washington	85. Ball St
8. Iowa St	**47. Boston College**	**86. Louisville**
9. Auburn	**48. Texas Tech**	**87. Hawaii**
10. Ohio St	**49. Mississippi**	88. Nevada
11. Colorado	**50. Pittsburgh**	89. W Michigan
12. Stanford	**51. Oregon St**	90. UCF
13. S Carolina	52. Vanderbilt	**91. Bowling Green**
14. Illinois	53. Syracuse	92. UL Monroe
15. California	**54. Kansas St**	93. Marshall
16. N Carolina	**55. Colorado St**	94. Rice
17. Texas A&M	**56. Maryland**	95. Connecticut
18. USC	57. Rutgers	96. Kent St
19. UCLA	**58. Virginia Tech**	**97. TCU**
20. Georgia Tech	59. Wyoming	**98. Tulsa**
21. Penn St	**60. Nebraska**	99. New Mexico St
22. Wake Forest	61. Baylor	100. Utah St
23. Miami, Fl	**62. Oklahoma St**	101. San Jose St
24. Northwestern	63. UNLV	102. Middle Tenn
25. Arkansas	**64. Utah**	103. Louisiana-Lft
26. Wisconsin	65. Louisiana Tech	104. Idaho
27. Washington St	**66. Minnesota**	**105. N Texas**
28. Iowa	**67. Missouri**	106. Ohio
29. BYU	**68. Kansas**	107. C Michigan
30. Michigan	**69. New Mexico**	**108. Navy**
31. LSU	**70. S Mississippi**	**109. Boise St**
32. Arizona St	71. E Carolina	110. E Michigan
33. Oregon	72. Buffalo	**111. Memphis**
34. Purdue	73. Kentucky	112. UTEP
35. Michigan St	**74. Fresno St**	113. Toledo
36. Oklahoma	75. Air Force	114. Arkansas St
37. Tennessee	76. Army	115. Akron
38. Duke	77. San Diego St	116. N Illinois
39. Clemson	78. UAB	117. S Florida

Now let us turn our attention to 2004. This year I decided to see what the NCAA would come up with for toughest opponents faced and compare them to my chart which I always list in the magazine. Let us first look at the NCAA rankings. To the right is a chart of all 119 teams and the combined opponents' records for this year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

2004's OPPONENT WINNING %

	Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1. Arizona	89	52	63.1%
1. Oregon St	89	52	63.1%
3. Notre Dame	87	52	62.6%
3. Temple	87	52	62.6%
3. Georgia Tech	87	52	62.6%
6. N Carolina	85	52	62.0%
7. Kansas	88	55	61.5%
8. Iowa St	86	55	61.0%
9. Oklahoma	87	57	60.4%
10. BYU	82	54	60.3%
11. Colorado	86	57	60.1%
12. Vanderbilt	83	57	59.3%
13. Duke	82	57	59.0%
14. Texas A&M	83	58	58.9%
15. Texas Tech	84	59	58.7%
16. Georgia	81	57	58.7%
17. Cincinnati	81	58	58.3%
18. Colorado St	79	57	58.1%
19. Michigan	81	59	57.9%
19. Penn St	81	59	57.9%
19. Baylor	81	59	57.9%
19. Wake Forest	81	59	57.9%
23. S Carolina	80	59	57.6%
24. Virginia Tech	86	65	57.0%
25. Nebraska	81	62	56.6%
26. Illinois	79	61	56.4%
26. SMU	79	61	56.4%
28. Maryland	78	61	56.1%
28. Alabama	78	61	56.1%
30. Texas	78	62	55.7%
30. Miami, Fl	78	62	55.7%
32. NC State	76	62	55.1%
32. Florida St	76	62	55.1%
34. Houston	77	63	55.0%
35. Northwestern	84	69	54.9%
36. Louisiana Tech	85	70	54.8%
37. Army	74	61	54.8%
38. Ball St	75	62	54.7%
39. Ohio St	76	63	54.7%
40. Kansas St	77	64	54.6%
41. Stanford	75	63	54.4%
41. Clemson	75	63	54.4%
41. Virginia	75	63	54.4%
44. Ohio	74	63	54.0%
45. Washington	75	64	54.0%
45. Marshall	75	64	54.0%
47. Arizona St	76	65	53.9%
48. New Mexico	73	63	53.7%
49. Miss St	74	64	53.6%
50. Auburn	75	65	53.6%
51. Florida Int'l	71	62	53.4%
52. Arkansas	75	66	53.2%
53. UNLV	72	64	52.9%
54. San Diego St	71	64	52.6%
55. Indiana	73	66	52.5%
55. Florida	73	66	52.5%
57. Wyoming	70	64	52.2%
58. Syracuse	72	66	52.2%
58. S Mississippi	72	66	52.2%
58. E Carolina	72	66	52.2%
61. LSU	73	67	52.1%
62. UCLA	71	66	51.8%
62. W Michigan	71	66	51.8%
64. Hawaii	79	74	51.6%
65. California	70	66	51.5%
66. Iowa	71	67	51.5%
67. Missouri	71	68	51.1%
67. Mississippi	71	68	51.1%
69. Arkansas St	70	68	50.7%
70. Pittsburgh	67	66	50.4%
71. Michigan St	76	75	50.3%
72. Wisconsin	69	69	50.0%
72. UCF	68	68	50.0%
74. Idaho	75	76	49.7%
75. Rutgers	68	69	49.6%
75. UAB	68	69	49.6%
77. San Jose St	74	76	49.3%
78. Minnesota	68	70	49.3%
78. Tennessee	68	70	49.3%
78. UTEP	68	70	49.3%
78. Toledo	68	70	49.3%
82. Wash St	67	69	49.3%
83. Air Force	67	70	48.9%
83. Troy St	67	70	48.9%
85. Memphis	66	69	48.9%
85. N Illinois	66	69	48.9%
87. USC	73	77	48.7%
88. Buffalo	65	69	48.5%
89. Tulane	67	72	48.2%
90. Rice	67	73	47.9%
91. Oregon	66	72	47.8%
92. W Virginia	65	71	47.8%
93. Oklahoma St	66	73	47.5%
94. Purdue	65	72	47.5%
95. Boston Coll	64	71	47.4%
96. New Mexico St	66	74	47.1%
97. S Florida	64	73	46.7%
98. Tulsa	70	80	46.7%
99. Fresno St	64	74	46.4%
99. Navy	64	74	46.4%
101.C Michigan	62	73	45.9%
101.E Michigan	62	73	45.9%
103.Louisville	62	74	45.6%
104.Bowling Green	61	73	45.5%
105.Kentucky	63	76	45.3%
106.UL Monroe	62	75	45.3%
107.Kent St	61	74	45.2%
107.Akron	61	74	45.2%
109.Nevada	67	82	45.0%
110.TCU	61	76	44.5%
111.Utah St	60	75	44.4%
112.Middle Tenn	60	76	44.1%
113.Fla Atlantic	59	75	44.0%
114.Miami, Oh	57	76	42.9%
115.Boise St	57	81	41.3%
116.Louisiana-Lft	55	81	40.4%
117.Utah	53	81	39.6%
118.North Texas	52	83	38.5%
119.Connecticut	52	85	38.0%

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my personal power ratings. At the start of every year I grade each team position by position and assign a grade from 4 to 10. Next I add up all the grades and come up with the total team power rating. This insures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Notre Dame or Alabama. Every preseason I do 7 sets of power ratings and I run 5 of those sets through each team's schedule and come up with one final number.

The second area is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year there are plenty of teams with seven home games on the schedule including defending co-National Champ LSU. In con-

trast, Idaho has basically eight road games with one of their "home" games being played on Wash St's home field vs the Cougars. Naturally, if a team plays more games on the road, their schedule is tougher.

Listed on this page is this year's schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule goes to Oregon St who has to play BOTH of last year's co-National Champs (LSU and USC). They also play 6 of their 11 games on the road and face 8 teams that were bowl eligible last year. This includes a tough Pac 10 schedule and non-conference games at LSU and Boise St and at home vs New Mexico (bowl rematch). Miami, Fl plays the 2nd toughest schedule in their move to the ACC with 8 bowl foes from last year. They face some Top 25 level teams in Florida St, NCSt, Virginia, Clemson and Virginia Tech as well as bowl teams like Houston, Louisville, Georgia Tech.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. Florida International takes on the NCAA's 51st toughest schedule with their opponents from last year at 71-62 (53.4%). This "tough" schedule includes just 3 teams who were in IA ball last year and all of those opponents are in the Sun Belt. How can you call that the 51st toughest schedule in the country?? There are 92 schools that play in the Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac 10, ACC, SEC, WAC, Mt West and CUSA and any coach of those teams would love to trade their schedule for Florida International's which is by far the easiest schedule of any of the 119 teams.

1. Oregon St	31. Oklahoma	61. Illinois	91. San Jose St
2. Miami, Fl	32. Florida	62. Alabama	92. Memphis
3. Ohio St	33. USC	63. Temple	93. Utah St
4. Clemson	34. Vanderbilt	64. Boston College	94. Connecticut
5. Notre Dame	35. California	65. New Mexico	95. Toledo
6. Kansas	36. Penn St	66. Auburn	96. UTEP
7. Northwestern	37. Oklahoma St	67. Louisville	97. Ohio
8. Florida St	38. Duke	68. Louisiana Tech	98. Fresno St
9. N Carolina	39. Wisconsin	69. UAB	99. Buffalo
10. Arizona	40. Texas	70. Pittsburgh	100. Troy St
11. Maryland	41. NC State	71. Rutgers	101. Bowling Green
12. Iowa	42. Houston	72. UNLV	102. Miami, Oh
13. Tennessee	43. Baylor	73. San Diego St	103. Idaho
14. Texas A&M	44. Colorado	74. TCU	104. Tulsa
15. Kentucky	45. Oregon	75. Army	105. Nevada
16. Stanford	46. Mississippi	76. West Virginia	106. W Michigan
17. Arkansas	47. Mississippi St	77. SMU	107. Boise St
18. Indiana	48. Washington St	78. Wyoming	108. New Mexico St
19. S Carolina	49. Nebraska	79. Marshall	109. Hawaii
20. Georgia	50. Virginia Tech	80. UCF	110. N Illinois
21. Michigan St	51. Wake Forest	81. Missouri	111. Kent St
22. Arizona St	52. Minnesota	82. S Florida	112. C Michigan
23. UCLA	53. LSU	83. Air Force	113. UL Monroe
24. Texas Tech	54. Kansas St	84. Rice	114. E Michigan
25. Michigan	55. BYU	85. Utah	115. N Texas
26. Virginia	56. S Mississippi	86. Ball St	116. Middle Tenn
27. Georgia Tech	57. Colorado St	87. Arkansas St	117. Louisiana-Lft
28. Washington	58. E Carolina	88. Tulane	118. Florida Atlantic
29. Purdue	59. Cincinnati	89. Akron	119. Florida International
30. Syracuse	60. Iowa St	90. Navy	

Picking out a MAC or a Sun Belt team's schedule and showing how flawed rating the strength of the schedule is by using opposing records, is like shooting fish in a barrel. According to last year's records, Ball St will play the 38th toughest schedule, Ohio #44, Marshall #45 and Arkansas St #68. As I detailed above, I know 92 teams that would swap their schedule with these "TOUGHIES" in a minute.

Let me get a little more in-depth and point out some flaws among the major conferences. According to last year's records, Tennessee has an easy schedule at #78 with their opponents combining for a losing record last year. Some of their "lightweight" foes include Alabama, Notre Dame and South Carolina. These teams will be in the Top 40 at this season's end and most likely in the Top 25. I rate them as such but each had a losing record last year. I rate Tennessee's schedule #13 TOUGHEST in the country!!! USC faces teams with a combined overall losing record this season and that should be an easy schedule which the NCAA method rates #87. I see FOUR bowl caliber teams that had losing records last year on their slate in Notre Dame, BYU, Arizona St and UCLA. Take a non-conf slate of Virginia Tech, Colo St, BYU and ND and add in a tough Pac 10 schedule and I have them the 33rd toughest schedule.

I look at Iowa St's schedule and see a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranks in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like Northern Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons last year, they are far from powers this season. Based on last year's records, Iowa St faces the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings have their schedule at #60 and as mentioned at the end of the year, only 1 of their foes will be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school). As a comparison based on last year's record, Kentucky has the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I look at their schedule and see Top 25 contenders in Florida, Alabama, Auburn, Georgia and Tennessee on it as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like South Carolina and Louisville. Clearly Kentucky plays a much tougher schedule than does Iowa St, yet based strictly on last year's records, Iowa St plays the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules and see which method you think is better. I list the difference in ranking between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules: 1. Kentucky (90), 2. Tennessee (65), 3. Purdue (65), 4. Okla St (56), 5. Iowa (53), 6. USC (54), 7. Michigan St (50), 8. Oregon (46), 9. UCLA (39), 10. Clemson (37).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules: 1. Florida International (68), 2. Temple (60), 3. Ohio (53), 4. Iowa St (52), 5. BYU (45), 6. Ball St (48), 7. Hawaii (45), 8. W Michigan (44), 9. SMU (51), 10. Cincinnati (42).

As usual the teams playing the toughest schedules did not meet with a great deal of success. In last year's magazine, I rated my toughest schedule prior to the year. Among the Top 14 toughest slates, NINE ended the year with a losing record.

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare the previous years? In 2002 of the teams that faced the 21 toughest schedules, only two made it into my Top 10 at the end of the year. In 2001 of the teams that faced my Top 20 schedules, only 1 team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee) while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! The highest finisher in 2000 was Michigan at #11. South Carolina and Georgia were the only other teams in my Top 20 toughest schedules to finish in the Top 20 that year. They barely did it too with bowl wins to finish #19 and #20 in the AP poll.

In 1999 two perennial powerhouses faced the Top 10 toughest schedules and ended up home for the holidays as both Ohio St and Notre Dame not only failed to crack the Top 20, but did not even achieve winning seasons!! That year there were some teams that stood toe to toe with a ferocious schedule and still had success. Six teams that faced the toughest 10 schedules made it to a bowl as Michigan (#5) and Michigan St (#7) both ended up in the final Top 10 that year. None of the other 4 bowl teams from that Top 10 toughest schedule cracked the final Top 20 in the polls.

In 1998 only two teams that battled the Top 10 toughest schedules managed to be ranked at the end of the year. They were two of the strongest teams in the NCAA in Ohio St and Florida. They ended up #2 and #3 in the polls, but both had National Title caliber teams. Three additional teams that faced the grueling schedules made it to bowls (that means that 5 did not), but none had a great record and as mentioned none were ranked after the season.

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999 I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" And answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and simply went 10-1 in the regular season.

Last year I noted the strongest teams play the easier schedules. I said TCU, facing the #97 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they flirted with an undefeated season. This year, the three non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table, are Utah, Boise St and Memphis. The easiest schedules for BCS teams belongs to Missouri, West Virginia, Pitt and Rutgers. So keep your eyes on these up-and-comers.

This year I will add a new feature to this article and take a look at the teams who have much easier and much tougher schedules than last year. Here are the teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2004 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last year's schedule.

GOING UP????

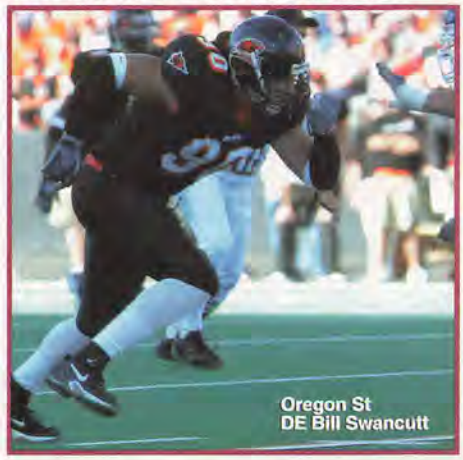
1. Alabama (59)	6. Colorado (33)
2. Auburn (57)	7. W Virginia (31)
3. Iowa St (52)	8. Florida (26)
4. Illinois (47)	9. BYU (26)
5. Miss St (40)	10. Fresno St (25)

Now let's take a look at some teams that face a tougher schedule in 2004 and may see their records drop because of it.

GOING DOWN???

1. Kansas	6. Houston
2. Vanderbilt	7. South Florida
3. Kansas St	8. Clemson
4. Oregon St	9. Arkansas St
5. Maryland	10. Akron

The computer shows me that there are some other teams that one or more of the sets of power ratings call to have undefeated seasons. Naturally if a team is projected at the top of my power ratings, they have a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002 three sets called for Ohio St to go unbeaten. Last year 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my power ratings with a perfect record and that included the Big 3, LSU, USC and Oklahoma. The Top 6 in the final AP poll were all among the 11 teams I listed on this page, as were 9 of the Top 14. Only two of the teams did not make the final Top 25 (Pitt and Virginia Tech). This year the teams in which at least one set of ratings project them to go unbeaten are Oklahoma, USC, LSU, Georgia, Michigan, Miami Fl, Florida St, West Virginia, Utah, Memphis, Boise St, Ohio St, Wisconsin and Kansas St. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.


Oregon St
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SPRING GAME NOTES. . .

AKRON - QB Charlie Frye, who the team is hyping for the Heisman and takes over as the top QB in the MAC this year, looked solid in the spring game. He hit 15 of 18 for 188 yards and a TD. They moved last year's leading tackler DB Domenik Hixon to offense and he was the star of the game snagging 9 receptions for 122 yards. New coach JD Brookhart says almost every job is open (except QB) and spots won't be decided until August. DE Chase Blackburn and DL Dwayne LeFall spearheaded a defense that recorded 11 sacks. With just 3:55 left in the game, DT Bobby Gardner, who was listed 1st string coming into the game, went down with what appeared to be a broken leg and his status for the fall is undetermined.

Akron
QB Charlie Frye

ALABAMA - FB Tim Castille, who has been spending a lot of time at TB during the spring, had 63 yards rushing and 17 yards receiving as the White defeated the Crimson 21-0 in front of 35,000 fans. Ken Darby had 10 carries for 53 yards and Ray Hudson had 6 attempts for 44 yards. Castille will continue to play both positions. QB Marc Guillon (Miami, Fl trans), who was extremely impressive all spring, played most of the game for both teams. He struggled in the 1H but was much better in the 2H and finished 22 of 47 for 180 yards and 1 int. During the spring, Shula said they needed to get the ball in the hands of WR Tyrone Prothro more and he had 6 rec's for 37 yards to lead the receivers. Todd Bates was the MVP Lineman of the Day and returns from last season's suspension.

ARIZONA - There is a lot of enthusiasm with new head coach Mike Stoops on deck. A crowd of nearly 5,500, which was one of their largest spring crowds ever, gathered for the game. The defense beat the offense 26-20 picking off 3 passes. Soph Kris Heavner, who was named the starting QB the week prior to the game, hit 12 of 25 passes for 101 yards and had 2 int's. Ryan O'Hara hit 6 of 9 for 100 yards including a 71 yard TD pass to Mike Jefferson. Nick Folk hit a 29 and 51 yard FG in what Mike Stoops called a "generic" spring game.

ARKANSAS - In the Hogs spring game, the offense had just 1 TD then in a scrimmage a week later they put together 6 TD's, but just 1 came vs the #1 defense. Backup QB Robert Johnson (PS#35) hit just 3 of 12 passes for 78 yards but he also had 53 and 16 yard runs. The most exciting RB in the spring was Dedrick Poole, who was the top RB in the final 2 scrimmages.

ARMY - It was a rainy, gray afternoon but 400 fans still showed up for what was basically a 78 play scrimmage as opposed to a game. Reggie Nevels hit 7 of 8 passes for 106 yards and 2 TD's. TE Jared Ulekowski hauled in 5 receptions for 96 yards. RB Carlton Jones won the first "Sledgehammer Award", given to the player who exhibited the top physical and mental toughness during spring drills.

AUBURN - Backup QB Brandon Cox (PS#20) was the offensive MVP hitting 12 of 13 for 206 yards and 2 TD's in the new Gulf Coast offense. The starters basically played the 1H as Jason Campbell hit 8 of 10 for 96 yards and RB Carnell Williams had a 58 yard TD run on the 3rd play but just 4 carries for the game. Backup Tre Smith had 12 attempts for 99 yards seeing most of his action in the 2H.

BALL ST - Joey Lynch is the former coach's son but was #1 going into spring. After the spring game, he pulled even further ahead of the competition. He hit 18 of 30 for 270 yards and 3 TD's leading the Cardinals to a 24-0 win over the White in front of an estimated crowd of 300. Backups Gillin and Racine played behind a shaky O-line with the 2nd unit and Racine hit 4 of 7 passes while Gillin hit just 3 of 10.

BAYLOR - The final score was 28-16 in a split squad scrimmage where the Green defeated the Gold. The points were carried over from the alumni game played before hand which was 18-6 so just 20 points were scored. The two squads combined for 11 FD's, 212 yards in 53 plays. Paul Mosley was the leading rusher with 7 carries for 35 yards. Aaron Karas hit 4 of 9 for 87 yards. Shawn Bell hit just 2 of 3 for 17 yards but guided the lone TD drive with the other TD being an 18 yard int return by LB Colin Allred.

BOSTON COLLEGE - Jeff Ross rushed for 72 yards in leading the Maroon to a 20-12 win over the White team. Quinton Porter hit 15 of 19 for 126 yards for the Maroon while Paul Peterson hit just 5 of 15 for 47 yards for the White. Matt Ryan was 7 of 15 for 69 yards. Frosh LB Jolonn Dunbar (PS#36) had a super game with 15 tackles. Backup RB Andre Callender had 22 yards (2.2) and Lennox Whitworth had 34 (2.0).

BYU - In 2003, BYU's offense struggled in the spring game against Bronco Mendenhall's 3-3-5 defense. This year the offense scored 4 TD's. Matt Berry hit 6 of 10 with an int and John Beck was 10 of 18 with 1 TD. JUCO transfer Jason Beck hit 7 of 13 with 1 TD but it was mostly vs the backups. The star of the spring for BYU, and clearly their #1 receiver, is JUCO transfer Todd Watkins.

CALIFORNIA - Cal's spring game was actually a controlled scrimmage in front of more than 3,000 fans in Memorial Stadium on a sunny afternoon. QB Aaron Rodgers DNP and walk-on TB Terrell Williams had 4 carries for 53 yds including a 49 yd TD. Reggie Roberson hit 4 of 7 passes for 39 yards and rFr Cary Dove hit 4 of 6 for 64 yards. The team was missing about half of its starters including 5 on defense.

CLEMSON - 15,000 fans were on hand when backup QB Will Proctor left early with a minor eye injury. Starting QB Charlie Whitehurst threw 47 passes, hitting 19 of them for 290 yards while getting sacked 7 times. He was hounded by the DE's who dominated the OT's and he had 2 passes intercepted.

COLORADO - Under interim head coach Brian Cabral, the team switched format for the spring game from offense vs defense to picking teams matching the Black and White squads. The 1st two players picked were QB Joel Klatt and OG Brian Daniels. The defenses played well with its new 4-3 alignment under DC Mike Hankwitz, holding the offenses of the two teams to a combined 30 points with the White team winning 17-13 in front of 4,500 at Folsom Field. Klatt was 8 of 12 for 89 yards. RB Lawrence Vickers had 21 rushes for 94 yards. The top tacklers were Akarika Dawn (12) and Brian Iwuh (10).

DUKE - About 8 starters missed the spring game between the Blue (offense) and White (defense). QB Chris Dapolito rushed for 1 TD and passed for 3 others. He was 13 of 24 for 88 yards. Curt Dukes, the Nebraska transfer, hit just 3 of 7 passes for 27 yards and rushed for 14 yards. Mike Schneider is still listed as the starter despite missing spring with a broken thumb.

EASTERN MICHIGAN - Eagles fans are excited about their new head coach and roughly 2,000 showed up for the spring game. Matt Bohnet was #1 coming in hitting 8 of 13 for 117 yards. His brother Ken hit 5 of 15 for 33 yards with 3 interceptions. Frosh RB Pierre Walker, who moved from SS at the start of spring and was #7 TB here, led the team with 58 yards on 11 rushes. Coach Genyak called him a difference maker as leading RB Anthony Sherrell missed the game with an injury. Chris Robertson, their #1 receiver last year, moved to DB and was impressive with 2 interceptions. Walk-on P Marten Brundenell was very solid with a 48 yard punt and solid placement inside the 20 on others. QB Jeff Crooks, who broke his leg last year and was not expected to play, showed a lot of rust hitting just 1 of 9 passes.

FLORIDA - Chris Leak led the Blue team to a 41-13 romp as he hit 15 of 28 passes for 335 yards. Orange team QB Justin Midgett hit 16 of 31 for 286 yards. WR Dallas Baker showed some explosiveness with 176 yards on just 3 rec's. Reggie Lewis had 7 grabs for 109 yards. Ciatrick Fason had 141 yards rushing and Skyler Thornton had 70. Frosh DL Tranell Morant had 5 tackles and 2 sacks. Tremaine McCollum snagged two interceptions with 24,500 on hand in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

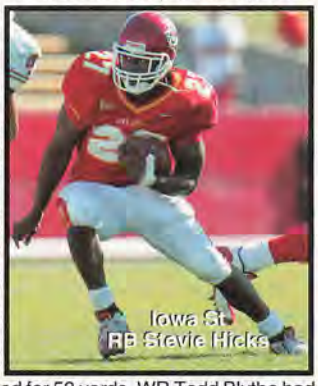
FRESNO ST - The Red team beat the White team 10-3 in front of nearly 1,000 fans but Paul Pinegar took just 8 snaps. Pinegar trimmed down to 225 lbs with added muscle and the pectoral muscle he tore last August is now healed. While not 100%, he is far stronger than last season and was impressive all spring. UCLA transfer Wendell Mathis also was impressive during drills after sitting out last year. Mathis rushed for 90 yds on 16 carries.

GEORGIA - The largest spring crowd since coach Mark Richt took over saw David Greene lead the Red team to a 21-0 win over the Black. True frosh Blake Barnes was the best of the backup QB's hitting 6 of 6 for 36 yards while Joe Tereshinski was 5 of 17 for 43 yards.

ILLINOIS - Jon Beutjer passed for 296 yards and 3 TD's as the Blue outscored the White 31-21 in front of 5,612 fans at Memorial Stadium.

IOWA - Marques Simmons rushed for 110 yards on just 6 carries and QB Jason Manson hit 7 of 7 passes for 139 yards leading the Black (1st team) to a 38-3 win over the Gold. Approximately 30,000 were on hand. Drew Tate hit 6 of 9 for 83 yards

IOWA ST - Stevie Hicks looks ready to live up to his PS#35 billing as he rushed for 164 yards on 21 att's leading the Cardinals (1st & 4th team) to a 27-21 triumph over the White (2nd & 3rd team). It was not as close as the final indicated as the White was spotted a 21-0 lead. The Cardinals had a 417-228 yard edge. Bret Meyer hit 12 of 27 for 121 yards and Austin Flynn hit 6 of 11 for 97 yards, and rushed for 53 yards. WR Todd Blythe had 6 rec for 73 yards and Ryan Baum had 5 for 58.


Iowa St
RB Stevie Hicks

KANSAS - Adam Barmann hit 16 of 27 for 212 yards as the Blue (1st team) dominated 26-20 over the White (backups). The White offense was thwarted with 3 interceptions by Charles Gordan including a TD. Transfer QB Jason Swanson played for both squads and was 7 of 15 for 49 yards. Clark Green led the RB's with 58 yards rushing (3.9).

KANSAS ST - Donnie Anders rushed for 106 yards and Dylan Meier looked like the #1 QB throwing for 176 yards leading the Purple to a 27-3 win over the White.

KENTUCKY - About 6,000 fans showed up at Commonwealth Stadium and got a thrill right at the start. Keenan Burton, who hopes to fill Derek Abneys large shoes, returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a TD. The White team (1st team) beat the Blue Team (backups) by a 28-17 margin. Burton also had 4 rec for 99 yards. QB Shane Boyd hit 9 of 16 for 160 yards, Andre Woodson hit 7 of 12 for 76 yards, and OLB Raymond Fontaine had 9 tackles and 2 sacks. WR Tommy Cook tore his right ACL and may miss the 2004 season. John Logan a freshman had a 99 yard KR TD in the 2nd half.

Duke
QB Mike Schneider

LSU - True frosh WR Xavier Carter set a national high school record, running 20.69 in the 200m in the spring. In the spring game, the White beat the Purple by a 22-3 margin in front of 10,194 at Tiger stadium. Marcus Randall hit 9 of 23 for 131 yards and JaMarcus Russell hit 9 of 21 for 128 yards. Matt Flynn was 12 of 28 for 112 yards. Dwayne Bowe led the receivers with 93 yards and 2 TD's. DL Melvin Oliver had 3 sacks.

LOUISVILLE - Stephan LeFors picked up where he left off last year and guided the Red team (1st string) to a 49-10 win over the White team (backups). A crowd of 12,200 were on hand, shattering last year's number of 8,500. The 1st string had 609 yards offense and LeFors hit 30 of 39 for 434 yards and 4 TD's. JR Russell had 11 rec's for 125 yards. RB Lionel Gates had 16 carries for 134 yards with Eric Shelton missing most of the game with a shoulder injury.

MICHIGAN ST - "The defense is going to have to carry us for at least half of the year until the offense matures" was coach John L. Smith's assessment after the spring game. QB Drew Stanton, who I project as starter, did not

play sitting out the spring to rest his right knee after surgery in the offseason. Stephen Reaves hit 15-26 for 184 yards but had 2 int's. Damon Dowdell was 10-22 for 69 yards with a 0-1 ratio as the offense had 3 TD's in about 115 plays. RB Jehuu Caulcrick had 16 carries for 108 yards and Turbo Cobb had 9 att's for 77 yards.

MINNESOTA - The Maroon team which consisted of the 1st team offense and 2nd defense edged the White team 21-20. Bryan Cupito tossed a 3-yard TD pass to FB Justin Valentine with :44 left to pull out the win. Cupito hit 9 of 16 for 68 yards with a 1-1 ratio. JC transfer Adam Ernst was 9-14 for 216 with 1 TD and 2 int's. Some backups that looked good were RB Amir Pinnix (74 yds, 17 att), WR Mark Jundt (5 rec, 19.0) and kicker Michael Jacobs who hit a 46 yard FG. Mason came away most impressed with the Metrodome's new surface (FieldTurf) which he said was long overdue.

MISSISSIPPI - Michael Spurlock leads the QB race for Ole Miss. In one spring scrimmage, Spurlock had a 73-yard TD run showing his mobility. In the final spring scrimmage though, the offense did not score and Spurlock hit just 11 of 21 for 111 yards. Backups Ethan Flatt hit 10 of 23 for 71 yards and Robert Lane hit just 5 of 15 for 71 yards. In the spring game, Spurlock was 11 of 18 for 183 yards guiding the Blue team (1st team) to a 31-6 win over the Red. RB Vashon Pearson was the top rusher with 13 carries for 71 yards but both backup QB's Lane and Flatt tossed int's that were returned for TD's.

MISSOURI - RB's Marcus Woods and Damien Nash combined to average more than 10 ypc and rushed for 201 yards and 2 TD's in the Missouri Black/Gold game. The Black defense outscored the Gold offense 60-49 in their unique scoring system. HC Gary Pinkle limited Brad Smith's running in the spring game and Smith hit just 4 of 8 passes for 46 yards and an int so the defense looks solid. Backup Brandon Coleman was 12 of 27 for 93 yards and a TD. Greg Bracey, the track teams top sprinter, led the team's receivers with 4 rec's for 39 yards. The game was played on a rainy day with temperatures in the 40's. Woods had 109 yards on 11 carries and Nash had 92 on 9 attempts. Those two will have to fight off true frosh VHT Tony Temple (PS#4) in the fall.

NAVY - The Middies are one of only 3 teams in the NCAA to not have played in an OT game but their spring game went to OT. QB Aaron Polanco looked good rushing for 117 yards and hit 7 of 11 passes for 55 yards. Lamar Owens was 11 of 15 for 168 yards and SB Marco Nelson had 4 rec for 102 yards. The White beat the Blue 26-23. CB Luke Penrose had 11 tackles for the Blue and DT Babatunde Akingbemi had 10 tackles for the White. DE John Chan who has added about 40 lbs in the offseason had a 60 yard int return for a TD. Lord Cole won most improved honors for the spring and is listed as #1 CB out of spring.

NEBRASKA - Husker fans anxious to see the new West Coast offense showed up in force as a record crowd of 61,417 was on hand for the spring game. Joe Dailey hit a spring game record 29 of 49 passes for 241 yards and 4 TD's as the Red squad (1st string) rolled to a 35-6 triumph over the White. The defense blitzed sparingly playing mostly a base defense. The top rusher was David Horne who had 10 attempts for 59 yards while Cory Ross had 9 attempts for 39 yards. The Red team had a 354-24 yard edge and sacked the White QB's 8 times for 54 yards, but of course, in a spring game, when a QB was touched it was regarded as a sack. The White team was minus 59 yards rushing on the day.

OHIO ST - One surprise of the spring game was that the Gray team, which had the top pick in the draft of players, chose backup QB Andrew Smith over Justin Zwick. It appeared Smith's Gray team was better stacked but he hit just 7 of 15 for 53 yards in the Gray's 13-0 loss. Smith was limited as the QB's were ruled down by touch. Smith is a very mobile QB and was not able to use his strength. Zwick hit 16 of 26 for 165 yards leading the Scarlet team to a TD on its first drive and then on a 66 yard drive on the game's second possession, but they were unable to score. They settled for two FG's later. Frosh RB Tony Pittman rushed for 105 yards on 21 carries. Third string QB Todd Boeckman was 6 of 11 for 33 yards.

OKLAHOMA - The Sooners' vaunted 1st team defense was without 5 starters and a game plan so new DC Bo Pelini was not concerned as the 2nd team offense, led by QB Paul Thompson, had 3 TD's in a 24-3 win for the backups. Thompson hit 21 of 30 for 311 yards. QB Jason White did not play and rFr Tommy Grady QB'd the White team and was 18 of 27 for 180 yards. Jejuan Rankins (PS#7) was the leading receiver with 5 catches for 88 yards and RB Donta Hickson (PS#12) the leading rusher with 57 yards on 13 attempts. There were 31,000 on hand.

PITTSBURGH - The Panthers only had 2 starters back on the O-line to begin with. Then 3 projected starters missed the spring game with injuries so the offense did very little. The Blue beat the Gold 13-7 with new starting MLB Clint Session the star, as he recorded 12 tackles. Luke Getsy guided the team on a TD drive while Tyler Palko had 1 int and zero TD's. There were 5,147 on hand and the busiest player was P Adam Graessle who had 11 punts with a solid 42.3 average. Getsy hit 7 of 10 passes for 36 yards and Palko 6 of 13 for 49 yards.

PURDUE - Kyle Orton hit 12 of 21 passes for 253 yards with Kyle Ingraham hauling in 55, 34 and 14 yard TD passes as the Gold beat the Black 28-14 in front of 2,300 at a high school stadium. Ingraham had 169 yards in rec's. Walk on QB Jason Renn had a 34 yard TD pass for the Gold. Brandon Kirsch hit 10-21 for 145 yards for the Black while Scott Carroll was 9-15 for 109 yards. TE Charles Davis led the Black squad with 10 rec for 136 yards.

S CAROLINA - The spring game ended in a 13-13 tie but the star was backup QB Syvelle Newton who moved back to QB from WR. Newton hit 16 of 27 passes for 277 yards and also ran for 71 yards on 11 carries. He played on both teams. Returning starter Dondrial Pinkins hit just 4 of 14 passes for 35 yards. Blake Mitchell was 2 of 8 for 23 yards and Mike Rathe 2 of 3 for 5 yards.

SYRACUSE - 2,484 were on hand in the Carrier Dome as Syracuse's offense struggled again with just 1 TD and 3 FG's during the final scrimmage. In the previous scrimmage, the offense ran 109 plays with 0 TD's or FG's and only one drive moved inside the 5. The 4 QB's combined to hit 25 of 57 for 272 yards.

TEMPLE - The White, led by backup QB Mike McGann, defeated the Cherry by a 17-14 margin. McGann hit 13 of 27 for 174 yards with his favorite WR being Phil Goodman (7 rec, 108 yds). Walter Washington hit 16 of 35 for 226 yards and caught a 25 yard TD pass. Buchie Ibeh had 7 rec for 111 yards for the Cherry. JUCO RB Tim Brown had a TD run. The most improved offensive player for the spring award went to OG Stephen Bell and the defensive award went to DT Antwon Burton.

TENNESSEE - 14,371 were on hand at Neyland Stadium as the Orange and White tied 21-21. Bo Hardegree, a frosh QB, led a late drive and hit an 8 yard TD pass for the tie. Rick Clausen hit 8 of 21 for 156 yards. CJ Leak was 12 of 17 for 178 yards. Jabari Davis rushed for 85 yards and Cedric Houston had 83 yards. Chris Hannon had 105 yards in 4 rec's.

TCU - TCU only has 3 returning starters on defense yet it was that side of the ball that dominated the spring game with the final score a surprising 7-3. In an earlier scrimmage during the spring, the 1st string D faced the 1st team offense on 10 drives and held it to 9 FD's.

TEXAS - The White team edged the Orange 17-14 in front of 36,250. Chance Mock hit 6 of 8 for 66 yards while Vince Young was 4 of 9 for 28 yards and rushed for 27.

TEXAS A&M - A couple of walk-ons were the stars of the Maroon and White game. Layne Neumann kicked a tie-breaking 56 yard FG, with a strong wind at his back with 1:26 left, to give the White a 17-14 lead. Third string QB Ty Branyon had an impressive spring and hit 11 of 16 passes for 119 yards. He threw 3 TD's including the game winner with :13 left for the 21-17 win for the Maroon in front of 37,409 on a sunny, windy day at Kyle Field. Branyon was also the leading rusher with 5 carries for 68 yards while FB Keith Joseph topped all RB's with 56 yards on 14 carries. Starting QB Reggie McNeal did not throw due to offseason shoulder surgery and true frosh Steven McGee, who was in for the spring, hit just 4 of 13 passes for 35 yards. Fourth stringer TJ Sanders hit 5 of 7 passes for 57 yards.

TEXAS TECH - The post-BJ Symons era has begun and Sonny Cumbie was #1 out of spring. Cumbie QB'd the #1 offense vs the #2 defense in the spring game and led 3 TD drives. Robert Johnson (PS#12JC) QB'd the 2nd team and was not as productive. Following the game, Lynch made some cryptic comments leaning towards Johnson becoming the starter in August. Johnson was facing the 1st string D and ruled sacked anytime a DL got near him and that took away one of his strengths which is his mobility. Third string QB Cory Hodges hit 14 of 26 for 146 yards. The star of the game was WR Joel Filani, who had his third straight scrimmage of 100+ yards receiving. Brent Bischofberger (PS#17JC) had 3 sacks and may have already earned the starting spot at DE.

UL MONROE - HC Charlie Weatherbie finished his first spring practice at ULM as the Gold team defeated the White 21-0. Steven Jyles had a streak of 7 straight incompletions but finished 15 of 26 for 178 yards. A couple of surprises came in the selection process by the players. Second string RB Jason Schule was picked over last year's 2nd Tm SBC RB Kevin Payne, who was banged up. The top receiver was converted FB Joey Trappey who had 7 rec for 77 yards.

USC - The Trojans had a 118-play scrimmage for their spring game with 7 turnovers and failed to score a TD. Matt Leinart, who was battling a sore left elbow, hit 8 of 15 passes for 88 yards. John David Booty was 9 of 17 for 143 but had 2 int's. Brandon Hance hit 11 of 21 passes for 143 yards but had 3 int's and a lost fumble.

UTEP - 5,173 were on hand for HC Mike Price's 1st spring game with the Miners. The star was rFr DB Quintin Demps who had 3 int's, two of which he returned for TD's. Jordan Palmer seemed to be emerging as the top QB in the final few scrimmages of the spring, but Omar Duarte had the stronger spring game hitting 8 of 18 for 156 yards. Orlando Cruz hit 12 of 25 for 155 but had 3 int's. Palmer hit 6 of 12 for 82 yards. Some potential bad news for the O-line was a knee injury to Ben Graniello, which is said to be career threatening after Price called him the top OL in the spring. RB Michael White was impressive during the spring and had 51 yards in the spring game. The Blue routed the Orange 54-7.

VIRGINIA - 8,239 were on hand and the 4 QB's battling to replace Matt Schaub struggled. RB Wali Lundy rushed for 75 yards and had the games only TD pass. Alvin Pearman rushed for 49 yards and Michael Johnson (PS#5) had 30 yards.

WAKE FOREST - It was a sunny, Saturday afternoon and 1,300 fans were on hand. RFr QB Ben Mauk, who set national HS records, hit 6 of 8 for 102 yards with a TD and was Wake's leading rusher with 7 carries for 93 yards and a TD. Another rFr, WR Kevin Marion, had 4 carries for 58 yards and one reception. SS Dominic Anderson who moved from TB in the spring, led the team in tackles with 5.

WASH ST - It was the #1's (Crimson) vs the backups (Gray) but the Crimson only managed 14 points in a 14-3 win in front of about 2,000 fans. Josh Swogger left the door open at QB hitting just one 1H pass and 7 of 14 for the game for 49 yards. Alex Brink showed his mobility with a 26 yard run and hit 11 of 16 for 151 yards. Walk-on QB Mike Reilly, who was a surprise most of the spring, hit just 9 of 22 for 36 yards. The top receiver was Marty Martin with 10 for 127 yards and top RB was Chris Bruhn with 88 yards on 9 att's. LB Chris Baltzer made a name for himself on defense with 8 tackles.

WASHINGTON - All spring long, the Huskies defense had the upper hand over the offense. In the spring game, the offense won by a 49-20 margin but did get 19 points for FD's in the typical unusual scoring system employed by some coaches in these games. Each of the three QB's battling for the starting spot had a TD pass so no winner there but Casey Paus has a slight edge after spring.

UTAH ST - The Aggies are very high on their defense and the Blue defense (1st team) held the White offense (backups) to 3 of 19 passing for 8 yards and minus 20 yards rushing. They also had 11 sacks as the Blue won 34-7 and each team notched an int return for a TD. Travis Cox hit 9 of 15 for 75 yds, Matt Crivello hit 5 of 5 for 81 yards and Leon Jackson hit 2 of 4 for 74 yards. WR Raymond Hicks had 100 yds.

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Most of our Power Sweep readers are familiar with the weekly News & Notes and College Fax Report sections in Power Sweep. These sections are filled with the hard to find information that just did not fit into the weekly college writeups. Well, with SO much information gathered for this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit on the individual pages. We hope you enjoy the added information as we try hard to satisfy your desire for detailed college football news.

AKRON - The Zips had shown improvement practically every year in my special teams rankings under Owens with the following progression from 1998 going 77, 72, 60, and 49 in 2001 and that did not include the FG accuracy as they had one of the nation's top kickers in Zac Derr. Derr left in 2002 and Akron fell to #100 in the combined including kickers...In their 101 years of college football, which has been mostly as a Div II and IAA team (moved to IA in 1987), Akron still has zero league championships.

AUBURN - The team did have problems on FG's for a second straight season. John Vaughn missed two crucial FG's vs Tennessee so Philip Yost took over. Yost made 2 FG's vs Mississippi, but missed a crucial one, which forced the team to try for a TD at the end. He also struggled vs Georgia. The two combined to hit just 11 of 19 which was actually an improvement from 2002 when Duval hit just 6 of 15.

BOSTON COLLEGE - BC has now had a 1,000 yard rusher for six straight seasons. William Green had a huge junior season in 2001 rushing for 1,708 yards (5.7) but opted to leave early for the NFL. Derrick Knight (PS#144) had one start in 2001 and had 576 yards (4.2) in 22 games backing up Green. Knight battled Horace Dodd (PS#19), a Penn St transfer and easily won the starting job in 2002 rushing for 1,432 yards (5.5)... BC could be called "O-line U" as they send a lot of players to the NFL from this unit. Every year O'Brien has been bringing in solid recruiting classes, but surprisingly only snagged one VHT this year. In 2001 the team paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 16 sacks. They had 4 starters returning in 2002 but only averaged 4.2 ypc rushing although they did yield just 14 sacks...LS Francois Brochu was lost for the season in August. TE Chris Miller assumed the LS duties but two bad snaps resulted in a TD and a safety vs Miami and the 'Canes also had a 92 yard PR. They went to David Kashetta the next week but he then lost his job to 4th string QB Dan Berglund. Berglund was responsible for two bad snaps vs ND so Kashetta took the job back against Pitt.

HAWAII - In the spring of 2002, Timmy Chang was out with a wrist and finger injury and two other QB's alternated at the start of the year in Jason Whieldon who threw two TD passes against BYU and was a JUCO transfer in his first year of the run-and-shoot. Shawn Withy-Allen, who had been on the team since 1998, saw his first significant action playing in 13 games with 770 yards passing (57%), a 7-3 ratio and 261 rushing yards. In the '02 bowl game Chang got hurt and Withy-Allen threw for 239 yards on 31 passes. Last year Chang and Whieldon were back.

IOWA - Interestingly, WR Coach Grant, prior to the Colorado game, said they should have a big game because CU plays mostly man-to-man defense when in fact CU had switched to a zone based defense earlier in the season. Grant was let go in the offseason.

IOWA ST - The Cyclones had some special teams problems which began when P Tony Yelk was injured and K Troy Blankenship replaced him at punter vs Iowa. Schmitz had a couple of bad snaps resulting in two blocked punts and ISU lost 40-21 despite a 22-10 FD edge. Special teams standout Andy Kohler was also injured against Iowa and missed the rest of the year. Nebraska also blocked two punts vs ISU. Overall the Cyclones dropped to #108 and they fired their special teams coach after the season.

LSU - In 2001 Rohan Davey threw for 3,791 yards (59%) with a 21-10 ratio blowing away Tommy Hodson's school record set in 1989 (2,655). Matt Mauck (PS#77) originally signed at Mich St with Saban but decided to play baseball for the Cubs organization for three years, won the starting job after being Davey's backup in 2001. When Davey went down to injury in the 2001 SEC Title game, Mauck hit just 5 of 15 for 67 yards but ran for 43 yards and two TD's and led the team to the crucial win.

NAVY - In HC Weatherbie's last season Navy finished #37 in my special teams rankings thanks mostly to punter John Skaggs who set a Navy record averaging 44.8 per punt and exciting KR Tony Lane (26.4) who set a school record for KR yards in a season (898). Those two were both back in 2002 but FG's were a problem and by midseason they held open tryouts for kickers and attempted just 9 FG's.

NEW MEXICO - The Lobos have had great success with long snappers with Joe Maese in 1999 and moved on to become the Baltimore Ravens LS and then four-year man Martin Lovato who finished his career without allowing a single blocked punt while also being solid in coverage.

NOTRE DAME - Season 3 has been a magical year for some of ND head coaches with 5 HC's winning National Titles in that year including Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz...It has been 11 years since the Irish have been #1 ranked and 15 years since their last National Title. ND actually dropped behind Michigan in all-time winning % for the first time since 1920 and has had 3 losing teams over the last 5 years.

TEXAS A&M - Here are a couple of surprising statistics: A&M has recruited a lot of VHT OL's but they have had just one 1st Tm All-Conf OL since 1997 and the school record in the bench press for an OL is just 495 lbs. When Coach Fran took over he was not impressed with the overall strength of the OL and said that in the near future he would like to have all five OL's benching 500+.

UTAH - The stadium is named after Lance Rice's grandfather and he started three games in 2000 and all 12 in 2001 at QB. In 2002, after five starts, he was benched but he stuck with the team despite playing very little. His main action came last year in his final home game when he scored on a QB draw with 5:33 to go...Due to the injuries they almost took the redshirt off of Joe Johnson (PS#153) another small, speedy RB. Johnson, in fact, ran on the field vs Wyoming after Liti was injured and had he taken a snap he would have burnt his redshirt...McBride always did an excellent job with special teams and they had three top 40 finishes in his final four years.

SYRACUSE - Against BC they took the redshirt off of true frosh Ricky Krautman (PS#5). Krautman, showing his nervousness, had an xp clang off the upright, missed a 36 yard FG and would not attempt another kick. I would think that he will be a likely candidate for redshirt this year.

TENNESSEE - The difference between Tennessee appearing in the SEC Title game and finishing in the #5 bowl slot was probably one play against Georgia in which they were going to tie the game at the half but instead fumbled and saw the Bulldogs return it 92 yards for a TD then Tennessee was an emotional no-show in the 2H...UT signed true frosh FB David Holbert (6-2 235 PS#33 RB) who was rated as the #2 FB in the country by recruiting analyst Tom Lemming. Perhaps only coincidentally, Holbert's top competition for the starting job quit the team in spring (William Revill). Holbert will join the team in August as the only scholarship true FB on the roster. He may be what the UT running game has been missing the last few years, and could key the long awaited resurgence of the UT ground game.

TEXAS - Benson became the first frosh in UT history to top the 1,000 yard barrier with 1,053 (4.7) in 2001. After he rushed for 1,293 yards (4.2) as a soph, he had more rushing yards after two years than Ricky Williams, who left as the NCAA's all-time career rushing leader...When at N Carolina and in his early years at Texas, Brown's special teams units usually struggled. In fact, they finished #109 and #106 in his first two years here. With all of the VHT's that Brown recruits, you would expect better performances. In the last four years they have certainly improved finishing #18, #10, #16 and #15 in my special teams rankings.

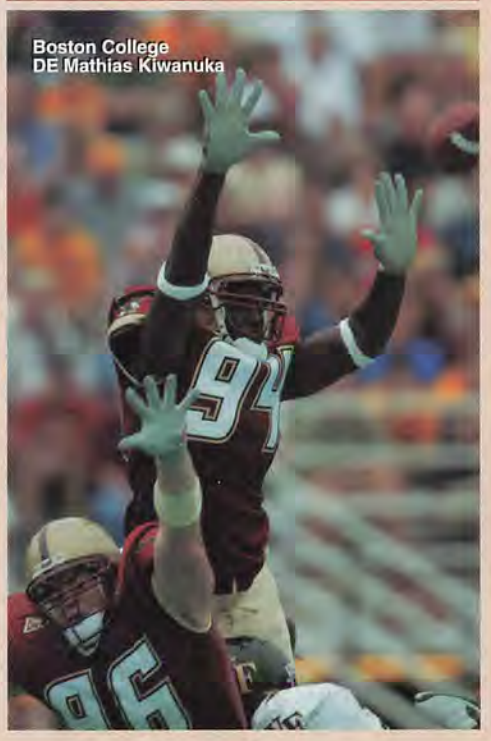
Let me finish off the hardcore article with some solid information for the upcoming season. Throughout the magazine I sometimes reference my #X rated offense or my #X rated defense for the upcoming year. Much like my Top 119 (see page 315) my offense and defense rankings are a combination of a couple of different sets of power ratings on each the offense and defense. I find them very accurate and they help me handicap during the season. Here are those combined ratings Top 25's for both the offense and the defense.

Top 25 Offenses

1. Oklahoma	14. Auburn
2. Florida St	15. Arizona St
3. USC	16. TCU
4. Georgia	17. Purdue
5. Florida	18. Oregon
6. Texas	19. Minnesota
7. Miami, FI	20. Texas A&M
8. Louisville	21. Michigan
9. Memphis	22. S Carolina
10. Texas Tech	23. West Virginia
11. California	24. NC State
12. Hawaii	25. Virginia
13. LSU	

Top 25 Defenses

1. LSU	14. Virginia
2. Oklahoma	15. Wisconsin
3. Michigan	16. Kansas St
4. Ohio St	17. NC State
5. Georgia	18. Georgia Tech
6. USC	19. S Carolina
7. Miami, FI	20. Nebraska
8. Iowa	21. Alabama
9. Florida St	22. California
10. Tennessee	23. Missouri
11. Texas	24. Penn St
12. Notre Dame	25. Virginia Tech
13. Oregon St	



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PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

If you have read the other parts of the magazine, I am sure you are familiar with the fact that I have SEVEN different sets of power ratings that I create each preseason to give me 7 different ways of looking at a team. For the first time in the magazine I will provide you with one of those sets here. It is the one that will most closely resemble what Las Vegas power ratings will be when they establish numbers for this years' games. Let me take a minute of your time to give you a little history on my fascination and dependency on power ratings when analyzing a team in the preseason and during the season. I am in my early 40's and I started following College Football with great intent at about 10 years old. At that time (being a numbers guy) I devised my own set of power ratings which was based mostly on where the preseason magazines I was reading ranked the teams. Being 10, I even awarded points at that time for how many pictured players each team had in the magazines. I updated those ratings during the season based on the final scores of the games and that is how most were updated.

One of the reasons for this particular article is that a few years later after compiling my ratings (and no longer counting pictures), I stumbled upon the Game Plan magazine written by Joe Del Poplo. In the front of the magazine was a set of power ratings for each team!! I now had two sets of power ratings on each team and I updated them both during the year giving me two different ways of looking at the strength of a team. This year I thought for all of you who like to use a set of power ratings, that I would provide you with one of my 7 sets. Is this my main set of ratings that I use? No, that would be my Power Poll rankings which are a combination of the 7 sets. This is a very solid set of numbers, however, and what I have noticed is that it most closely resembles what Las Vegas uses at the start of the season to make lines on games, so it is very useful.

First of all, let me tell you about some of my other power ratings. One of my main sets is the talent rating. For this I rank each position on every team from 4 for weakest to 10 for strongest in the country. They are ranked to the decimal. For example, I will rate a QB position at 7.87 if I feel they are a hair weaker than a 7.89 team. I add all of the positions up, add in special teams and coaching and that set is ready. The second one to look at is the Power Plays numbers. I take a look at last year's final numbers which not only take into account the score of the game but the strength of each teams offensive rush, pass and defensive rush and pass. When doing my power ratings I always award what I call a Plus/Minus on each position. If a team had an All American VHT QB last year and is going to an inexperienced one that is not a VHT then they would rate a minus 6. If a team had no experience at a position, suffered through injuries last year with poor production, but now has everyone back including the injured players who are much more experienced, while adding new talent to the mix then they would rate a plus 6. Everything else falls in between. To make my Power Plays numbers for THIS year I look at last year's and interject the Plus/Minus for each position into them and develop the computers projection. I mentioned that I rank each position from 4 to 10 which gives me a fresh set of numbers based just on this year and have a formula which takes the talent of each position (example: pass offense would be QB plus WR plus O-line) and converts it to a Power Plays number. I compare the two Power Plays numbers derived from two different methods then put my own thoughts into refining the figures and come up with an opening number for the next season. I could write a book (or a magazine for that matter) on how I devise each of the 7 sets but that gives you some idea of how I do two sets of my power ratings.

As for the ratings listed below, these are my Plus/Minus ratings. I first take last year's final Plus/Minus ratings which are derived mostly by the score of each game last year and the strength of opponents played. Beating Oklahoma by 1 would move a team up in the ratings while beating Florida International by 25 last year would probably have moved the same team down. I then take my aforementioned Plus/Minus ratings and add them to the totals. Some teams are weaker than last year and drop in the rankings and the ones that are improved move up. As mentioned this is just ONE set of rankings but is the one that most closely resembles the ones that Las Vegas derives for each team. A note here is that on page 315 I rank the teams based on the Power Poll which is all 7 rankings combined so that page does indeed differ with this one as far as rankings. With no further adieu here is my current 2004 Plus/Minus ratings for the upcoming season. I hope you enjoy them.

PHIL STEELE'S 2004 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

BIG 10

Michigan	146.78
Ohio St	145.00
Iowa	143.48
Wisconsin	140.22
Penn St	138.22
Minnesota	137.96
Purdue	136.65
Michigan St	134.52
Northwestern	130.65
Indiana	125.22
Illinois	122.30

BIG 12

Oklahoma	156.83
Texas Tech	144.65
Texas	144.43
Kansas St	143.96
Missouri	139.52
Colorado	138.91
Oklahoma St	134.00
Nebraska	132.65
Texas A&M	129.26
Kansas	123.17
Iowa St	116.52
Baylor	113.52

ACC

Clemson	145.70
Florida St	144.83
Miami (FL)	144.83
North Carolina St	143.96
Virginia	142.30
Maryland	140.83
Georgia Tech	138.17
Wake Forest	133.87
Virginia Tech	132.04
North Carolina	126.35
Duke	121.26

SEC

LSU	157.22
Georgia	146.96
Auburn	141.39
Florida	139.87
Tennessee	139.87
Mississippi	137.83
Alabama	136.04
South Carolina	134.65
Arkansas	133.57
Vanderbilt	130.48
Kentucky	129.65
Mississippi St	111.70

PAC 10

USC	153.91
California	143.61
Oregon St	140.30
Oregon	139.78
Arizona St	133.04
Washington St	130.83
UCLA	130.52
Stanford	128.30
Washington	127.96
Arizona	124.00

CONF USA

S Mississippi	133.22
Louisville	132.22
TCU	131.13
Memphis	130.09
Houston	128.04
UAB	126.96
South Florida	125.09
Cincinnati	124.22
Tulane	120.57
East Carolina	116.39
Army	109.74

BIG EAST

West Virginia	142.61
Boston College	136.87
Pittsburgh	133.96
Rutgers	132.61
Connecticut	130.70
Temple	130.04
Syracuse	129.65

MT WEST

Utah	141.30
UNLV	129.39
San Diego St	128.13
New Mexico	126.61
BYU	123.65
Colorado St	123.48
Air Force	117.09
Wyoming	116.48

WAC

Boise St	136.52
Fresno St	127.43
Rice	126.30
Hawaii	125.91
Tulsa	122.87
Louisiana Tech	115.65
SMU	112.04
UTEP	111.30
San Jose St	110.09
Nevada	109.96

INDEPENDENT

Notre Dame	131.52
Navy	124.70
Florida Atlantic	106.39
Florida International	95.13

MAC

Miami (OH)	141.70
Bowling Green	129.70
Toledo	129.35
Marshall	129.00
Northern Illinois	124.30
Kent St	122.26
Western Michigan	120.87
Ohio	119.22
Akron	117.22
UCF	116.22
Eastern Michigan	114.57
Buffalo	111.87
Central Michigan	110.48
Ball St	109.26

SUNBELT

North Texas	124.13
Troy St	122.96
New Mexico St	114.87
Louisiana-Lft	113.65
Middle Tennessee	112.22
Utah St	107.43
UL Monroe	105.17
Idaho	104.52
Arkansas St	101.04

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Aug	23	St. Louis	at	Kansas City
Aug	30	Tennessee	at	Dallas

2004 Monday Night Games

Sept	9	Indianapolis	at	New England (Thur)
Sept	13	Green Bay	at	Carolina
Sept	20	Minnesota	at	Philadelphia
Sept	27	Dallas	at	Washington
Oct	4	Kansas City	at	Baltimore
Oct	11	Tennessee	at	Green Bay
Oct	18	Tampa Bay	at	St. Louis
Oct	25	Denver	at	Cincinnati
Nov	1	Miami	at	NY Jets
Nov	8	Minnesota	at	Indianapolis
Nov	15	Philadelphia	at	Dallas
Nov	22	New England	at	Kansas City
Nov	29	St Louis	at	Green Bay
Dec	6	Dallas	at	Seattle
Dec	13	Kansas City	at	Tennessee
Dec	20	New England	at	Miami
Dec	27	Philadelphia	at	St Louis

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2001-2003 BIG PLAY (4' & 5★) RELEASES!!!

5★	SMU +13	over TCU	10-38	loss
5★	**Michigan St +7'**	**over Northwestern**	**26-27**	**WIN!**
5★	**Arkansas +1**	**over Auburn**	**42-17**	**WIN!**
5★	**New Mexico -2'**	**over UNLV**	**27-17**	**WIN!**
5★	**St Louis -7**	**over San Francisco**	**27-14**	**WIN!**
5★	**Florida St +2**	**over Virginia Tech**	**30-17**	**WIN!**
4'★	**Green Bay -3'**	**over San Francisco**	**25-15**	**WIN!**
5★	**Florida St -15**	**over Maryland**	**37-10**	**WIN!**
5★	Miss St +13'	over LSU	13-31	loss
5★	**Arizona St +3**	**over Oregon St**	**13-9**	**WIN!**
5★	**Washington +6**	**over Oregon St**	**41-29**	**WIN!**
5★	**Pittsburgh -8'**	**over Carolina**	**30-14**	**WIN!**
5★	**Arizona St +18'**	**over Kansas St**	**27-34**	**WIN!**
4'★	**Tampa Bay -6**	**over San Francisco**	**31-6**	**WIN!**
5★	Arizona St +7'	over Iowa	2-21	loss
5★	Tennessee +2	over Georgia	14-41	loss
5★	**Wisconsin -1'**	**over Michigan St**	**56-21**	**WIN!**
4'★	Syracuse +2	over West Virginia	23-34	loss
5★	**Dallas -2**	**over Washington**	**27-0**	**WIN!**
5★	**Arkansas -2'**	**over Missouri**	**27-14**	**WIN!**
4'★	Dallas +3	over Carolina	10-29	loss

BIG PLAYS (4' & 5★) NOW 15-6 71% L/3Y

4★ COLLEGE TOTALS 15-4 79% OVER 4 YEARS!!

4★ College Totals Results 2000:

4★ Over 49'	**Auburn/Mississippi**	**35-27**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 45	**UCLA/Arizona St**	**38-31**	**WIN!**
4★ Under 47	**Oregon/Arizona**	**14-10**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 62	**Illinois/Indiana**	**42-35**	**WIN!**
4★ Under 52'	**Syracuse/Miami**	**0-26**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 45	**Miss St/Texas A&M (Independence Bowl)**	**43-41**	**WIN!**

4★ College Totals Results in 2001:

4★ Over 40	**Penn St/Michigan St**	**42-37**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 61	**Michigan St/Indiana**	**28-37**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 57	**Oregon/Utah St**	**38-21**	**WIN!**
4★ Under 42	**Arkansas/Tennessee**	**3-13**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 58	Colorado/Oregon (Fiesta Bowl)	16-38	loss

4★ College Totals Results in 2002:

4★ Over 49	**W Virginia/Wisconsin**	**17-34**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 54	Wisconsin/Arizona	31-10	loss
4★ Over 48'	**Wisconsin/Minnesota**	**49-31**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 52'	**Virginia/W Virginia (Continental Tire Bowl)**	**48-22**	**WIN!**

4★ College Totals Results in 2003:

4★ Over 51	Auburn/Mississippi	20-24	loss
4★ Under 54	**Oregon/Stanford**	**35-0**	**WIN!**
4★ Under 47'	**Iowa/Michigan St**	**10-20**	**WIN!**
4★ Over 48	Clemson/Georgia	0-30	loss

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Week 1

3★	NEW ENGLAND (-2') 26 NY Giants 6	WIN!
3★	Tampa Bay (+3) 20 Miami 19	WIN!
3★	Baltimore (-2') 19 BUFFALO 20	loss
3★	Cleveland (+2') 6 Tennessee 10	loss
3★	Indianapolis (+3') 18 Chicago 20	WIN!
Monday Night Magic 2★	Philadelphia (+1') 27 New Orleans 17	WIN!

Week 2

3'★	Denver (-1) 15 CHICAGO 10	WIN!
3★	Jacksonville (+3) 27 MIAMI 23	WIN!
3★	INDIANAPOLIS (-2') 21 Seattle 7	WIN!
3★	PITTSBURGH (-3) 16 Philadelphia 21	loss
3★	CINCINNATI (-2') 23 Detroit 10	WIN!
Monday Night Magic 2★	ST LOUIS (-3) 26 Tampa Bay 16	WIN!

Week 3

4★	Minnesota (+4') 21 OAKLAND 6	WIN!
3★	New England (+3') 24 PHILADELPHIA 12	WIN!
3★	BUFFALO (-2) 28 St Louis 25	WIN!
3★	Cleveland (+1) 17 DETROIT 38	loss
Monday Night Magic 2★	UNDER 40 Indy 28 Green Bay 23	loss

Week 4

3'★	Cincinnati (+3) 20 INDIANAPOLIS 21	WIN!
3★	DALLAS (-3') 52 Oakland 13	WIN!
3★	BALTIMORE (-4) 24 NY Giants 30	loss
3★	NY Jets (+6') 17 PHILADELPHIA 9	WIN!

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4★	Minnesota (+4) 21	OAKLAND 6	WIN
3'★	Cincinnati (+3) 20	INDIANAPOLIS 21	WIN
3'★	CAROLINA (-4) 24	Jacksonville 23	loss
4★	INDIANAPOLIS (-2) 33	Tennessee 7	WIN
3'★	ST LOUIS (-3) 27	San Francisco 24	Tie
3'★	Tampa Bay (-5) 31	ATLANTA 10	WIN
4★	Dallas (+3) 17	NY JETS 6	WIN
3'★	GREEN BAY (-1') 35	Seattle 13	WIN
3'★	Over 41' NY Giants 6	NEW ENGLAND 17	loss
4★	Dallas (-3) 38	DETROIT 7	WIN
3'★	Tennessee (+1') 37	CAROLINA 17	WIN
3'★	NY Giants (+6) 29	MINNESOTA 17	WIN
3'★	NY Giants (-2') 31	NY JETS 28	WIN
4'★	Tampa Bay (-3') 24	Carolina 27	loss
3'★	NY Giants (+3') 10	PHILADELPHIA 28	loss
4★	Tennessee (-6') 38	ATLANTA 31	WIN
3'★	Denver (-3) 22	OAKLAND 8	WIN
3'★	MINNESOTA (-1') 34	Seattle 7	WIN
5★	Dallas (-2) 27	WASHINGTON 0	WIN
4★	Baltimore (-3) 35	CLEVELAND 0	WIN

2002-'03 NFL Games of the Month

2002 Sept NFL GOM	4★ San Diego (-1') 23 Arizona 15	WIN!
2002 Oct NFL GOM	4★ Over 41' Cleveland 24 NY Jets 21	WIN!
2002 Nov NFL GOM	4★ St Louis (-3) 27 Arizona 14	WIN!
2002 Dec NFL GOY	5★ Pittsburgh (-8') 30 Carolina 14	WIN!
2003 Jan Playoff GOY	4'★ Tampa Bay (-6) 31 San Fran 6	WIN!
2003 Sept NFL GOM	4★ Indianapolis (-2) 33 Tennessee 7	WIN!
2003 Oct NFL GOM	4★ Dallas (-3) 38 Detroit 7	WIN!
2003 Nov NFL GOM	4★ Tennessee (-6') 38 Atlanta 31	WIN!
2003 Dec NFL GOY	5★ Dallas (-2) 27 Washington 0	WIN!
2004 Jan Playoff GOY	4'★ Dallas (+3) 10 Carolina 29	loss

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Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in 2002's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the top 5 but he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back-to-back weeks and he had just average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and then he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over Wisky was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country that called for Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that year even on the morning of the Heisman presentation as the voting was one of the closest ever.

In 2002 NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 longshot over the summer but I did have him #7 last year on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites. I missed for the 3rd time in 6 years with Maurice Clarett of Ohio St (but we all know that story).

Fifty percent over 6 years is a very good record but it has been a 3 year slump for me. Still it would be tough to have picked 50% over the past 6 years choosing three weeks before the award let alone 7 months. This year Jason White tries to become just the 2nd player ever to repeat as the Heisman Trophy winner joining RB Archie Griffin of Ohio State. Last year's race was wide open at the start of the year and this one SEEMS more clear-cut with some definite favorites as it is unusual to have so many of last year's finalists returning. Here are the top candidates for the award including my #1 selection and I am going back to an old formula of picking a longshot who will break some NCAA records. How big of a longshot is Timmy Chang? We checked 3 offshore sites that established odds on who will win the Heisman and he is not even listed on ANY of the three!!!!

FAVORITES - THE BIG FOUR

1. Timmy Chang, Hawaii
Chang has had an injury plagued career and even was benched for their last two games last year but did not pout and responded with 475 yards and 5 TD's in their bowl win. He has an excellent offensive line and WR's to work with and only needs 2,218 yards passing to break the NCAA record. If he is healthy he will have that by midseason. They have tough WAC trips to Boise St and Fresno St and host some Big 10 teams so pulling a few upsets would only aid his cause. He should be the NCAA's most prolific passer this season and I give him a shot at a 5,000 yard season.

2. Matt Leinart, USC
Leinart had statistics equal to those of his exteammate Carson Palmer who took home the Heisman in 2002 but with even greater success as his Trojans finished #1 in the AP poll. He had no preseason hype for the award. His O-line and receiving corps is rebuilt but he should have another excellent year. QB's of undefeated teams always garner extra pull in the voting. He threw for 3,556 yards (63%) with a super 38-9 ratio in his first year as a starter and if he improves, he could take home the trophy.

3. Jason White, Oklahoma
White could have an even better season than last year, guide his team to the National Title and yet, not repeat as the Heisman winner. Last year he won the Trophy with an amazing 40-10 ratio but he had 0 TD's and 4 int in the Big 12 Title game and bowl and many writers penned that they wished they could have taken back their votes. That may lead to some prejudice in the voting this year. Still the QB (of what I think will be one of the greatest teams in college football history) should put up excellent stats and could very well become just the 2nd player in NCAA history to grab two Heismans.

4. Darren Sproles, Kansas St
Sproles reminds many of Barry Sanders with his height (5-7) and his shiftiness. He was just #11 in the country in rushing at one point last year but had 273 vs Missouri and then 235 vs Oklahoma to lead the NCAA with 1,986 total rushing yards and a super 6.5 ypc. They do add a VHT RB this year (Thomas Clayton, PS#13) which may cut down on his carries but he is an exciting game breaking runner. He had 287 receiving yards and will also make some highlight reels with his returns as he avg 10.0 on PR's and 27.2 on KR's but unlike last year, Ell Roberson will not take publicity away from him as they have a new QB.

OTHER PRIME CONTENDERS

5. Cedric Benson, Texas
When Benson rushes for 100 yards in a game UT is 15-0. In the final 4 regular season games last year he rushed for 174, 180, 142 and 283 yards. He turned down a shot at the NFL and also stopped playing minor league baseball this spring to focus on football. Should he be instrumental in an upset of Oklahoma on Oct 9th, he would vault to the top of the race for the Heisman.

6. Kyle Orton, Purdue
Tiller ran a conservative offense the last few years but he has a lot of confidence in Orton and in his first 3 starts Tiller allowed him to throw 62, 52 and 74 passes as a frosh. He is 6-4 220 and now is in his 4th year of the Purdue offense. With a weaker D, I expect Tiller will revert to his "basketball on grass" approach this year and pass more. Orton threw for 2,885 yards (61%) with a 15-7 ratio and will be the Big 10's best QB this season.

7. Chris Rix, Florida St
He is on NO ONE's Heisman list this year but neither was Carson Palmer in 2002. Of the QB's this year who are capable of throwing for 3,000 yards, Rix is the most dangerous runner and has 1,271 yards gross rushing in 3 years. Florida St has the talent to go undefeated this year but his legacy and probably his Heisman hopes rely on a win over Miami (FL) on Sept 6.

8. Brad Smith, Missouri
This might be the best combo QB out there and most exciting to watch. In 2002 he threw for 2,333 yards (54%) with a 15-6 ratio while rushing for 1,179 and almost topped the 2,000/1,000 barrier once again last year. Remember when Ken Dorsey led Miami to the National Title but got very little publicity because it was the overall talent on the team that got them there? Well, Missouri is my #2 surprise team and if they get near the top everyone will know it is BECAUSE of Brad Smith.

9. David Greene, Georgia
Last year Greene struggled with a very inexperienced line and injured WR's. This year he has my #5 set of receivers and #21 rated offensive line to work with as well as some top-notch backs. Georgia should be favored in every game during the regular season this year and as noted starting QB's for undefeated teams always garner extra votes plus his stats will be far better than 2003.

10. Aaron Rodgers, California
Rodgers did not even take charge of the starting job last year until midseason but now has great command of the Cal offense. He threw for 2,903 yards (62%) with a super 19-5 ratio last year despite just 10 starts. If he engineers an upset of USC, Cal would have National Title hopes and he would jump to the top of this list.

11. Andrew Walter, Arizona St
He has a rocket for an arm and is 6-5 235. He threw for 3,877 yards (57%) with a 28-15 ratio in 2002 despite a weak OL and running game. He slumped last year with the loss of his game breaking WR but has a stronger WR corps this season. He could easily move up the list especially if the Sun Devils come out on top of teams led by Matt Leinart and Aaron Rodgers, two candidates listed ahead of him.

12. Carnell Williams, Auburn
Some guy named Bo won the Heisman playing RB at this school and Williams looks like the second coming. He is the #1 NFL prospect and while Auburn was almost everyone's (except mine) darling last season, they disappointed, which is the criteria for a surprise team this year. Auburn plays plenty of the big boys, and big games vs those teams and a healthy season would move him up.

13. Anthony Davis, Wisconsin
Barry Alvarez loves to run the football and he has another workhorse as Davis rushed for 1,466 yds in 2001 (5.0), despite missing a game with injury and has 4.36 speed. In 2002, he had 1,555 yds (5.2) making him and Ron Dayne (Heisman winner) the only two players in Badger history to rush for 1,000 yds in both their frosh and soph seasons. He did have an injury-plagued season last year but will operate behind my #13 O-line this year.

14. TA McLendon, NC State
If not for Maurice Clarett and a midseason wrist injury, McLendon would have been THE talk of the true freshmen in 2002. He rushed for 1,101 yards with another 354 receiving and had 18 TD's. He had another injury plagued season last year but this season will not have to share headlines with Philip Rivers. If he stays healthy, he is one of the top backs in the country.

15. Vince Young, Texas
Young is a very exciting QB and he took over the starting job at Texas as a frosh. His best play last year was the "zone read" a form of the QB draw. He has worked on his passing touch as he has an NFL caliber arm. Should he engineer a Texas win over Oklahoma (quit laughing, it could happen) then he would vault to the top of the list.

16. Mike Williams, USC
It is unknown at the time of this writing whether he will be allowed into the NFL, to come back to USC or for that matter move onto another school. Since it is possible he could return, I would list him as a possibility to win the Heisman as he would be the nations top rated WR.

17. Justin Vincent, LSU
No one expected LSU to win the National Title last year (I did have them my #2 surprise team) but they did. No one really expects Vincent to win the Heisman but he could pull the upset. He emerged late last year and was the MVP in both the SEC Title game and the Sugar Bowl as a true frosh. He looks like the MVP of the offense again this year with a new QB. MVP's of top rated teams always have a shot.

18. Chris Leak, Florida
He was arguably the most exciting and productive freshman QB last year and now has experience. The Gators look stronger this year and while they face a very tough schedule that means he has more opportunities to make a big impression.

19. Tyrone Moss, Miami, Fl
If you read the writeup for #17 you could say the exact same thing about Moss as you can about Vincent sans the SEC Title and Bowl game MVP awards. His team does not have to replace its QB but he will still likely be the star of their offense.

20. Reggie Bush, USC
Last year he had to share the spotlight with WR Williams and QB Leinart as well as two other talented RB's. This year Williams is most likely gone but not only was Reggie a super runner and receiver he was an electrifying return man and made a LOT of highlight tapes on a weekly basis.

21. Braylon Edwards, Michigan
Edwards is the top WR in the country this year and provided Williams of USC does not return this year, he will probably be the top WR picked in the NFL draft next season. He plays for a contender but did not return kicks last year which a WR generally has to do to be in contention and also has a young QB throwing to him.

22. Cedric Houston, Tennessee
The Vols offense should be much stronger this year and the team is back to being a National Title contender. Houston had six straight 100 yard games last year vs some tough defenses before suffering an injury. He is 220 lbs with 4.4 speed and is elusive.

23. Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson
Whitehurst took charge of the QB job at midseason in 2002 and had a fine year last season throwing for 3,561 yards (62%) with a 21-13 ratio. He must break in a new set of WR's but is playing for a team that could pull some surprises especially after engineering upsets of Florida St, S Carolina and Tennessee in 3 of the final 4 games last year.

24. Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M
I list the Aggies odds of winning the National Title as slim but note it is worth a roulette chip (see page 22). McNeal is an exciting player and one that will make a lot of highlight films with both his arm and legs. IF the Aggies pull a lot of surprises this year he has an outside shot.

25. Walter Reyes, Syracuse
Reyes was among the NCAA leaders last year until his cohort at TB went down to injury. Both are back this year and the Orange offense (they no longer call themselves Orangemen) should be potent.

26. Derek Anderson, Oregon St
Anderson has had an uneven career so far, looking great at times but his ratio has been below average. I remember another West Coast QB like that by the name of Carson Palmer. Oregon St faces the nation's toughest schedule including games vs LSU and USC and a few upsets would put him in the running.

DARKHORSES

The following players are my darkhorses to take home the Trophy. They are not highly hyped preseason contenders, but they should have great seasons in 2004!!

Craphonso Thorpe, Florida St
Mark Clayton, Oklahoma
Fred Gibson, Georgia
Eric Shelton, Louisville
Marion Barber III, Minnesota
Dan Orlovsky, Connecticut
Kevin Kolb, Houston
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis
Mike Bell, Arizona
Craig Bragg, UCLA
Geoff McArthur, California
Dontrell Moore, New Mexico
Jon Beutjer, Illinois
Gino Guidugli, Cincinnati
Princell Brockenbrough, Pittsburgh
Zack Mills, Penn St
Frank Gore, Miami, Fl
Kay-Jay Harris, W Virginia
Bobby Purify, Colorado
Brian Calhoun, Colorado
Ryan Grant, Notre Dame
Chance Kretschmer, Nevada
Kejuan Jones, Oklahoma
Brady Quinn, Notre Dame
Matt Jones, Arkansas
Lorenzo Booker, Florida St
Lydell Ross, Ohio St
Demetris Summers, S Carolina
Stefan LeFors, Louisville
Danny Wimprine, Memphis
Brodie Croyle, Alabama
Paul Pinegar, Fresno St
Jason Campbell, Auburn
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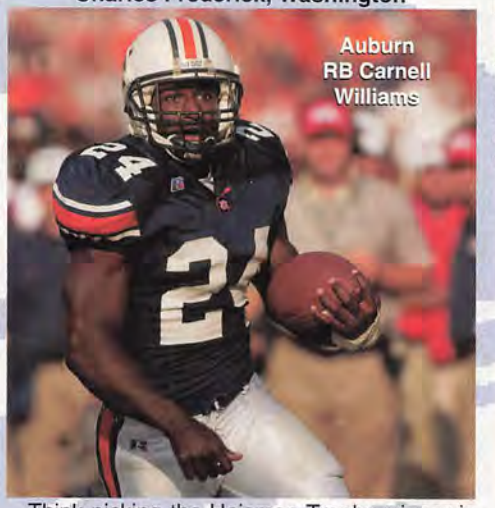
Auburn RB Carnell Williams

Think picking the Heisman Trophy winner is easy?? At the beginning of 2002, Carson Palmer was a darkhorse at best with 100-1 odds. Rex Grossman 3-1, Byron Leftwich 3-1, Dave Ragone 6-1, Ken Dorsey 8-1, Onterrio Smith 12-1, Jason Gesser 15-1, Charles Rogers 25-1, Casey Clausen 40-1, Eli Manning 45-1 were all bigger favorites. Here are the odds on last year's Heisman Trophy heading into the season. Jason White was a 30-1 pick at the start of the year. Listed ahead of him were Maurice Clarett 5-1, Philip Rivers 5-1, Frank Gore 6-1, Roy Williams 7-1, Kevin Jones 8-1, Cody Pickett 8-1, Steven Jackson 9-1, Ell Roberson 10-1, Anthony Davis 12-1, Eli Manning 15-1, Andrew Walter 15-1, Rod Rutherford 15-1, Casey Clausen 17-1, John Navarre 18-1, Matt Schaub 25-1, T.A. McLendon 25-1, Cedric Benson 25-1.

Florida St QB Chris Rix

USC QB Matt Leinart

Here is a look at this year's early odds to win the Heisman. As I previously mentioned in this article, I'm going back to an old formula and picking a longshot preseason favorite to win the coveted trophy. The following odds are from www.betmill.com.

QB	Matt Leinart, USC	5-1
RB	Darren Sproles, Kansas St	8-1
QB	Jason White, Oklahoma	8-1
QB	David Greene, Georgia	10-1
RB	Cedric Benson, Texas	10-1
RB	Carnell Williams, Auburn	10-1
QB	Chris Leak, Florida	15-1
QB	Kyle Orton, Purdue	15-1
QB	Charlie Whitehurst, Clemson	15-1
WR	Mike Williams, USC	15-1
RB	Justin Vincent, LSU	15-1
RB	TA McLendon, NC State	15-1
RB	Anthony Davis, Wisconsin	15-1
QB	Chris Rix, Florida St	18-1
RB	Reggie Bush, USC	18-1
QB	Vince Young, Texas	20-1
QB	Brad Smith, Missouri	20-1
WR	Braylon Edwards, Michigan	20-1
QB	Andrew Walter, Arizona St	25-1
RB	Walter Reyes, Syracuse	25-1
RB	Tyrone Moss, Miami, Fl	40-1
QB	Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M	50-1

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Oct	11	Tennessee	at	Green Bay
Oct	18	Tampa Bay	at	St Louis
Oct	25	Denver	at	Cincinnati
Nov	1	Miami	at	NY Jets
Nov	8	Minnesota	at	Indianapolis
Nov	15	Philadelphia	at	Dallas
Nov	22	New England	at	Kansas City
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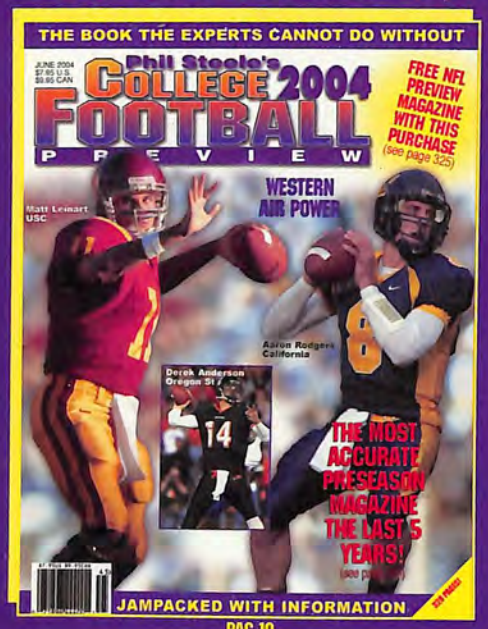
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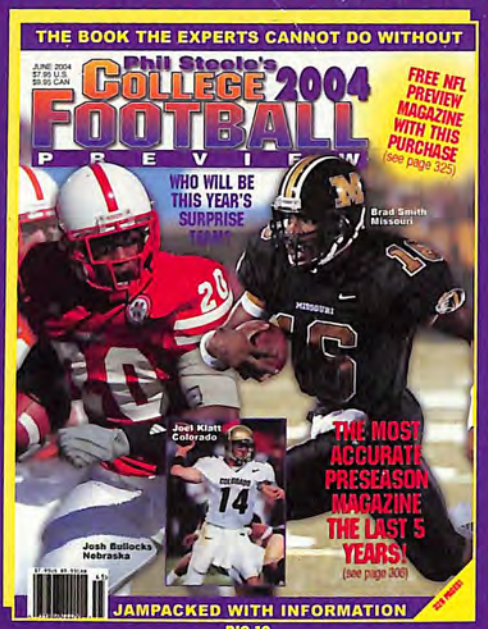
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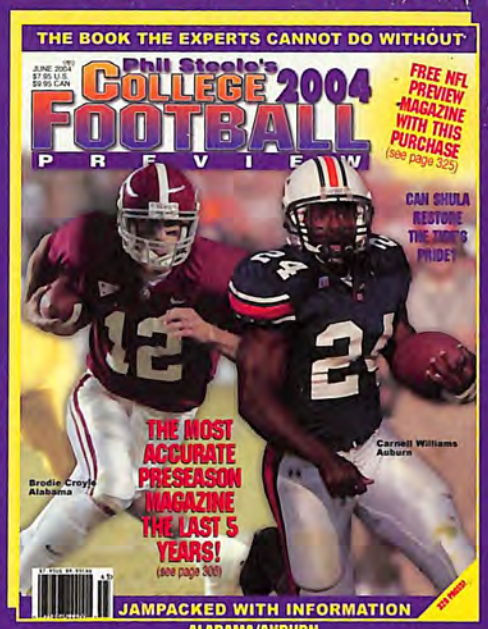
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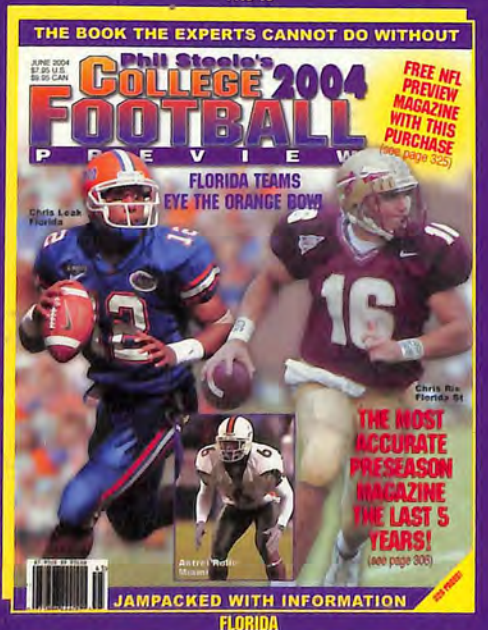
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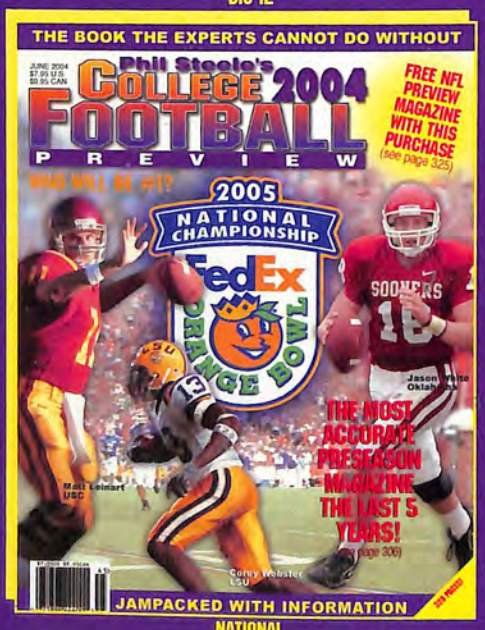
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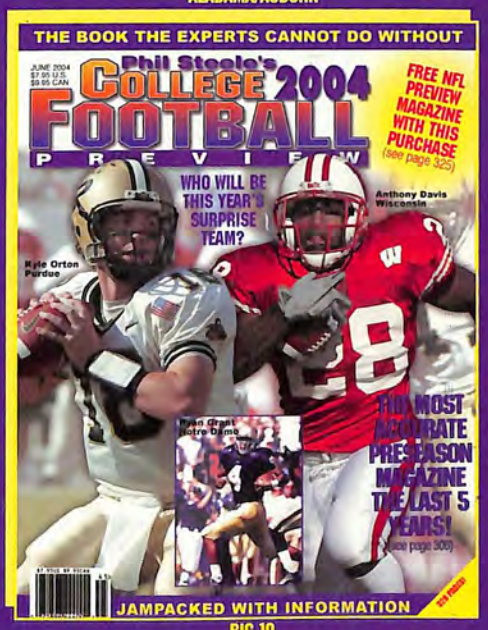
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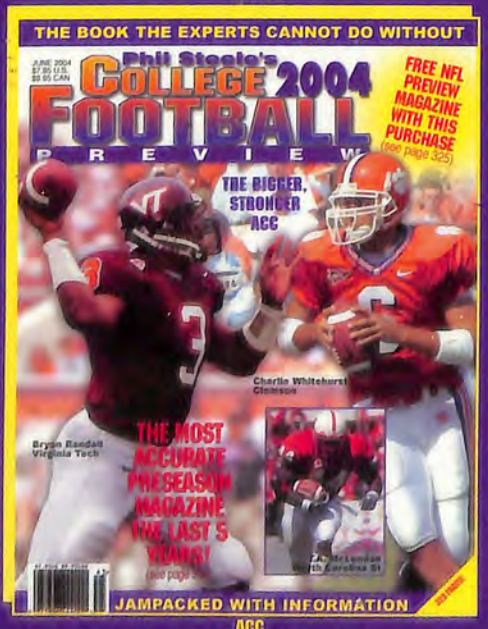
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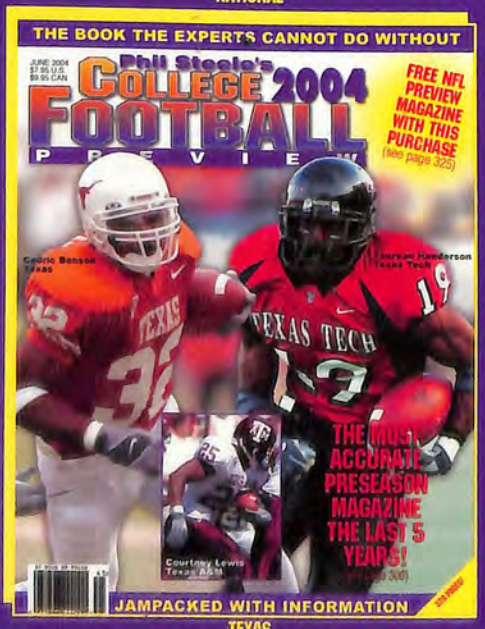
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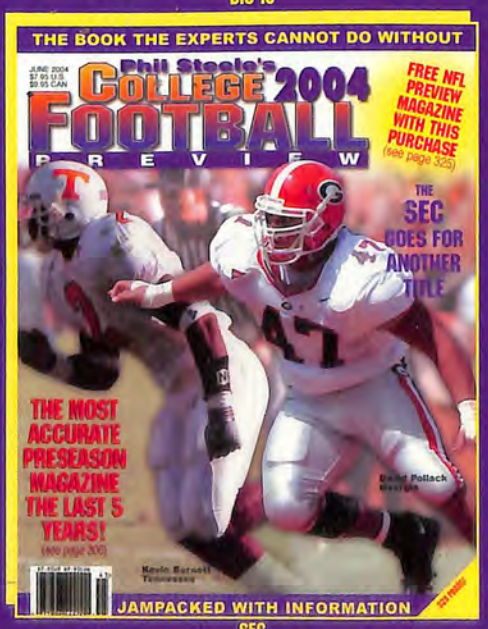
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